

Notes and Regulations for Participants

1. All participants must be Hong Kong residents aged between 12 and 35 (calculated as of the date of departure to Mainland China). Between 1 May 2025 and 31 May 2026, each participant may take part in no more than two Mainland exchange study tours under the Funding Scheme (regardless of whether they are organised by the same organisation). Otherwise, the HKSAR Government and the Host reserve the right to recover any subsidies and related expenses received under the Scheme.
2. All participants under the age of 18 must complete the Parental Consent Form when submitting the study tour deposit (HKD \$1000) and relevant information.
3. Prior to the commencement of the study tour, the Host will hold a pre-departure briefing session. The date will be announced in due course.
4. Participants' Home Return Permits or other travel documents must be valid for at least two months.
5. This is a study tour activity that requires physical exertion. Individuals with heart disease or chronic illnesses requiring long-term medication are advised to carefully consider their suitability to participate.
6. Accommodation
 - I. Room allocation will be arranged by local hosting units, with 2–4 participants per room. Specific roommate requests cannot be accommodated.
 - II. Those with high accommodation standards or expectations should carefully consider before participating in this tour.
 - III. Meals and accommodation will be arranged by local hosting units, and are subject to local conditions.
7. Transportation & Destinations
 - I. There is limited free time during the study tour, as the itinerary focuses on cultural experiences and group guided activities.
 - II. Some destinations are far apart. Travel time will be included in the final itinerary, with rest time provided on the coach.
 - III. Daily sightseeing schedules may be adjusted according to road conditions and the tour's real-time pace.
8. Meals
 - I. Meals are collectively prepared, therefore special dietary requests cannot be accommodated.
 - II. This study tour will allow participants to savour local cuisine, which will feature spicy dishes. Those with specific dietary needs (e.g., vegan, non-spicy) are strongly advised to consider carefully before joining.

9. Deposit

- I. Participants must pay the fee in full (HKD \$2000, inclusive of a one-fee of HKD \$1000 and a deposit of HKD \$1000) by 5 p.m. on 3 October 2025 (Friday). The deposit will be refunded in full only if the following requirements are met and no rules are violated. Otherwise, it will be forfeited.
- II. Participants must attend all supplementary activities related to the exchange study tour and fulfill their responsibilities, including the pre-departure briefing and the post-tour seminar in Hong Kong.
- III. Participants shall abide by all participant rules.
- IV. Participants shall submit individual and group reflection reports by the specified deadline.
- V. Participants shall provide all required documents for the study tour.

10. Certificate Issuance

- I. Participants who attend all relevant supporting activities, comply with rules, and submit the required reports on time will each receive a physical certificate. Only physical certificates are issued, no electronic versions will be provided. Lost certificates will not be reissued. Participants are advised to keep them safe.
11. Successful applicants will be notified of the results via email or WhatsApp. Applicants must submit the fees, Participant Declaration and Consent Form (2025-26 年度「民青局青年內地交流資助計劃」參加者聲明及同意書), within three working days of receiving the notification. Failure to submit the required documents and payment by the specified date will be deemed as voluntary withdrawal from the study tour.
12. If a participant withdraws from the study tour after paying the deposit for personal reasons, it will be regarded as a voluntary withdrawal, and no fees or deposits will be refunded.
13. If the number of applicants is insufficient, the Host reserves the right to cancel the study tour. In such cases, all fees and deposits will be refunded in full. No further compensation will be provided.
14. Upon completion of all activities in the study tour (including supplementary activities) and submission individual and group reflection reports by the specified deadline, the Host will issue the relevant certificate. The deposit will be refunded by crossed cheque and distributed on the day of the post-tour seminar in Hong Kong (to be notified within one month).
15. The deposit will not be refunded under any of the following circumstances:
 - I. Failure to attend all supplementary activities related to the study tour,
 - II. Withdrawal before departure or leaving the group midway,
 - III. Departure prevented as a result of invalid travel documentation,
 - IV. Violation of any rules in the Participant Guidelines that specify forfeiture of the deposit.
16. The personal data collected in this application form will be used solely for applying to the “2025-26 HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland” and will be handled in

accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486).

Participants understand and agree that their personal data may be used by the Government for opinion surveys, evaluation studies, training/sharing sessions, daily administration of the scheme, study tour monitoring, and other related purposes.

17. During the activity, the Host will conduct photography and/or recording (including but not limited to photos, videos, and audio) for promotional purposes and will hold full copyright to all such materials. The Host may edit and upload or publish these materials on its own and partner organisations' promotional channels (including but not limited to publications, websites, social media, and other promotional materials).
18. The Host's decision on the acceptance of applications shall be final.
19. During the activity, participants are strictly prohibited from consuming alcohol, smoking, gambling, or engaging in any sexual activities.
20. Any violation of the above terms will result in full forfeiture of the deposit, and the participant will bear any related legal liabilities.
21. Participants who leave the hotel without permission or order takeaway food during the activity do so at their own risk. If illness results from unauthorised consumption, the insurance company will not cover related medical expenses, and any emergency vehicle fees must be paid by the participant.
22. The insurance coverage for this activity is valid from 12:01 a.m. on 27 October 2025 until 11:00 p.m. on 31 October 2025.
23. The Host reserves the right of final decision and interpretation. Applicants must accept the Host's interpretation as final and binding, without dispute.