## <u>Civil Aid Service Cadet Corps holds</u> 145th New Cadets Passing-out Parade

The Civil Aid Service (CAS) Cadet Corps held the 145th New Cadets Passing-out Parade at the CAS Headquarters today (December 21). The parade was reviewed by the Associate Co-Director of the Academy for Applied Policy Studies and Education Futures and Director of the National Security and Legal Education Research Centre, Professor Gu Minkang.

Speaking at the parade, Professor Gu commended the new cadets for their remarkable endurance, perseverance, and co-operation skills. He believed that they will become committed and contributing citizens in the years to come. He stressed that young people are the future, hope, and pillars of Hong Kong, as well as the engine for driving the long-term development of society and the economy. He also thanked CAS staff, members, and instructors for their hard work in nurturing young leaders.

Over 200 cadets were reviewed at the parade. All of them are from schools participating in the 2024-25 School Partnership Scheme (the Scheme), which has the largest number of graduates this year. In addition, a total of 29 secondary schools have participated in the Scheme this year.

The CAS Cadet Corps has been encouraging young people over the years to participate in activities and training that are beneficial to the development of their mind and body, so they can acquire multifaceted skills while building their confidence and sense of responsibility. It will continue to strengthen co-operation with regional schools and diligently organise training activities related to national security education, such as Mainland exchanges and study programmes, and visits to the National Security Exhibition Gallery for its members. This will help foster their sense of national identity and enable them to contribute to the future of the country and Hong Kong.

Recruitment of CAS cadets is open for application throughout the year. Recruitment details and application forms are available on the CAS website (<a href="https://www.cas.gov.hk/eng/org/cadet\_corps.html">www.cas.gov.hk/eng/org/cadet\_corps.html</a>).











