

# EDB and CMAB organise Award Presentation Ceremony for “Dreams to Greater Bay Area Come True” Itinerary Design Competition under Mainland Exchange Programmes for Students

The Education Bureau (EDB) and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) Development Office of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) have organised the Award Presentation Ceremony for Celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Founding of the "Passing on the Torch" National Education Activity Series Platform: "Dreams to Greater Bay Area Come True" Itinerary Design Competition under Mainland Exchange Programmes for Students today (May 23). Teachers and students of the winning teams will be fully subsidised to join award-winning tours modeled on the itineraries of the champion teams, and attend the sharing sessions for experience sharing upon completion of the tours to deepen students' understanding of the development of the GBA.

The competition encourages secondary students to design routes for Mainland exchanges covering the GBA cities as destinations. Through the activities, students are encouraged to gather information to deepen their understanding of the interconnectivity, history and culture, innovative technology, and development opportunities of GBA cities, thereby broadening their horizons and cultivating their affection for the country.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Under Secretary for Education, Dr Sze Chun-fai, thanked the school sector for their active participation and support. More than 500 itinerary design proposals have been received, with nearly 2 000 students participating in the competition. He praised the students for their innovative designs, thoughtful itinerary planning and diversified themes, including intangible cultural heritage, aerospace technology, patriotic education and national security education, etc. The destinations cover different cities in the GBA, which demonstrate the students' deep understanding of GBA cities.

The competition is the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the founding of the "Passing on the Torch" National Education Activity Series Platform. Dr Sze expressed his gratitude to various executive chairpersons for their continuous leadership and the Central People's Government Offices in Hong Kong and eminent individuals from various sectors in Hong Kong for their strong support. More than 630 000 primary and secondary students have benefited since the establishment of the platform. Mainland exchange programmes for students cover 22 provinces, four autonomous regions and four municipalities. He also thanked the GBA Development Office for co-organising the competition with the EDB, providing students with more opportunities to

learn about the history, culture and development opportunities of the GBA, which will widen their horizons and foster their sense of national identity.

Other officiating guests at the award presentation ceremony included the Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Ms Maisie Chan; Second-level Inspector of the Youth Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Mr Zhang Guolai; the Chairperson of the Assessment Committee for the "Dreams to Greater Bay Area Come True" Itinerary Design Competition, Mr Lung Chee-ming; and various executive chairpersons of the "Passing on the Torch" National Education Activity Series Platform.

Based on the champion itineraries of the junior secondary school winner, CUHK FAA Thomas Cheung Secondary School, and the senior secondary school winner, Chiu Lut Sau Memorial Secondary School, the EDB will organise two award-winning tours to Zhaoqing, Guangzhou and Foshan respectively in July 2025, and provide full subsidies for teachers and students of the winning teams to join the trips. Teachers and students of all winning teams will attend the sharing sessions to exchange experiences from their participation in the trips.

The list of awardees has been uploaded to the website of the "Passing on the Torch" National Education Activity Series Platform ([www.passontorch.org.hk/en/index.html](http://www.passontorch.org.hk/en/index.html)) and the designated webpage ([www.bayarea.gov.hk/itinerary-design-competition/en/home/index.html](http://www.bayarea.gov.hk/itinerary-design-competition/en/home/index.html)).