

Family Life Education – Summary of discussions

Purpose

This paper summarizes the past discussions of the Family Council on family life education (“FLE”) and presents the latest update of work in promoting FLE.

Summary of past discussions

2. Members shared the view that continuous FLE and courses to equip people with better skills and knowledge to cope with changes at different stages of life was crucial to better preparing them to come up to critical transformations in their roles. Relevant Bureaux and Departments (“B/Ds”) should, by way of administrative measures, facilitate and encourage more educational and promotional efforts in FLE.
3. Members noted the efforts by the B/Ds in promoting FLE over the years. In particular, Members suggested that:
 - (a) Schools should be used as the platform for parent education. Members noted that schools and Parent-teacher Associations were already provided with grants to organize activities to promote home-school cooperation and to enhance parent-child relationship. As participation of parents was on voluntary basis, Members suggested that more efforts should be made in reaching out to the needy families. As such, cross-sectoral collaboration should be stepped up;
 - (b) Pre-marriage and pre-natal courses should be provided to equip couples-to-be and parents-to-be to take up the husband/wife/parent role more readily;
 - (c) Pre-retirement seminars and courses on “grand-parenting” to the elderly and their family members to foster “inter-generational care” and “cross-generational harmony” should be provided; and
 - (d) Family education for families with members who suffered from mental, emotional, drug or other abuse problem should be provided or enhanced.

Latest Update

4. The Education Bureau, the Social Welfare Department, the Department of Health and the Security Bureau have updated the latest developments in the promotion of FLE in the above aspects at Papers FC 21 to 24 respectively.

Way Forward

5. Members are invited to comment on ways to further promote FLE.

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