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Family Council

Progress of Work of the Sub-committee on Family Education

Purpose

This paper invites Members to note the progress of work of the Sub-committee on Family Education.

Consultancy Study on Family Education

2. The Sub-committee had endorsed the objectives, scope and approach regarding the consultancy study on family education. Taking Members' comments into account, the objectives and scope of the consultancy study on family education have been further revised at **Annex**. The Council Secretariat will issue invitations for proposals to interested bodies to take up the study.

Production of Family Education Package

3. The HKU Family Institute has been commissioned to produce the family education package (the Package). The content of the Package would be based on a real family story to depict the experience of how the family went through the various phases of family development. The production will be completed and uploaded onto the Happy Family Info Hub by early 2011.

Production of the Educational Material “18 Handy Tips for Family Education” (我家有教 18 式)

4. The Sub-committee also endorsed the broad outline and sample illustrations of the programmes titled “18 Handy Tips for Family

Education”(我家有教18 式). The educational materials, targeted at general families and family members of different age groups, included topics such as parenting, responsibility, emotional quotient, communication, etc. The educational materials will also be uploaded onto the Happy Family Info Hub. The production will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2010.

Way Forward

5. Members are invited to note the progress of work of the Subcommittee on Family Education.

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Objectives and Scope of the Study on Family Education

The primary purpose of the study is to provide evidence-based information to facilitate the Sub-committee on Family Education in making recommendations to the Family Council on possible areas for improvement on family education. The findings of the study will also serve as good reference for concerned parties to enhance services/programmes on family education in future.

The objectives of the study are -

(I) Provision of Family Education

- (a) To study current framework and on-going services/programmes on family education¹ provided for the general public and specific groups² in Hong Kong and overseas countries;
- (b) To examine the effectiveness of the framework and on-going services/programmes on family education provided in Hong Kong and overseas countries; and
- (c) To identify areas of improvement and new initiatives to introduce in Hong Kong.

(II) Promotion of Family Education

- (a) To study the strategy on promoting family education in Hong Kong and overseas countries;

¹ Framework and services/programmes on family education provided by the government or service providers funded/not funded by the government.

² Specific groups not limited to pre-marriage education; grand-parenting; and care-giving by relatives/kinship /neighbourhood; caring for aging family members; caring for persons with disabilities and their families/carers; caring for younger members of the families during their trouble times; support for high-risk/needy families; work-life balance education; and instillation of family perspectives.

- (b) To examine the effectiveness of the strategy on promoting family education in Hong Kong and overseas countries; and
- (c) To identify areas of improvement and new initiatives to introduce in Hong Kong.

The scope of the study covers both the situation of family education in Hong Kong and 5 overseas countries, including both Western and Asian countries. The Consultancy will be required to analyse the difference between these countries within the context of cultural and economic settings.

The Consultancy should aim to study existing and recommend areas for improvement to address the family education needs at different stages of life including pre-marriage, growth and maturity, courtship and relations between the two sexes, parenthood, divorce and separation, family conflicts resolution, child support, retirement, “Empty nest”, and departures of beloved family members, etc.

The Consultancy will be required to recommend the most feasible and practical option of framework and services/programmes on family education which are sustainable and meet family needs of the general public and specific groups in Hong Kong. The recommended strategy in promoting family education should be able to foster a culture that family education is embraced by all in Hong Kong.