

**Brief Notes of the Meeting of the
Steering Committee on the Child Development Fund (SCCDF)
held on 4 December 2018 (Tuesday)
in Room 1019, 10/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices, Tamar**

Attendance

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

Ms Karin ANN

Dr Jason CHAN

Dr Stephen CHEUNG

Ms CHIU Kit-wa

Ms Amy FUNG

Mr Rex IP

Ms Iris LAM

Miss Elizabeth LAW

Mr LO Kin-hei

Mr WONG Kam-leung

Dr Odalia WONG

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

Ms Vivian KO Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and (Secretary)
Welfare (Welfare)1

In Attendance

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

Ms Rebecca CHEUNG Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare
(Welfare)1C

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

Mr Thor KWAN Senior Executive Officer (Welfare)1 (Ag.) /
Executive Officer (Welfare)1A

Absent with Apologies

Dr Kevin LAU

Ms Mandy WU

**Agenda Item (1) : Proposed Upward Adjustment of Training Provision and
Administrative Fee for Future Batches of Child
Development Fund (CDF) Projects
[SCCDF Paper 4/2018]**

Members were briefed on the background of the training provision and administrative fee provided to project operators for running CDF projects. Members considered the proposal of increasing the training provision and administrative fee per participant by 5% to \$23,100 and \$2,310 respectively to take into consideration the inflation since the last increase in 2016. After discussion, Members agreed to apply the proposed increased rates starting from the next batch of CDF projects (i.e. the 6th batch of school-based projects).

**Agenda Item (2) : Proposed Criteria for Inclusion as Strategic Partners of
Child Development Fund
[SCCDF Paper 5/2018]**

2. Members were briefed on the background of the three existing strategic partners of CDF and the proposed criteria for inclusion as strategic partners as follows:

- (a) To provide at least \$1 million of matching contributions to CDF projects benefitting more than 200 CDF participants; and/or
- (b) To help recruit at least 200 mentors for CDF projects; and/or
- (c) To organise experiential/training programmes which can facilitate the development of at least 300 CDF participants.

3. To be considered as a strategic partner, an organisation had to be a “bona-fide charitable institution or trust of a public character having tax-exempted status under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance” which had been actively supporting the work of CDF in the past year in at least any one of the criteria mentioned in paragraph 2 above, and committed to continue the contribution in the next year.
4. Members noted that among the three existing strategic partners, two of them were less active in recent years. The proposed mechanism could encourage the existing strategic partners to continue with their contributions, and help recruit new strategic partners with significant contributions to CDF.
5. Members agreed to the need to keep the list of strategic partners up-to-date and encourage their active participation. Nevertheless, some Members considered that it would be too difficult for an organisation to recruit 200 mentors on an annual basis and suggested to lower the requirement to 100 mentors. A Member said that CDF should also ensure the quality of mentors being recruited.
6. Members were advised that normally project operators should screen potential mentors to ensure their suitability. Moreover, project operators had been organising briefing sessions for mentors who would be matched with mentees with reference to their backgrounds. That being the case, for administrative effectiveness, Members noted that we would count only the number of mentors successfully recruited by project operators.
7. A Member said that the three criteria offered different benefits to CDF participants. An organisation could fulfil any one criterion to become a strategic partner of CDF. He accepted that the criteria should each be of a high standard to reflect the status of a strategic partner and the major contribution each had made to CDF.
8. A Member commented that project operators had been facing difficulties in securing donations and agreed that providing major matching contributions should be a useful and relevant criterion for considering strategic partners.
9. Members were advised that the Secretariat took into account the difficulties of securing donations when proposing the criteria. Many project operators reflected that while there were increasing numbers of charitable funds in the community, they had to compete for these funds with many other project proponents. The proposed requirement of an organisation being a charity under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance would help distinguish those commercial corporations from charitable organisations in considering strategic

partners for CDF.

10. Members noted that the number of strategic partners should be kept at a small number of say around 2 to 5 to maintain their important status. The list of strategic partners and criteria would be reviewed every year, organisations which had met the criteria in the past year and committed to continuing with the contributions in the next year would be considered for inclusion as strategic partners.

11. Members agreed to the proposed criteria, with the requirement of the number of mentors to be recruited adjusted from 200 to 100.

12. Members noted that the Secretariat would follow up with the existing strategic partners and the nominated organisation, namely Child Development Initiative Alliance, and ascertain if they would commit to contribute to CDF in the next year.

Agenda Item (3) : Update on the Child Development Fund's 10-Year Anniversary Campaign and Proposed Publicity Activities for 2019
[SCCDF Paper 6/2018]

13. Members were briefed on the progress of the series of initiatives co-ordinated by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) in celebration of the 10th anniversary of CDF and the proposed publicity activities for 2019.

14. Members noted that video production had been one of the publicity activities of CDF. In 2018, the video focused on showcasing selected mentors and on empowering participants to dream for their future. For 2019, the video production was proposed to be in the format of a reality show featuring two participants, with the objective of revealing the challenges that these disadvantaged children might face in pursuing their dreams, and the encouragement and support they got from mentors and other people to overcome these challenges. NGOs had been invited to nominate participants and a selection exercise would be conducted to select the participants to be featured in the video. Members were invited to participate in the selection process. The Secretariat would liaise with Members and inform them of the arrangements of the selection process.

15. The meeting noted that the CDF 10th Anniversary Ceremony would be held on 9 March 2019, and Members were invited to join the Ceremony.

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