

**Brief Notes of the Meeting of the
Steering Committee on the Child Development Fund (SCCDF)**

**held on 5 December 2017 (Tuesday)
in Room 1018, 10/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices, Tamar**

Attendance

Ms CHANG King-yiu Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Chairperson)

Ms Karin ANN

Dr Jason CHAN

Dr Stephen CHEUNG

Ms CHIU Kit-wa

Ms Amy FUNG

Mr Rex IP

Ms Iris LAM

Dr Kevin LAU

Miss Elizabeth LAW

Mr LO Kin-hei

Mr WONG Kam-leung

Dr Odalia WONG

Ms Mandy WU

Mrs Helen KWOK Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Youth (AD(YC))
and Corrections)

Mr Kenneth CHENG Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and (Secretary)
Welfare (Welfare)1

In Attendance

Miss Leonia TAI Deputy Secretary for Labour and Welfare (DS(W)1)
(Welfare)1

Ms Connie YIP Deputy Public Relations Director (Child Development Fund)

Mr Joseph YU Senior Executive Officer (Welfare)1

Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

Fourth batch of school-based projects

Regarding the progress of the fourth batch of school-based projects, Members noted that the Social Welfare Department had awarded 11 projects to 14 schools in July 2017 and all projects had been launched in the 2017-18 academic year.

Further Study on the Long Term Development of CDF Project Participants

2. At the last meeting held on 9 March 2017, Members agreed to commission a “Further Study on the Long Term Development of CDF Project Participants” (the “Further Study”) to track the respondents interviewed in the previous study, namely the “Study on the Longer Term Development of Child Development Fund Project Participants”, which was completed in March 2017. Regarding the invitation exercise for the Further Study, Members noted that the Secretariat was discussing the consultancy agreement with the successful bidder. Regarding the latest timetable, Members noted that the successful bidder would keep the Target Interviewees (being CDF participants and non-CDF-participants participating in the previous study) in contact in 2018 before the start of data collection phase in 2019.

3. Regarding the Further Study, Members further noted that :

- (a) the Further Study would focus on tracking the long-term achievements and psychological well-beings of Target Interviewees as more of them would have entered the workforce in 2019. In the process, the successful bidder would make reference to the findings of the previous study; and
- (b) there were more than 500 CDF participants and 300 non-CDF-participants participating in the last study. All of them would be invited by the Consultant to participate in the Further Study.

Proposed Enhancement Measures for CDF Projects [SCCDF Paper 3/2017]

4. Members were briefed that the Chief Executive announced in her 2017 Policy Address that an additional \$300 million would be injected into the CDF in 2018-19. Members were briefed on the following proposed enhancement measures as set out in SCCDF paper 3/2017 for enhancing the quality of future CDF projects and strengthening the project operators' capacity in running CDF projects:

- (a) setting a minimum proportion of the training provision to be spent directly on CDF participants;
- (b) requiring project operators to vet and endorse participants' personal development plans (PDPs);
- (c) organising high-quality train-the-trainers programmes and development of toolkits for CDF operators; and
- (d) providing collaboration opportunities for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and schools interested in running CDF projects.

5. Members generally supported the proposed enhancement measures, which would be implemented starting from the upcoming fifth batch of school-based projects. Members agreed to set 60% as the minimum proportion of the training provision to be spent directly on CDF participants.

6. Members noted that many project operators had been vetting and endorsing the PDPs drawn up by CDF participants despite there was no mandatory requirement for them to do so. A Member said that the CDF operators should be flexible in vetting the PDPs drawn up by CDF participants having regard to their individual circumstances.

7. Regarding the train-the-trainer programmes, several Members expressed the views that the programmes might cover some knowledge skill sets which would be beneficial to CDF participants in the long run. These might include programmes on developing positive attitudes, soft skills and lifelong learning aspirations, as well as building up the participants' self-esteem. A Member said that the train-the-trainer programmes might also cover programmes for mentors and parents, such as communication with the youth, etc. Regarding the framework of the train-the-trainer programmes, Members noted that CDF operators' views might be sought before details of the train-the-trainer programmes would be firmed up. Members noted that the

Secretariat would report back to the Steering Committee when there was a concrete proposal on the train-the-trainer programmes.

The 10th Anniversary Celebration for the CDF [SCCDF Paper 4/2017]

8. Members were briefed on the following proposed initiatives to be launched in 2018 in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the CDF under the proposed theme of “Celebrating A Decade of Dreams Coming True”:

- (a) creating short videos of individual stories and anecdotes to highlight CDF’s impact;
- (b) launching a CDF Facebook page;
- (c) organising a signature event for project participants;
- (d) continuing to inspire project participants to pursue their passions through job-tasting activities taking into account the top ten occupations as indicated by project participants;
- (e) engaging potential project participants in our celebration through a board game competition; and
- (f) concluding the anniversary with a large-scale Kick-off cum Certificate Presentation Ceremony engaging multi-stakeholders.

9. Members generally welcomed the proposed publicity initiatives. Regarding the launching of Facebook Page for CDF, a Member said that it was worthwhile to advertise the Page on Facebook to acquire fans. Regarding the value-added activities for CDF participants, several Members suggested that the Secretariat might consider arranging visits to big corporations.

Community Organisations supporting the CDF [SCCDF Paper 5/2017]

10. Members were briefed on some major community organisations currently supporting the CDF for Members’ information. These organisations included Child Development Matching Fund, Child Development Initiative Alliance, Hong Kong Church Network for the Poor and Lions Club International District 303 – Hong Kong & Macao, China.

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