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## Chapter 8

# Connecting with Young People to Build Our Future Together

### Preamble

Young people are our future. We should nurture the younger generation, help them establish a positive approach to life, and help them develop a commitment to society, a sense of national identity, a love for Hong Kong and an international perspective. Youth development is multi-faceted. In this regard, we will set up a Youth Development Commission to be chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration to enhance policy co-ordination within the Government and for better cross-bureau and inter-departmental collaboration. We will provide more opportunities for young people to fully realise their potential and encourage their participation in public affairs to build a better future for Hong Kong.

The new-term Government will allow young people to participate in policy formulation through various means, including offering them non-civil service contract posts in the revamped Central Policy Unit. Liaison and communication with young people will be enhanced so that their views and suggestions can be taken into consideration in the early stage of policy formulation. The Government will also recruit more young people into advisory committees and introduce a “self-recommendation” scheme for people with aspiration and capability, including the youth who express interest in joining statutory bodies and committees so as to engage them in public policy discussions.

## Policy Initiatives

### Youth Development Commission

- Upon completion of the Public Engagement on Youth Development Policy by the Commission on Youth, a “Youth Development Commission”, to be chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, will be established within the first half of 2018 to oversee the formulation and co-ordination of policies relating to youth development and steer the bureaux and departments concerned to take forward the relevant initiatives. The existing Commission on Youth under the Home Affairs Bureau will be incorporated into the higher-level Youth Development Commission. (CSO/HAB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- The first summit of the Youth Development Commission, to be held in 2018-19, will be chaired by the Chief Executive, at which stakeholders will jointly examine the outcome of the work of the commission, listening to the views of the youth. (CSO/HAB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Establish a “Youth Ambassadors” scheme and enhance the district youth networks to strengthen youth development work and communication with young people. (HAB)
- Communicate with young people through the use of various channels, including social media and online platforms. Moreover, all Political Appointees will visit schools on a regular basis to meet with students and listen to their views. (All bureaux)

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## Participation of Young People in Politics

- Recruit young people from different sectors to join the re-organised Central Policy Unit as full-time contract staff so that more young people can participate in policy research and coordination work. (CPU) (New Initiative)

## Participation of Young People in Policy Discussion

- Appoint a certain number of young persons to the new Youth Development Commission, and create a favourable environment for young people to participate in committees under different bureaux. (HAB) (New Initiative)

## Youth Development

- Continue to provide more resources to provide young people with internship and exchange opportunities on the Mainland and overseas in the coming five years. (HAB)
- Drawing upon the experience of the Youth Internship Programme at Palace Museum and the Youth Internship Programme at Wolong National Nature Reserve, provide more unique and enhanced internship opportunities for young people so as to strengthen their knowledge in the relevant disciplines and professional fields as well as the country's developments in different areas. (HAB)
- Continue to encourage Hong Kong young people's participation in in-depth exchange with their counterparts in the Belt and Road countries through funding schemes to foster people-to-people bond. (HAB)

- Continue to enhance the promotion of the Working Holiday Scheme between Hong Kong and other economies, and explore the signing of Working Holiday Scheme arrangements with more economies so that more of our young people can enrich their global exposure. (LWB)
- Continue to encourage young people to participate in voluntary services. Measures include continuous implementation of the United Nations Volunteers-Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Programme with the United Nations Volunteers, and the Guangdong-Hong Kong Youth Volunteer Service Programme and the Service Corps programme. (HAB)
- Increase the number of Multi-faceted Excellence Scholarship awards and make use of the Funding Scheme for Youth Life Planning Activities to promote the culture of multi-faceted excellence and multiple pathways. (HAB)
- Work with different stakeholders, including uniformed groups and other non-governmental organisations involved in youth development, to provide young people with appropriate non-formal education and training. We will also make use of the Youth Square and the Civic Education Resource Centre to enhance the promotion of youth development and civic education outside school. (HAB)
- Continue to implement the two-year Youth Integrity Fest, an all-embracing programme comprising campus activities, multi-media productions and a large-scale youth art fair, to reinforce the core value of integrity among young people. (ICAC)

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- Launch a youth promotional programme to disseminate among young people the anti-corruption advertisements created by tertiary students on multi-media platforms to step up integrity building among the young generation. (ICAC) (New Initiative)
  - The Police will continue to provide discipline, physical and team-building training for the youth through the Junior Police Call Permanent Activity Centre and Integrated Youth Training Camp at Pat Heung. (SB)
  - Continue to strengthen youth training in respect of leadership, discipline and team building through the Cadet Corps of Auxiliary Medical Service. (SB)

## **Youth Hostel**

- Continue to implement the Youth Hostel Scheme and maintain close liaison with interested non-governmental organisations. (HAB)