

ROLE Ambassador award ceremony and sharing session held today (with photos)

The Department of Justice (DoJ) today (March 7) held the Rule of Law Education (ROLE) Ambassador award ceremony and sharing session under the ROLE Stars Train-the-Leaders (TTL) Programme, conferring the title of ROLE Ambassador to 40 trainees who have completed all the courses under the TTL Programme, and inviting the trainees to share their insights and exchange views at the sharing session.

Delivering his opening remarks at the event, the Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, said that today marked an important milestone of the TTL Programme. The 40 ROLE Ambassadors represented the first batch of trainees that completed all the training courses under the TTL Programme since it was launched in November 2023, and also symbolised the beginning of a new stage. Mr Lam emphasised that the key to maintaining Hong Kong's sound rule of law environment is to cultivate public understanding of the principles of the rule of law and to enhance the public's basic understanding of Hong Kong's common law system. He encouraged the ROLE Ambassadors to become dedicated advocates for promoting the rule of law in Hong Kong by passing on the knowledge and experience they gained from the TTL Programme to others in ways that are appropriate to their respective capacities and positions.

Four trainees representing the participating youth uniformed group, district youth committee, secondary school teachers and the Education University of Hong Kong shared their thoughts and experience of becoming ROLE Ambassadors. They said that the courses had deepened their knowledge of the rule of law and boosted their confidence in disseminating messages about the rule of law. They had concrete plans to apply what they had learned in the courses to promote correct information about the rule of law and cultivate the spirit of respecting the rule of law in schools and the community.

Mr Lam; the Deputy Secretary for Justice, Dr Cheung Kwok-kwan; the Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung; the Chairperson of the Executive Committee of SideBySide, Mr Justice Poon Siu-tung; and the Under Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Mr Clarence Leung, later presented the trainees with certificates and badges of ROLE Ambassadors at the certificate presentation ceremony, commending the trainees' continuous participation and completion of all the courses under the TTL Programme, and their efforts in actively promoting the rule of law across various sectors within the community.

With the support of the Steering Committee on Rule of Law Education, the TTL Programme was officially launched by the DoJ in November 2023 and consists of three stages of courses: the foundation course, advanced course and extended course. The fourth phase of TTL Programme will be held this year. To promote continual participation in and completion of all courses under the TTL Programme and encourage proactive organisation or participation in activities for promoting the rule of law, the DoJ has launched the ROLE Ambassador recognition scheme to recognise and commend trainees who strive to enhance their knowledge of the rule of law and actively promote

information of the rule of law in different sectors of the community, and to encourage the trainees to continue to fulfill their mission of promoting the rule of law.

As at end 2025, a total of about 380 trainees participated in the TTL Programme, including representatives from youth and community work organisations, as well as secondary school teachers and students from the Education University of Hong Kong. Among them, 40 have completed all three stages of courses, thereby qualifying as the first batch of ROLE Ambassadors under the TTL Programme.

The qualification of ROLE Ambassador will be valid for two years, which aims to encourage Ambassadors to continue to participate in the DoJ's rule of law education activities and to actively organise rule of law promotion activities during the period in order to obtain a renewal of the qualification. The DoJ will keep close contact and build partnerships with the trainees and ROLE Ambassadors to provide timely assistance and support. The DoJ will also continue to collaborate closely with relevant government departments and community stakeholders to promote rule of law education through diverse means and enhance the public's understanding and practice of the rule of law.

For more details on the TTL Programme and other information relating to the promotion and training on the rule of law, please visit the dedicated website at www.role-ttl.gov.hk.

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