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Citi-HKCSS Community Intern Program 2023 Launched
Covering More Academic Disciplines to Encourage Cross-sector Collaboration and
Create Social Value Together

Hong Kong – The annual Citi-HKCSS Community Intern Program (CIP) was officially launched today. Sponsored and organized by Citi and co-organized by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS), CIP offers local university students internship opportunities, encouraging them to contribute to non-profit organizations and nurturing them as talents with a robust commitment to corporate social responsibility. This year, while continuing to enlist students from Business Studies, the program has been extended to enable participation by university students from three additional academic disciplines, namely communication & journalism, visual studies & design, and social impact assessment. The expanded program has drawn an encouraging response.

Upon completing training this month, 80 local university students will take up internship placements at 40 non-profit organizations to help implement various community projects. The service targets include low-income groups, elderlies, children, persons with disabilities and ethnic minorities, along with efforts to support environmental conservation and social enterprises.

At the launch ceremony, Anson Kwok, Head of Commercial Bank, Citi Hong Kong, said, "The objective of this program aligns with Citi's long-term commitment to making a positive impact in the community we serve. The participating non-profit organizations address diverse social needs. Through the internships, our group of future leaders can apply their knowledge and skills and contribute innovative and creative ideas to these organizations. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our long-term partner, HKCSS, for providing young people with this excellent platform to give back to society."

Chua Hoi Wai, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, said, "I am very honored to witness the continuous development and growth of CIP as we step into the 13th year of this program. The initiative aims to enable interns from different disciplines to gain exposure to social experience activities and further understand the needs of society by completing internships in non-profit organizations and social enterprises. We believe that all students across disciplines will be able to demonstrate their strengths in various sectors and make good use of their social insights at work after graduation, thereby creating shared values and bringing positive impacts to society. I sincerely hope that participants will gain a wealth of experience from the program, paving the way for further cooperation between business

and social sectors in their future careers."

First launched in 2010, the CIP has nurtured over 900 intern students with support from more than 400 non-profit organizations and social enterprises, and 11 tertiary institutions.

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Photo 1: A total of 80 university students will embark on a 160-hour internship journey upon completion of their training.



Photo 2: Anson Kwok, Head of Commercial Bank, Citi Hong Kong, delivered a welcome speech at the launch ceremony



Photo 3: Chua Hoi Wai, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, encouraged students to make the most of their strengths when serving the non-profit organizations during their internships



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