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The Rhodes Scholarship, one of the oldest and most prestigious academic awards in the world, has been awarded to Geoffrey Yeung Ka Wei representing Hong Kong for 2015.

Unique for recognising outstanding leadership qualities and commitment to service as well as intellect, the Rhodes Scholarship was established in 1902 to bring the most talented students from around the world to pursue postgraduate study at the University of Oxford, the oldest university in the English-speaking world. The mission of its founder, Cecil Rhodes, its Second Century Founder, John MacCall McBain and other generous benefactors is to create leaders who would be driven to serve their community, to 'fight the world's fight'. Rhodes Scholars have gone on to serve at the forefront of public service and have advanced the frontiers of science and medicine. They include former US president Bill Clinton, US National Security Advisor Susan Rice and Pulitzer Prize-winner Siddharta Mukherjee.

Each year, one Rhodes Scholar from Hong Kong is selected to join 82 other Rhodes Scholars from around the world. The first Rhodes Scholar for Hong Kong entered Oxford in 1986 and to date, there have been 27 Rhodes Scholars for Hong Kong, who have pursued a variety of careers in fields including public service, academia, business, law and medicine. The selection process is highly-competitive and the selection committee includes some of Hong Kong's leading academics, professionals and business leaders, including many past Rhodes Scholars.

Applications are accepted between June and September every year. Candidates must be between 19 to 25 years of age, are Hong Kong residents who have received at least five of the last ten years of education in Hong Kong, or citizens of the People's Republic of China enrolled in a university in Hong Kong for full-time study.

The Rhodes-Scholar Elect for Hong Kong 2015, Geoffrey Yeung is a graduate of the University of Hong Kong and Diocesan Boy's School. Geoffrey received a Bachelor of Business Administration and the Bachelor of Laws with first class honours and is currently studying for a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws. A student with a personal dedication to civil rights and equality, he impressed the selection committee with his energy and personal commitment to working with disadvantaged members of society, as well as his exceptional academic results. Geoffrey Yeung plans to pursue the Bachelor of Civil Law at the University of Oxford starting in October 2015.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

- The University of Oxford is consistently ranked as one of the world's top universities and has been first overall for medical sciences three years in a row by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.
- There are over 22,000 students from more than 140 countries studying at the University.
- In 2014 there are more than 900 students from China and Hong Kong studying at Oxford and after the UK and the USA, China provides the largest number of applicants to Oxford for postgraduate study. More than 3,000 graduates of Oxford live in China and Hong Kong today.
- More information on the Rhodes Scholarship for Hong Kong can be found at <http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/hong-kong>