

Young talents receive Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund scholarships (with photo)

The following is issued on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund:

Six young talents were awarded scholarships today (July 13) by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund (HKJCMDF) for the year 2011-2012 to pursue studies outside Hong Kong.

Two dance scholarships and four music scholarships totalling \$2.14 million have been awarded to six recipients, namely Miss Chan Nga-shan, Mr Chen Lei, Mr Chen Yeung-ping, Miss Rachel Cheung, Mr Ng Ka-chun and Mr Paw Man-hing. The scholarships cover tuition fees, subsistence allowances and return flight tickets.

Miss Chan will pursue study in dance movement psychotherapy in the United Kingdom while Mr Chen Lei will take up a choreography and research programme in the Beijing Dance Academy. The four music scholarship recipients, Mr Chen Yeung-ping, Mr Ng, Miss Cheung and Mr Paw, will undertake further study in their chosen fields, namely composition, piano performance and horn performance, in the United States.

The scholarship awardees who attended today's scholarship awarding ceremony gratefully acknowledged the funding support from the HKJCMDF, undertaking to make the best use of the opportunity to pursue advanced overseas programmes in music or dance. They would commit themselves to the development of arts in Hong Kong upon completion of their courses.

Also attending the ceremony at the Hong Kong Central Library were the Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs, Miss Salina Yan; the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the HKJCMDF, Mr Frank Lee; a representative from the HKJC, Mr Douglas So; the Chairman of the Audition Panel (Music) 2011-2012, Dr Chan Hing-yan; and Members of the Board of Trustees including Mr Ivan Chu, Mr Ma Ching-cheng, Professor Yu Siu-wa and Professor Kevin Thompson.

The HKJCMDF was set up in 1980 with a \$10 million donation from the HKJC for the promotion and development of music and dance education and training in Hong Kong. In 1994, a further capital injection of \$22 million was provided by the

HKJC to meet the increasing demand for support.

The Fund has so far (including this year) awarded 287 music and dance scholarships amounting to over \$43.8 million, benefiting more than 200 young local talents in music and dance.

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