

Hong Kong Customs holds inaugural ceremony of second term of Customs YES Honorary Presidents' Association (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs today (May 12) held the inaugural ceremony of the second term of the Customs YES Honorary Presidents' Association (CYHPA) at the Customs Headquarters Building. The Commissioner of Customs and Excise, Mr Chan Tsz-tat, presented appointment certificates to the CYHPA Chairperson, Mr Albert Chuang; Vice-chairpersons Mr Joseph Lin and Mr Kazaf Tam; representatives of supporting organisations and honorary presidents. Mr Chan also presented the Life Honorary Medal to the Chairperson of the first-term CYHPA, Mr Karson Choi, in recognition of his long-standing contributions and support to Customs YES. Other directorates of the department also attended the ceremony.

The CYHPA comprises official and non-official members from different sectors, including legal, commerce and industry, healthcare, innovation and technology, youth services, education and sports, who tender advice and offer multifaceted forms of support to ensure the sustained development and activities of Customs YES.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Chan expressed gratitude to the members of the CYHPA for their longstanding partnership with Customs, which has laid a solid foundation for the future development of youth. While highlighting that Customs YES has nurtured numerous National Security Youth Ambassadors to promote national security awareness among the public, Mr Chan also encouraged young people to actively engage in social affairs and jointly uphold Hong Kong's stability and prosperity. Customs YES will continue to provide diverse exchange and learning opportunities, fostering youth to become future leaders who care about the country and have a global outlook while establishing a foothold in Hong Kong.

In his speech, Mr Chuang emphasised that Hong Kong's youth are the future builders and successors of the "one country, two systems" and expressed hope that their participation in the nation's major initiatives would strengthen their sense of ownership and responsibility. He also welcomed the five newly appointed honorary presidents and shared his aspiration to lead members of the new-term CYHPA in serving as a bridge, cultivating a new generation equipped with international perspectives, competence, and dynamism.

Since its launch in 2021, Customs YES has over 8 600 young members aged between 12 and 24. For further information of the scheme, please visit www2.customsyes.hk/.

