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CELEBRITIES ACCLAIM CHAMPION OF 2,100 STUDENT PUBLIC SPEAKERS

The Grand Final cum Award Ceremony of “The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups The Standard Chartered Hong Kong English Public Speaking Contest 2009” was successfully held today (4 April) in 9/F Auditorium, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) Building, 21 Pak Fuk Road, North Point.

The Guest of Honour of the Ceremony, **The Honourable Ronald ARCULLI, GBS, JP** (*Non-official Member, Executive Council of the HKSAR*) has come to congratulate and present prizes to the newborn winners of the year, who were determined by a panel of equally distinguished adjudicators including **Sir T.L. YANG, GBM, JP** (*Vice Patron, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups*), **Dr. Rosanna WONG, DBE, JP** (*Executive Director, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups*), **Mrs. Bethy TAM** (*Chief Operating Officer, Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited*), **Mr. Victor MARSH** (*Vice Consul, Consulate General of the United States of America – Hong Kong & Macau*), **Mr. Simon HUNT** (*Director, English Language Service, British Council, Hong Kong*), **Dr Verner BICKLEY, MBE** (*Chairman, Executive Committee, The English-Speaking Union (Hong Kong)*) and **Ms Deborah YU** (*Member of Marketing Committee, District 80, Toastmasters International*).

A total of 10 elite finalists from the Junior and Senior Divisions made their speeches respectively on the topics “**If I Ruled the World**” and “**Regeneration and Renewal**”, immediately challenged by adjudicators’ queries in the “Q&A Session” afterwards. Over 400 participants on-site were impressed not only by the pre-eminent public speaking skills of the students, but also by their ability and courage to giving voice to the youth’s minds today.

Since its launch in 2004, the Contest aims to cultivate young people’s English public speaking skills and build up

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their self-confidence, and has been widely supported by Hong Kong's secondary schools. This year, the Contest is further overwhelmed by **more than 2,110** applications from **178** secondary schools in Hong Kong - a **40% increase** from last year's record. Every year, the Champion of the Senior Division may represent Hong Kong to participate in the International Public Speaking Competition held in London in May. For the first time in the Grand Final, a "Live Voting Session" is introduced for audience to elect 2 "Audience Favourite Awards".

The Contest, in its sixth year, is organized by The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups and co-organized by the English-Speaking Union (Hong Kong). For the fifth year, Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited has been the Sole Sponsor. Supporting organizations include the Education Bureau, Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (SCOLAR), Toastmasters International and The Law Society of Hong Kong.

List of Prize Winners:

Junior Division

Prize	Name	School Name	Education Level
Champion	Wing-yan KWAN	Carmel Divine Grace Foundation Secondary School	Secondary 1
1 st Runner-up	Akshay GAUR	St Joseph's College	Secondary 1
2 nd Runner-up	Kate Kei-wing LOK	Belilios Public School	Secondary 3
Merit	Lilian MA	Shatin College	Year 9 (Secondary 3)
Merit	Tiffany SHIH	South Island School	Year 7 (Secondary 1)

Senior Division

Prize	Name	School Name	Education Level
Champion	Chun-yin TANG	King's College	Secondary 6
1 st Runner-up	Jacqueline Hoi-kei LI	Marymount Secondary School	Secondary 6
2 nd Runner-up	Nim-ying NGAN	Belilios Public School	Secondary 6
Merit	Asia BIBI	Delia Memorial School (Hip Wo)	Secondary 6
Merit	William Chun-yin LEUNG	Diocesan Boys' School	Secondary 4

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