

# Commissioner for Census and Statistics officiates at prize presentation ceremony of 2022/23 Statistical Project Competition for Secondary School Students (with photos)

The Commissioner for Census and Statistics, Mr Leo Yu, officiated at the prize presentation ceremony of 2022/23 Statistical Project Competition (SPC) for Secondary School Students of the Hong Kong Statistical Society at the Auditorium of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Building today (June 3). The Deputy Secretary for Education, Ms Teresa Chan, also attended as an officiating guest. The President of the Hong Kong Statistical Society, Professor Alan Wan; the Chief Adjudicator of the competition, Professor Cheung Ka-chun; and the Chief Strategy Officer of Hang Seng Indexes Company Limited (sponsor of the competition), Ms Candy Lam, also presented prizes to the winning teams and extended their congratulations to every member of the teams.

Addressing the prize presentation ceremony, Mr Yu encouraged students to continue to make good use of data and statistical methods in their daily lives in order to deepen their understanding of the society, as well as to contribute to the society by harnessing their analytical capabilities and creativity. Over the years, the Census and Statistics Department has been sparing no effort in promoting youth affairs. The Department has all along been striving to organise and participate in a wide array of student activities to facilitate whole-person development of students and help them develop social and civic awareness, thus contributing to nurturing the next generation who will play an indispensable role in the development of the society.

This edition of the competition received an encouraging response of 237 statistical projects from about 950 secondary school students, covering a broad spectrum of topics. The participating students were able to utilise official statistics as the main source of data to analyse and interpret social and economic issues in Hong Kong.

The 2022/23 SPC, co-organised by the Hong Kong Statistical Society and the Education Bureau, is the 37th edition of the competition. The Commissioner for Census and Statistics is the patron of the competition, while many statistician grade staff members of the Census and Statistics Department have been proactively participating in the organisation and professional adjudication of the SPC in the capacity of members of the Hong Kong Statistical Society over the past years, with a view to improving statistical literacy among secondary school students and promoting the application and importance of statistics in the society. The key objectives

of the competition are to promote the interest of secondary school students in research methods, statistics and statistical techniques; encourage students to understand the local community in a scientific and objective manner through the proper use of statistics; and promote a sense of civic awareness.

Members of the public are welcome to visit the webpage of the competition for the list of winners this year ([www.hkss.org.hk/index.php/spc\\$en](http://www.hkss.org.hk/index.php/spc$en)).

