

**Brief Notes of the Meeting of the
Steering Committee on the Child Development Fund (SCCDF)
held on 6 August 2019 (Tuesday)
in Room 1019, 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		
Mr Rex IP		
Ms Iris LAM		
Miss Elizabeth LAW		
Dr Odalia WONG		
Ms Mandy WU		
Mrs Helen KWOK	Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Youth and Corrections)	(AD(YC))
Ms Rebecca CHEUNG	Acting Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Welfare)1 / Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Welfare)1C	(Secretary)

In Attendance

Miss Agnes CHEUNG	Acting Deputy Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Welfare) 1 / Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Welfare)2	(Ag DS(W)1)
Mr Joseph YU	Senior Executive Officer (Welfare)1	
Mr Jonathan NG	Public Relations Manager (Child Development Fund)	

For Agenda Item 2 only

Professor Edward CHAN Professor, Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)

Dr LO Tsz-fung, Ruby Senior Research Assistant, Department of Applied Social Sciences, PolyU

Absent with Apologies

Ms Amy FUNG

Dr Kevin LAU

Mr LO Kin-hei

Mr WONG Kam-leung

Agenda Item (1) : Further Study on the Long Term Development of Child Development Fund (CDF) Project Participants [SCCDF Paper 1/2019]

The Consulting Team (CT) briefed Members on the progress of the “Further Study on the Long Term Development of CDF Project Participants” (the “Further Study”). The CT reported that they had completed Phase I (Engagement with Target Interviewees) and Phase II (Questionnaire survey/in-depth interviews with stakeholders) of the Further Study. A total of 46 in-depth interviews were conducted. The face-to-face questionnaire surveys were also completed in June 2019, with 546 interviews conducted. Members noted that the response rate was 61% which was slightly higher than the targeted response rate of Target Interviewees at 60%.

2. Members further noted that the CT was in the process of consolidating and analysing the qualitative and quantitative data collected from the in-depth interviews and questionnaire surveys. The CT also shared with Members six good cases of CDF gathered during the in-depth interviews with non-governmental organisations, CDF participants, mentors and parents.

3. Regarding the Further Study, the CT made the following clarifications –

- (a) For the 10 parents and five mentors participating in the in-depth interviews, five and two of them were the parents and mentors of CDF participants participating in the in-depth interviews respectively;
- (b) Regarding a Member's suggestion at the meeting held in May 2018 that the in-depth interviews with CDF participants should preferably include representative(s) from ethnic minorities (EM), the CT mentioned that all the 552 participants interviewed in last study were not EM. With regard to the additional in-depth interview which was on top of the target number of interviews at 45, the CT clarified that it was conducted with a supporting organisation of CDF but not an EM; and
- (c) To gauge the results for the Further Study, different scales would be adopted to assess the impacts of CDF projects on the long term development of participants, such as social support, etc. A full picture of the analysis would be provided in the Final Report.

4. Regarding paragraph 3(a) above, the Chairperson commented that the CT should also take into account the small sample size of the in-depth interviews when conducting such analysis. Members made the following suggestions and comments –

- (a) Regarding the in-depth interviews, a Member suggested that the CT examine whether any characteristics of the interviewees could be identified, such as background, age group, etc. which might have attributed to their achievements. Another Member said that the background of interviewees of the in-depth interviews would usually be different and it might not be possible to identify any such characteristics; and
- (b) A Member was of the view that the Further Study should assess the CDF impacts on participants based on gender.

5. The CT responded that they would take into account the comments raised in the meeting when preparing the Final Report.

6. Members noted that the Secretariat would arrange for the CT to present their findings of the Further Study in due course.

**Agenda Item (2) : Update on Experiential Programmes for the Participants
of the CDF Projects and Other Publicity Activity
[SCCDF Paper 2/2019]**

7. Regarding the experiential programmes coordinated by the Labour and Welfare Bureau for the participants of the CDF projects, Members noted that the five experiential programmes organised from January to mid-July 2019, as joined by over 370 CDF participants, included E-sports fun day, a career experience and financial planning workshop, a junior teacher's classroom programme, a "Make your Free Style" taster programme and a programme "A Taste of University Life" for CDF secondary students.

8. Members noted that more experiential programmes were/would be organised, as joined by some 180 CDF participants, in this summer vacation. These activities included a spa and beauty workshop, two sessions of culinary workshop and five sessions of hotel training workshop.

9. Members further noted that the Centum Charitas Foundation would offer a one-year training programme for a target of 300 participants in 2019, equipping them with the updated digital skills, such as coding and data analysis, to keep pace with the coming age of big data and artificial intelligence.

[Post-meeting note: According to the latest plan of the Centum Charitas Foundation, the training programme offered would comprise three different courses, each with five to six lessons lasting for about two to three months. Participants can choose to attend any one, or all, of the three courses. The training programme is open to enrolment by operators for their CDF project participants during the one-year period starting from September 2019.]

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