

## S for S reviews Fire and Ambulance Services Teen Connect Rally (with photos)

The Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung, reviewed the Fire and Ambulance Services Teen Connect (FAST Connect) Rally in Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China held by the Fire Services Department (FSD) at the Fire and Ambulance Services Academy today (September 28). About 250 members of FAST Connect participated in the Rally.

During the Rally, FAST Connect members demonstrated their team spirit through singing of the national anthem, and performing the Chinese-style foot drill. Guards of Honour of FAST Connect and that of the FSD also jointly conducted a flag raising ceremony. The event aimed at strengthening members' sense of identity with, belonging to, and pride towards the country.

Addressing the Rally, Mr Tang stated that the Security Bureau and its disciplined forces attach great importance to fostering youngsters' positive thinking, law-abiding awareness and team spirit to train up future leaders for the country and also for Hong Kong. Since the establishment of FAST Connect in 2021 by the FSD, its members have participated in a variety of exchange activities to better grasp the country's latest developments and deepen their national identity. FAST Connect has been growing and is now expanding to 18 districts throughout the territory. The number of members has increased from just over 100 to nearly 1 000. The Rally is a showcase of the fruitful training results of the members.

Mr Tang expressed his hope that the members should keep in mind the FSD's mission of "Serving with courage, passion and commitment", as well as upholding the spirit of dedication, resilience and determination. He also encouraged the members to diligently equip themselves to become participants in Hong Kong's advancement from stability to prosperity. At the same time, they should foster a strong sense of patriotism, contribute to the "one country, two systems" principle and national rejuvenation, and be good storytellers of China who also understand global trends well.

Representatives of offices of the Central People's Government in Hong Kong; the Director of Fire Services, Mr Andy Yeung; Commissioners of FAST Connect; Chairpersons of the 18 District Fire Safety Committees; Chairpersons of the Fire Safety Ambassador Honorary Presidents' Association; and representatives from various disciplined services youth corps, etc, were also in attendance to join the celebration.

The FSD has long been committed to promoting youth development. Upon the establishment of FAST Connect, various activities have been arranged for its members, including exchange trips to the Mainland, community services and career orientation activities. These activities help members to better

understand themselves, cultivate positive thinking, and guide them in exploring future career paths.

