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NZ apprentice Turner on two-week HKJC placement



Apprentice jockey **Dylan Turner** with jockey **Vincent Ho** (left) and apprentice jockey **Alvin Ng** (right). Both Ho and Ng received training in New Zealand before being granted a licence to ride in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club is currently hosting **New Zealand Apprentice Jockey Dylan Turner** on a new two-week training initiative arranged in conjunction with **New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTB)**.

The Kiwi rider is the first rider to benefit from the programme, introduced to offer a New Zealand apprentice an opportunity to experience the Hong Kong racing scene and further their professional development. The initiative further strengthens the Club's good relationship with NZTB, which for a number of years has permitted Hong Kong apprentices to undertake overseas training in New Zealand.

Turner, 18, will divide his time while in Hong Kong between trainers **Ricky Yiu** and **Caspar Fownes**, for whom he will be permitted to ride track work and in barrier trials. He will not be licensed to ride in races during his stay.

NZTB selected Turner from a pool of New Zealand's most promising young riders. Currently in his first full season, he is indentured to Manaia trainer Paul Bourke. The youngster has ridden 10 winners from 141 rides in his homeland and partnered his first winner, Benny Bee, at his home track Hawera in May, 2012. He is the younger brother of jockey Phillip Turner.