

**Brief Notes of the Meeting of
Steering Committee on the Child Development Fund (SCCDF)
held on 9 July 2021 (Friday)
in Conference Room 5, G/F, Central Government Offices, Tamar**

Attendance

Mr David LEUNG Acting Permanent Secretary (Chairperson)
for Labour and Welfare /
Deputy Secretary for
Labour and Welfare (Welfare) 1

Ms Karin ANN

Dr Jason CHAN

Ms Clara CHAN

Dr Stephen CHEUNG

Ms CHIU Kit-wa

Professor Angela CUI

Ms Joyce LEE

Miss Mandy WU

Ms Judith YU

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

Ms Jeanne CHENG Principal Assistant Secretary for (Secretary)
Labour and Welfare
(Commission on Children)

In Attendance

Ms Terry CHEUNG Chief Executive Officer
(Commission on Children)

Ms Betty LAW Senior Executive Officer
(Commission on Children) 3

Mr Jonathan NG Senior Project Manager
(Commission on Children)

Absent with Apology

Dr Kevin LAU

Mr LO Kin-hei

Agenda Item (1): Proposed Enhancement Measure for Child Development Fund Projects

Members were briefed on a proposal to adjust the age range of elder children from 14-16 to 13-16, and consequentially, the age range of younger children from 10-13 to 10-12, having regard to the difficulties of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in fulfilling the required 50% quota for elder children in running Child Development Fund (CDF) projects.

2. Members considered that the proposed moving of children aged 13 from the group of younger children to the group of elder children reasonable, as children aged 10 to 12 were mainly primary students while children aged 13 to 16 were secondary students. Moreover, each NGO operator would continue to be required under the proposed measure, as at present, to recruit 100 to 115 participants in each project, of which no less than 50% should be elder children and the remainder were younger children.

3. Members also noted that NGOs could enrol both primary and secondary students to their projects and would organise various types of training programmes to meet the needs of their participating children of different ages.

4. Members endorsed the proposed enhancement measure to facilitate NGOs in running CDF projects. The new measure would be implemented starting from the ninth batch of NGO-run projects.

Agenda Item (2): Update on Experiential Programmes for the Participants of the Child Development Fund Projects and Other Publicity Initiatives

5. Members were briefed on the experiential programmes for the participants of the CDF projects conducted from July 2019 to June 2021. Over 460 CDF participants joined the four experiential programmes organised from July 2019 to the first quarter of 2020, including “Spa & Beauty Exploration Workshop”, “Fun of Culinary Arts”, hotel training workshops and a training programme on digital skills. Around 90 free seats were offered to CDF participants in the music concerts in May and June 2021.

6. Having regard to the development of COVID-19 epidemic, Members noted that more experiential programmes would be organised in the summer vacation as far as practicable, such as visit to E&M InnoZone of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, and an online English conversation training programme. Moreover, three online webinars on careers that were attractive to youngsters, such as makeup artist and coffee barista, would be arranged in 2021.

7. Members also noted that the findings of the Further Study on the Long Term Development of CDF were published through different channels, including CDF website, newsletters and social media. In addition, three 5-minute promotional videos interviewing CDF participants and their mentors for uploading to the CDF website and social media platforms were also produced.

8. Members' views and suggestions were set out below.

- (a) Members considered that the 5-minute promotional videos could be trimmed down to provide shorter version of video clips of about one minute each for easy and effective dissemination on social media platforms and would help share the videos and clips through their network. Information on how to join and learn more about CDF should also be provided in the relevant webpages/posts of the videos and clips.
- (b) Members suggested that more variety of experiential programmes, such as workshops featuring Hong Kong's industries, values education, visits to theme parks to learn about the operation behind the scene, arts and cultural exhibitions/programmes as well as work-related experiences at government departments could be conducted. Outdoor adventurous activities might also be considered to build resilience among CDF participants.
- (c) Members suggested organising large-scale activities, which were well received before, with the improvement of the epidemic situation.

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