

## The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education

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### Press Release

【For immediate release】

#### Talent Counts, Effort Counts Twice

(Hong Kong – 4 December 2020) To show appreciation to gifted alumni and students with outstanding performances, the **Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education (HKAGE)** celebrated their achievements by presenting Gifted Star Awards to seven student members in the first-ever **HKAGE Outstanding Student Award Ceremony 2019/20** today. (please refer to the awardees list for details)

The Chairperson of the HKAGE, **Ir Dr Alan LAM Hiu Fung** spoke in the ceremony, ‘Most people think that gifted students are lucky to possess inborn talents. But the fact is, their potentials will not be unleashed if they don’t make an endeavour for excellence. Perspiration, grit, diligence, and many other attributes are essential on their journeys to pursue their dreams. I’m delighted to see these student members and alumni who have been working hard for their future.’

In addition to the **Gifted Star Awards**, two **Outstanding Student Awards** were also awarded to our recent alumni, namely **LAU Woon Sing** and **LEE Chi To, Ugo**, who have just started their university study at Oxford University and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology respectively. Woon-sing, a physics lover, attended over 90 physics programmes and courses of other disciplines in the HKAGE, attaining the grade of distinction mostly. Ugo did not just participate in a broad variety of programmes, but he was also an active organiser of many HKAGE student activities.

A senior alumnus, **Andy LOO**, was honoured with the **Outstanding Alumnus Award** for his academic achievement and support to the younger students. This PhD candidate in Economics at the Stanford University of USA received three medals from the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) and the International Physics Olympiad (IPhO). He subsequently has taken up the role of mentor by providing valuable guidance to the Hong Kong IMO team juniors. Furthermore, he has published numerous insightful articles and books about global economics and local education policy.

The Honourable Mention for Alumnus was awarded to **LOK Mei Kwan, Tracy**, who has already started her career in risk and compliance management in the financial sector. She is now a dedicated alumnus by organising many activities for student members and sitting in the HKAGE’s Academic Programme Development Committee since 2017.

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**Professor NG Tai Kai**, the Executive Director of the HKAGE, congratulated the laureates, 'These awards are not just the compliments for their effort in the past, but also an encouragement for them to move further to their future, their dreams and their commitment to the society. With their innate talents and their perspiration, I believe these gifted young souls will find themselves on new horizons.'

<b>Gifted Star Awards</b>		
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Top achievements (September 2019 to August 2020)</b>
1	CHENG Yat Long, S5	IJSO 2019 Hong Kong Team (Gold)
2	TANG Ho Man, S5	IJSO 2019 Hong Kong Team (Gold)
3	LEUNG Harris, S6	IOM 2019 Hong Kong Team (Gold)
4	LAU Sze Chun, Grade 11	IOM 2019 Hong Kong Team (Silver)  *Obtained an unconditional offer from Oxford University to study Physics at the age of 14
5	METHI Parul, S5	An apprentice to her mentor, Mr LEUNG Shiu Keung under Hong Kong Gifted Apprentice Programme 2018/20 (HKGAP), Parul completed a research paper on STEM education as her HKGAP project.  The paper has been shortlisted in the Asia-Pacific International Schools Conference (AISC) 2020 and will be one of AISC 2020 speakers in December 2020.

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6	PUN Wan Ho, S2	Best Speaker Award, Hong Kong Model United Nations Conference 2020
7	MOK Tin Yan, S4	Honourable Mention, Hong Kong Model United Nations Conference 2020
<b>Major Awards</b>		
1	<b>Outstanding Alumnus Award</b>	LOO Andy
2	<b>Honourable Mention for Alumnus</b>	LOK Mei Kwan, Tracy
3	<b>Outstanding Student Award</b>	LEE Chi To, Ugo
4	<b>Outstanding Student Award</b>	LAU Woon Sing

**The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education**, a subvented non-governmental organisation, was established in 2008. It aims at serving the education sector in Hong Kong, offering high quality information and appropriate learning opportunities to students, teachers, parents and other stakeholders engaged in gifted education. Most of its programmes are provided free-of-charge.

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Event Photos

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<p>Dr LAM Hiu Fung took a group photo with the production team before the event to show appreciation.</p>	<p>A senior alumnus, Andy LOO, shared his learning and growth experience.</p>
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<p>Professor NG Tai Kai, the Executive Director of the HKAGE, congratulated these gifted young souls and wished them to find themselves on new horizons.</p>	<p>LAU Woon Sing, has started his tertiary study at Oxford University. A physics lover, he attended over 90 physics programmes and courses of other disciplines in the HKAGE.</p>

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LEE Chi To, Ugo, a student at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, was honoured with the Outstanding Student Award for his devotion to organising many HKAGE student activities.