

## **Family Council**

### **Progress of Work of the Sub-committees under the Family Council**

#### **PURPOSE**

This paper invites Members to note the progress of work of the Sub-committees under the Family Council (the Council).

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF FAMILY CORE VALUES AND FAMILY EDUCATION**

2. The Sub-committee on the Promotion of Family Core Values and Family Education held a meeting on 24 April 2014. In brief, the Sub-committee discussed the production of family education packages for families with newborn babies, the proposed study on “The Tenth Phenomenon” as well as progress of the “2013/14 Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme”.

##### ***Family education packages for families with newborn babies***

3. The Boys’ & Girls Clubs Association of Hong Kong (the Association) was commissioned to produce the family education packages for families with newborn babies (the packages). In principle, the Sub-committee agreed the topics proposed by the Association to be featured in the packages, including positive parenting, parent-child relationships, inter-generational support. To ensure content accuracy, it was agreed that professional advice of the Department of Health should be sought, particularly on breastfeeding.

##### ***The Tenth Phenomenon***

4. In response to the deliberations made by the Council on the population policy consultation document, the Sub-committee was taking action to follow up, particularly on the promotion of positive messages and

values on family formation as well as countering the tendency of the community in over-emphasising the cost and responsibilities of child-raising. On the proposal to conduct a study on “The Tenth Phenomenon”, the Sub-committee had considered the background information prepared by the Central Policy Unit (CPU) on the proposed study and remarked that a holistic approach should be adopted in conducting the study by examining how different parental styles might affect family life as well as achievements of students. CPU would follow up to map out the scope of the proposed study for deliberations by the Sub-committee.

### ***“2013/14 Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme”***

5. The Sub-committee was briefed on the progress of the “2013/14 Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme” (the Award Scheme). After the adjudication in early April, 34 corporations, 37 small and medium enterprises and 20 organizations were recommended for the “Distinguished Family-Friendly Employer” awards. The prize presentation ceremony will be held on 19 June 2014 (Thur) at Kowloonbay International and Trade Exhibition Centre, with the Chief Secretary for Administration as the officiating guest.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE ON FAMILY SUPPORT**

6. The Sub-committee on Family Support met on 13 March 2014 and 29 April 2014 respectively. The Sub-committee gave its advice on “Regulatory control over internet computer services centres and other places of entertainment installed with game machines” and “minimum age of marriage without parental consent”. Besides, the Sub-committee also discussed the proposed study on family mediation service in Hong Kong.

### *The Study on Family Mediation Service in Hong Kong*

7. The Sub-committee discussed the scope of the proposed study on family mediation service in Hong Kong (the Study) prepared by the CPU. As the two-year Pilot Scheme on Family Mediation Service (the Pilot Scheme) launched by the Council will end by July 2014, it was agreed that the Council should conduct a review of the Pilot Scheme as well as to take stock of the present situation of provision of family mediation service in Hong Kong. CPU would follow up on the logistic support. The Study was expected to be completed in 12 months’ time. In the meantime, the Sub-committee also agreed that the Pilot Scheme should be continued for a further period, subject to the completion of the review.

## **WAY FORWARD**

8. The Sub-committees will continue to oversee their respective programmes and activities. Members are welcome to convey their comments and suggestions to the Secretariat.

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