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HANG SENG BANK

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## HANG SENG BANK OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN FOR APPLICATION

The Hang Seng Bank Overseas Scholarship Scheme is inviting outstanding Hong Kong students to apply for scholarships to attend any leading university in the United States or United Kingdom beginning in the 2006 academic year.

The Scheme will award scholarships to at least three students who are formally offered places on undergraduate programmes starting in September 2006 by any leading university in the US or UK. The maximum value of each scholarship is HK\$750,000 for four years of studies in the US or three years of studies in the UK. Candidates with strong financial needs may be given priority.

Scholarship recipients will be named Hang Seng Scholars. A total of 29 Hang Seng Scholars from Hong Kong have been awarded overseas scholarships since the Scheme's launch in 1996.

Mr Raymond Or, Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive of Hang Seng Bank, said: "As a good corporate citizen, Hang Seng regards education as a top priority in our corporate social responsibility programmes. Nurturing the talents of some of our brightest young minds is one of the most important investments that Hang Seng is making in the future development of Hong Kong."

Applicants must apply directly to the universities for admission. The scholarships are awarded to recipients who have an excellent academic record, leadership abilities and a strong sense of commitment to their community. They should be ready to contribute significantly to Hong Kong and must return to Hong Kong to work for a minimum period of three years upon completion of their studies.

Application forms for the scholarships can be obtained from the Bank's Corporate Communications Department at Level 11, 83 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, or the Student Financial Assistance Agency (SFAA) at Room 1217, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon. Forms can also be downloaded from the Bank's website [www.hangseng.com](http://www.hangseng.com) (Choose 'About Us' > 'Corporate Citizenship' > 'Education' > 'Hang Seng Bank Overseas Scholarship Scheme'). The application deadline is 6 February 2006. Interested applicants may call Hang Seng Bank on 2198-4238 for further details.

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Hang Seng's other scholarship schemes comprise scholarships for undergraduate students at 10 higher education institutions in Hong Kong and scholarships for students at 14 mainland China universities.

The Bank has allocated over HK\$45 million in the past ten years to benefit more than 950 students under its overseas, Hong Kong and Mainland scholarship schemes.

The Bank also supports the Hang Seng School of Commerce, set up in 1980 with funding from the Bank, the S H Ho Foundation and several Bank Directors. More than 7,500 students have graduated from the School so far.

Founded in 1933, Hang Seng Bank is a principal member of the HSBC Group. It operates 156 branches and automated banking centres in Hong Kong; a branch in Macau; and a network of 12 mainland China outlets, including six branches (in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Fuzhou and Nanjing), four sub-branches (three in Shanghai and one in Shenzhen) and two representative offices (in Xiamen and Dongguan). The Bank also has a representative office in Taipei.

With consolidated assets of HK\$569.7 billion as at 30 June 2005, the Bank reported a profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$6,045 million for the first six months of 2005, and HK\$11.40 billion in 2004. For further information on Hang Seng, please visit the Bank's website at [www.hangseng.com](http://www.hangseng.com).

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