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**Project *WeCan* presents the 2023/24 scholarships  
More than 800 students benefit to-date,  
accumulated scholarships amounting to nearly HKD 60 million**

***Hong Kong, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023*** — *WeCan* Scholarship Presentation Ceremony 2023/24 is held today to present the scholarships to 90 Project *WeCan* students as an encouragement and in recognition of their admission to local universities. Established in 2015 and by school principal's nomination, *WeCan* Scholarship Scheme provides a four-year grant for Project *WeCan* graduates pursuing university studies at one of the eight UGC-funded tertiary institutions or The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, with an aim to ease their financial burden and enable them to focus on their university studies. To date, the Scheme has awarded scholarships to more than 800 students, with a total sum of HKD 60 million.

Professor Mark Mak, Co-founder and Chief Technology Officer of Roborn Technology, the guest speaker of today's presentation ceremony happened to be a graduate of one of the *WeCan* schools, Lok Sin Tong Wong Chung Ming Secondary School in 2003, he said, "All students who received scholarships today have taken the first step towards success! Many things are led by one's own aspirations and I hope everyone would continue to study hard, embrace challenges, and persist in their dreams. When you are strong enough, you would extend your love and care to others, give back to society, and pass on positive energy continuously."

Speaking at the ceremony, Stephen Ng, Chairman of Project *WeCan* Foundation Committee said, "The development of generative AI in the past year has brought about revolutionary changes worldwide. Young people who embrace changes, keep up with the times, and adopt '3Os' — Open your eyes, Open your mind, Open your heart —to make the best use of new technologies to create more possibilities will have better chance to succeed." In recent years, due to aging population and migration, etc., there is a thirst for talents in Hong Kong's labour market, which provides a great opportunity for our next pipeline. "I believe that people's knowledge and skills will not be easily replaced by AI."

Shing Zhan Ho Jacob, the first student admitted to the Medical School of The University of Hong Kong, graduated from WEO Chang Pui Chung Memorial School. Shing expresses his gratitude to his family and friends for their companionship and support during the stressful examination period. When asked how he would make use of the scholarship funding, Jacob said, "I will save the money for my third year in medical school when I go abroad for an exchange programme to lessen the financial burden on my family. I am eagerly looking forward to the opportunity to experience life abroad and broaden my horizons." He also shared his volunteer experience organised by Project *WeCan*, which allowed him to explore various aspects and equip himself to become a good doctor, contributing to society in future.

Yim Sung Fung Daniel, who graduated from HHCKLA Buddhist Ching Kok Secondary School, was diagnosed with dyslexia when he was studying Form Three. The journey of his education was not easy at all, but with his relentless effort, he gained admission to the Engineering School of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Yim said, "Although I have dyslexia, I have never given up on myself. I will double my efforts and try different ways to learn and solve problems."

All scholarship awardees will become members of *WeCan* Alumni. The Alumni, led by an Executive Committee composed of Project *WeCan* graduates, promotes active participation in various programmes and community service among its members. The Alumni not only expands their social network but also serves as a platform for sharing experiences, and mutual care and encouragement.

Anne Ma, Principal of St Francis of Assisi's School, said, "Our school is located in the North District, the majority of our students come from grassroots families. Project *WeCan* has allowed our students to see 'hope, change, and achievement', and also demonstrates the unwavering encouragement and support from the business sector towards young people."

Project *WeCan* was launched in 2011 and is now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year. The initiative provides students who are disadvantaged in learning with opportunities and care to empower them for pursuing higher studies and future careers. Currently, it supports 82 secondary schools.

**Photos** (Images can be downloaded [here](#)):

Image 1: Mr Stephen Ng, Chairman of Project *WeCan* Foundation Committee, delivering the welcome speech at *WeCan* Scholarship Presentation Ceremony.



Image 2: Professor Mark Mak, Co-founder and Chief Technology Officer of Roborn Technology encourages students to persist in their dreams and give back to society when they are strong enough.



Image 3: Scholarship awardees Jacob Shing (1st from the left) and Daniel Yim (2nd from the left) share their feeling at the ceremony.



Image 4 and 5: Group photo of Mr Stephen Ng, Chairman of Project *WeCan* Foundation Committee; Co-founder and Chief Technology Officer of Roborn Technology, along with other guests and scholarship awardees.



#### Appendix 1: No. of scholarship awardees

Universities	2023/24	Total
City University of Hong Kong	17	119
Hong Kong Baptist University	12	87
Lingnan University	4	40
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	16	184
The Education University of Hong Kong	6	37
The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts	1	1
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	11	101
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	5	109
The University of Hong Kong	18	123
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>801</b>

## Appendix 2: Awardees' major areas of study

Cohort	Major Areas of Study							
	Arts	Business	Education	Health Care	IT & Engineering	Law	Science	Social Science
2023/24 (90)	15	15	6	4	23	0	24	3
<b>Total (801)</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>61</b>

### **About Project WeCan**

Project *WeCan*, a Business-in-Community initiative started in 2011, aims to provide secondary school students who are disadvantaged in learning with additional resources and care to empower them for pursuing higher education and future careers. Project *WeCan* is supported by over 70 partners from different sectors and over 2,200 local and expatriate volunteers, 82 schools and over 93,000 students have benefitted so far.

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