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**The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Standard Chartered Hong Kong English Public Speaking Contest 2011**

More than 400 students and teachers attended the Grand Final cum Awards Ceremony of **The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Standard Chartered Hong Kong English Public Speaking Contest 2011** today (9 April). **Mrs. Carrie LAM CHENG Yuet-ngor, GBS, JP**, Secretary for Development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government kindly officiated at the Ceremony, presented prizes and congratulated the winners. The Champion of the Senior Division will represent Hong Kong as a participant in the **International Public Speaking Competition 2011** held in London in May.

**Dr. Rosanna WONG, DBE, JP**, Executive Director of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, said how pleased she was to have over 2,100 students from 194 secondary schools participating in this year's contest. "You have taken up the challenge and you have done so with great enthusiasm and determination. Your participation alone makes you all winners," Dr Wong told the young participants at today's Ceremony.

**Mr. Benjamin HUNG**, Executive Director and CEO of the Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited) said, "This is the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that we have sponsored the contest and we are delighted with its continued growth and success. Through the concerted efforts of the organizers and schools, we hope to encourage confidence and fluency when students communicate their thoughts and speak about their goals and aspirations in English."

A total of 12 finalists from the Junior and Senior Divisions made speeches on the recent **Japanese earthquake** and the **Government's cash hand-out of HKD 6,000**, respectively. These were followed by an impromptu Q&A Session from the judging panel. A "Live Voting Session" was also introduced so that the audience could elect the "Audience Favourite Awards". Results will be released on the official website [leadership21.hkfyg.org.hk/eps](http://leadership21.hkfyg.org.hk/eps).

The panel of distinguished adjudicators included **Mr. Benjamin HUNG** as Chief Judge, **Prof. Amy Bik May TSUI**, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President, Teaching and Learning, & Chair Professor, Chair of Language and Education, University of Hong Kong, **Mr. Kevin MCLAVEN**, Director of the English Language Service of the British Council, Hong Kong, **Mr. Buston CHU**, Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Association for Customer Service Excellence, **Mr. Kenneth NG**, Member of the Standing Committee on External Affairs, The Law Society of Hong Kong, **Ms Ying-dan LIU**, District 85 Governor of Toastmasters International and **Mrs. Mary SZETO, BBS**, Director of the English-Speaking Union (Hong Kong).

In addition, **Mr. Andrew SEATON**, British Consul-General to Hong Kong and Macao, and **Ms Kristen AANSTOOS**, Vice Consul, Consulate General of the United States of America - Hong Kong & Macao, kindly served as the Question Masters at the "Q&A Session".

Since its launch in 2004, the English Public Speaking Contest has aimed to cultivate young people's English public speaking skills and build their self-confidence. It has the wide support of Hong Kong's secondary schools.

Photos will be available on [leadership21.hkfyg.org.hk/eps](http://leadership21.hkfyg.org.hk/eps) after 5 pm, 9 April 2011. Videos of the finalists' speeches will be uploaded to the above website later.

### **Results of Junior Division**

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>Education Level</b>
Champion	Celeste W. Y. CHAN	German Swiss International School	Y.9
First Runner-up	Brian WONG	Island School	Y.9
Second Runner-up	Anson CHEUNG	Diocesan Girls' School	F.3
Merit Award	Huen Yan CHAN	Munsang College	F.3
Merit Award	You Chuan JIN	HKMA David Li Kwok Po College	F.3
Merit Award	Keith ANTO	La Salle College	F.2

### **Results of Senior Division**

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>Education Level</b>
Champion	A. Lucien WANG	King George V School	Y.10
First Runner-up	John CHAN	St Paul's Co-educational College	F.4
Second Runner-up	Sze Wan YIU	SKH Lam Woo Memorial Secondary School	F.6
Merit Award	Khusboo RAMCHANDANI	Marymount Secondary School	F.6
Merit Award	Laura ANN	Diocesan Girls' School	F.5
Merit Award	Kam Ching Gabrielle KEUNG	Ying Wa Girls' School	F.4

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