Appendix I

The Youth Ambassadors in Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Programme

(I) Objectives

In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), we would like to engage young people and encourage their active participation in various programmes and activities for the celebrations. That said, the International Youth Exchange Programme (IYEP), which has all along been co-organised by the Home Affairs Bureau and the Commission on Youth, to provide opportunities for Hong Kong youth to broaden their horizons and international perspectives, will be strengthened to the “Youth Ambassadors in Celebration of the Establishment of the HKSAR Programme” (20A YA Programme) in 2017-18.

(II) Nomination Criteria

Nominees for the Programme should -
(a) be aged between 18-29 as at 1 April 2016, i.e. candidates born between 31.3.1987 and 1.4.1998 who are holders of valid Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card;
(b) have strong sense of commitment;
(c) be proficient in English;
(d) be knowledgeable about Hong Kong;
(e) have good knowledge on China;
(f) have sound common sense and good academic background;
(g) have impressive record of volunteer/community service in the past three years; and
(h) have a valid travel document.

(III) The Programme

The successful candidates will have the opportunities to represent Hong Kong as ambassador / volunteer to assist in various 20A international conferences, events and activities, help receive overseas youth when they visit Hong Kong as a 20A initiative, as well as organise and implement innovative and practicable programme for the 20A celebration. The 20A YA Programme also offers homestay, visits, exchange with youths of the
visiting country and a variety of cultural and educational experiences under the usual IYEP framework.

(IV) Place and Tentative Date of Outgoing Visit

Successful candidates would visit Ireland, Japan, Singapore, Poland and other countries, which are deemed appropriate. The place to be visited by each successful candidate is subject to the recommendations of the selection board. The length of stay is usually around 7 – 14 days and the tentative date is some time between July 2017 and March 2018.

(V) The Programme Expenses

The programme expenses in relation to the 20A celebrations and the youth exchange under the usual IYEP framework including air fares, board and lodging are provided by the Home Affairs Bureau. Successful candidates are required to purchase their own travel insurance which should include illness and accident hospitalization insurance cover and worldwide emergency assistance service.

(VI) Obligations of the 20A YA

Candidates selected will be required to attend ALL pre-trip complimentary sessions and deliver ALL post-trip requirements. These obligations include but not limited to -
(a) attend all pre-trip briefings, workshops, meetings, discussions, rehearsals, training camp, etc;
(b) provide active support to assist in various 20A international conferences, events and activities;
(c) help receive overseas youth when they visit Hong Kong as a 20A initiative;
(d) organise and implement innovative and practicable programme proposed by youth for the 20A celebration;
(e) prepare presentations (e.g. cultural performance, video, research on a topic) of Hong Kong with other members of the delegation;
(f) compile a report on the visit within one month after the overseas visit;
(g) organise a group presentation on the exchange programme at a selected school / tertiary institution / organisation within two months after the overseas visit;
(h) report at the meeting of the concerned working group of the CoY and the CoY as appropriate;
(i) submit an article about the Programme and the outbound visit to printed media within one month after the overseas visit;
(j) receive the overseas delegates when they visit Hong Kong; and
(k) attend the functions organised by the Home Affairs Bureau and/or the Commission on Youth as and when invited or requested.

(VII) Nominations

Please submit the following documents (1 set) to CEDARS, 3/F, Meng Wah Complex on or before October 27, 2016 (Thursday, by 5 p.m.) -

(a) Completed nomination form (1 set);
(b) Copy of Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card;
(c) Copy of travel documents;
(d) Copy of certificates of public examinations;
(e) Copy of academic transcripts of recent 3 years (the one in HKU Portal is acceptable); and
(f) A detailed account of the nominee’s community involvement, including voluntary and social services, involvement in extra-curricular activities organised by student organisations.

(Please specify the positions held, duration of services; and attach DOCUMENTARY PROOF WHICH IS DULY SIGNED BY THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE ORGANISATION.)

(VIII) Interview

Candidates should be prepared to –

(a) Attend a group interview arranged by CEDARS on October 31, 2016 (Wednesday); and
(b) Attend a group interview in late November of 2016 arranged by the Home Affairs Bureau.

Only shortlisted candidates will be interviewed. No make-up interview will be arranged.