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ASHK Launches Its Scholarship Programme to Nurture Future Actuarial Talent

Ten outstanding students have been awarded in The Actuarial Society of Hong Kong ("ASHK")'s Scholarship Programme to advance actuarial-related studies, bolstering Hong Kong's talent-building goals under its First Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development (2026-2030).

Hong Kong, 30 October 2026 — The Actuarial Society of Hong Kong ("ASHK") has rolled out its first scholarship programme, awarding HKD 10,000 each or ASHK President's List to ten high-achieving university students to support their actuarial-related studies. Aligned with talent-development objectives laid out in Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development (2026 - 2030), the initiative builds a new-generation pool of actuarial professionals to satisfy Hong Kong industry's long-term manpower requirements. Award recipients were formally honoured at ASHK's flagship *Ageing Well Hong Kong 2026 Conference*.

The Scholarship Recipients are:

- Nianqi Dong, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Pui Lam Leung, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
- Runtian Wang, The University of Hong Kong
- Yerzhan Mirasbekov, City University of Hong Kong
- Yi Nuo Lin, The University of Hong Kong

The ASHK President's List Recipients are:

- Hui Yan Zhou, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Jie Ying Wang, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Jingxiang Sha, The University of Hong Kong
- Ka Hei Cheung, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
- Siu Hang Au, The University of Hong Kong

This marks ASHK's-first ever scholarship scheme, open to both undergraduate and post-graduate students from all universities. It advances one of ASHK's core objectives: *"To encourage and assist the study of actuarial science, statistics and any other subjects of interest to members of the actuarial profession."* Building on ASHK's earlier public-policy recommendations, this

scholarship aims to develop a sustainable talent pipeline for Hong Kong's actuarial, insurance and risk-management sectors.

Eligible candidates demonstrate strong academic performance in actuarial science, statistics, risk-modelling or other actuarially-relevant subjects. Scholarship funds may be applied towards tuition fees, learning materials and other study-related expenses. By opening eligibility to students from all universities, ASHK aims to connect promising talent with Hong Kong's actuarial ecosystem, recognising candidates based on their academic performance and their aspiration to contribute to society through the actuarial profession.

"Developing skilled next-generation talent is critical to the actuarial profession's long-term sustainability," said Mark Saunders, President of ASHK. *"Our inaugural scholarship supports talented students from all universities by easing the financial pressure of actuarial coursework and professional exams. The scheme aligns with Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan, building a talent base to address issues such as population ageing, healthcare financing and risk management, and supporting our ambition to attract international actuarial talent to Hong Kong."*

Steve Hui, Immediate Past President, added: *"This scholarship underscores our commitment to strengthening actuarial capability and nurturing actuarial talent for Hong Kong's insurance and risk sectors. We look forward to seeing the awardees thrive and contribute to the industry, as ASHK continues to deliver independent actuarial advice and advance talent development for Hong Kong's future."*

Following the award presentation at the *Ageing Well Hong Kong 2026 Conference*, ASHK will conduct a full performance review of the scholarship programme by 2027. Subject to review outcomes, the society intends to open applications for the second intake shortly, with a view to sustain and potentially expand the scheme to benefit more students across all universities.

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Founded in 1968, the Actuarial Society of Hong Kong (ASHK) is Hong Kong's leading professional body for actuaries. ASHK creates platforms for actuaries to advance sustainability by empowering individuals and organisations to build greater financial resilience and deliver positive social impact. It produces evidence-based public-policy submissions, hosts industry conferences, and designs professional talent-building initiatives for the actuarial and broader financial-services sector.