

**Brief Notes of the Meeting of the
Steering Committee on Child Development Fund
held on 31 October 2008 (Friday)
in Room 215, 2/F, Main Wing, Central Government Offices**

Attendance

Mr Paul TANG	Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare	(Chairman)
Miss Jasmine CHAN		
Dr Timothy CHAN		
Dr Philemon CHOI		
Mr Frederick LAI		
Ms Evelyn LAM		
Dr LEUNG Nai-kong		
Mr Francis MAK		
Mr Ivan TING		
Ms Sandy WONG		
Mr CHEUNG Hing-wah	Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Youth & Corrections)	
Miss Helen TANG	Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Poverty)	(Secretary)

In attendance

Ms Carol YIP	Deputy Secretary for Labour and Welfare (2)
Miss Cherry WONG	Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Poverty)
Ms Crystal NG	Assistant Manager (Poverty)

For Item (1) only

Mr Gary TANG	Supervisor, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Ms YU Fan	Unit-in-charge of Jockey Club Kwai Fong Youth S.P.O.T., The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Ms Fion CHOW	District Director, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
Ms Yannie TANG	Unit-in-charge, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council

Absent with apologies

Dr LAW Chi-kwong

Mr Michael WONG

Matters Arising

Members noted that the Task Force on Promotion of Child Development Fund and the Task Force on Consultancy Study, with Dr Philemon CHOI and Dr LAW Chi-kwong as chairman respectively, were set up under the Steering Committee.

2. Members noted that tertiary institutes were invited to submit proposals for the Consultancy Study on the Child Development Fund Pioneer Projects (the Study) on 9 September 2008. The Study would cover the first batch of seven Child Development Fund (CDF) pioneer projects and the consultant was required to:

- (a) conduct an evaluation of the first batch of CDF pioneer projects;
- (b) provide an overview of at least 3 places outside Hong Kong adopting an asset-based model to encourage the longer term personal development of children from a disadvantaged background; and
- (c) make recommendations to the Government on how to further develop the CDF into the longer-term model to promoting child development in Hong Kong, taking into account (a) and (b) above.

Item (1) : First batch of CDF pioneer projects

3. Members were briefed on the details and progress of the CDF pioneer projects in Tung Chung and New Territories West respectively. Members agreed that mentors played an important role in the success of the CDF pioneer projects and advised that the one-to-one personal relationship between mentors and mentees would be very important, especially in assisting the participating children to draw up their own personal development plans.

4. Members noted that-

- (a) the operating NGOs would provide suitable trainings and guidance for the mentors, as well as monitor the relationship between the mentors and the participating children;
- (b) the Social Welfare Department had already issued guidelines on mentorship; and
- (c) the operating NGOs already had concrete plans in managing the savings of the participating children.

Item (2) : Progress Report on the Implementation of the Child Development Fund [SCCDF Paper 4/2008]

5. Members were briefed on the progress of the implementation of CDF. Members noted that:

- (a) the following six NGOs were selected and granted approval-in-principle for the first batch of seven pioneer projects-

<u>Region/District</u>	<u>Operating NGO</u>
Hong Kong Island	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
Kowloon East	Christian Action
Kowloon West	Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship
New Territories East	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals
New Territories West	Hong Kong Federation of Youth Group
Tung Chung	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
Tin Shui Wai	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals

- (b) the operating NGOs had started the preparation work for publicising the projects, securing matching contributions and recruiting participating children and mentors through their networks;
- (c) the official website of CDF was launched on 24 July 2008;
- (d) EDB had already provided its website with a hyperlink to the CDF website;
- (e) the CDF Launching Ceremony cum Exhibition would be held on 23 November 2008 (Sunday) at Olympian City 2; and
- (f) a 2-page newspaper supplement on CDF would be issued in Ming Pao on the same day.

Item (3) : Child Development Matching Fund [SCCDF Paper 5/2008]

6. Members were briefed on the mission, target beneficiary, programme and structure of the Child Development Matching Fund (CDMF). Members noted that:

- (a) CDMF, a private independent matching fund, was set up to consolidate the donations from the private and community sectors for the participating children of CDF pioneer projects;
- (b) the operating NGOs still had to secure matching contributions of the participating children and the CDMF would provide a last resort in case the operating NGOs could not raise enough funds;
- (c) CDMF would be managed by a Board of Trustees with Dr CHENG Mo-chi, Moses as the Chairman. It would engage The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited to manage the fund and the management fee would be charged on a non-profit-making basis; and
- (d) detailed operation procedures of CDMF would be drawn up later.

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