

Home and Youth Affairs Bureau launches new round of HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) today (February 25) announced the launch of a new round of the HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland (Thematic Programmes) to provide young people with thematic internship opportunities in cultural, nature conservation and scientific research institutions on the Mainland.

In the 2024 Policy Address, the Chief Executive emphasised that the Government would sustain its efforts in strengthening support for youth development. This includes continuing to implement various exchange and internship programmes on the Mainland and overseas to encourage young people to gain a deeper understanding of national development and global development trends. In this regard, the Government collaborates with relevant Mainland institutions to launch the Thematic Programmes to provide Hong Kong young people with diverse, unique and in-depth internship opportunities. Six internships will be rolled out under the new round of the Thematic Programmes, namely:

1. Hong Kong-Macao Youth Internship Programme at Palace Museum, co-organised with the Palace Museum in Beijing;
2. Youth Internship Programme at Wolong Region of Giant Panda National Park, co-organised with the Sichuan Provincial Administration of the Giant Panda National Park;
3. Youth Internship Programme at Chinese Academy of Sciences, co-organised with the Chinese Academy of Sciences;
4. Youth Internship Programme at Dunhuang, co-organised with the Dunhuang Academy;
5. Youth Internship Programme at Shandong on Marine Sciences, co-organised with the Laoshan National Laboratory at Qingdao, and
6. Youth Internship Programme at Wuyishan on Biodiversity Conservation, co-organised with the Wuyishan National Park Administration.

The internship programmes will commence from June to August this year and last for three to six weeks, providing more than 110 thematic internship positions covering areas such as cultural heritage preservation, scientific research and technology, and ecological and environmental conservation. Through the internships, participants will gain an in-depth understanding and participate in the work of national cultural, nature conservation, and scientific research institutions, and acquire unique work experience by undertaking various training and research projects under the guidance of experts.

Applicants should be aged between 18 and 30, are (i) a full-time post-

secondary student (including sub-degree, undergraduate, or postgraduate) holding a Hong Kong permanent identity card; or (ii) a local full-time post-secondary student (including sub-degree, undergraduate, or postgraduate) holding a Hong Kong identity card. Apart from internships, the co-organisers will also provide training, field trips and other cultural exchange activities for participants, enabling them to experience the achievements of the country in various fields.

Details of the new round of the Thematic Programmes are available on the website of the Youth Development Commission (www.ydc.gov.hk/en/programmes/ip/ip_youththematic.html).