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DYCD Begins Accepting Applications for New York City's Summer Youth Employment Program - City Residents Ages 14-24 May Apply for Lottery Until Friday, April 10

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The New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Commissioner Bill Chong today announced that DYCD will accept applications for the 2015 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) from Monday, March 2 through Friday, April 10, 2015. SYEP, the nation's largest summer youth employment initiative, provides New York City young people between the ages of 14 and 24 with up to six weeks of entry-level

experience at worksites in all five boroughs. Participants are selected by lottery for the program, which runs from July 6 through August 15.

SYEP participants are compensated for their work at thousands of diverse worksites, including government agencies, hospitals, summer camps, nonprofits, small businesses, law firms, museums, sports enterprises and retail. SYEP also offers workshops on job readiness, career exploration and financial literacy, and opportunities to continue education and social growth. Specialized programming for disabled, foster care, runaway/homeless and court-involved young people are also available. Ladders for Leaders is an employer-paid internship component of SYEP for youth aged 16-21.

Last year, more than 47,000 young New Yorkers were employed and nearly 8,500 worksites were developed in all five boroughs.

Youth can apply online or at a participating community-based organization during the application period. Worksites interested in providing jobs have until Saturday, May 16, 2015 to apply. Online applications for both are available on the DYCD website. Updates will also be posted to DYCD's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram sites. For more information, call 311 or DYCD Youth Connect (1-800-246-4646).

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