

**Family Council**  
**Minutes of 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 20 May 2020**

Date: 20 May 2020 (Wednesday)  
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
Venue: Conference Room 4, G/F., Central Government Offices,  
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong

**Attendance**

**Chairman**

Prof. SHEK Tan-lei, Daniel

**Ex-officio Members**

Ms CHAN Yuen-han, Chairperson of the Women's Commission  
Mr LAU Ming-wai, Vice-Chairperson of the Youth Development  
Commission

**Non-official Members**

Ms CHAN Suk-mei, May  
Ms CHEUNG Lai-chu  
Mr FONG Yick-jin, Eugene  
Dr LAM Chi-yan  
Prof. LEUNG Seung-ming, Alvin, Convenor, Sub-committee on Family  
Support  
Ms PUN Siu-fung, Cindy  
Dr WONG Fung-ye, Margaret, Deputy Convenor, Sub-committee on  
Family Support  
Mr WOO Kin-man, Clement  
Ms YIP Lai-wa, Emily, Convenor, Sub-committee on Promotion of  
Family Core Values and Family Education  
Ms YIP Yun-wan, Amarantha

Official Members

Mrs Cherry TSE, Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

*(attending on behalf of Secretary for Home Affairs)*

Mr Andrew TSANG, Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare

(Welfare)<sup>1</sup>

*(attending on behalf of Secretary for Labour and Welfare)*

Mr CHENG Ming-keung, Principal Assistant Secretary (School

Administration\_Special Support)

*(attending on behalf of Secretary for Education)*

Mr Curtis LO, Assistant Head (3)

*(attending on behalf of Head/Policy Innovation and Co-ordination Office)*

Secretary

Ms Carmen KONG, Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (Civic

Affairs)<sup>2</sup>

In attendance

Mr Patrick LI, Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (1)

Ms Adia LAM, Chief Executive Officer (Family Council)

(For agenda item 3)

Group 1

Ms Joceline CHUI, Principal Assistant Secretary (Security)<sup>E</sup>, Security

Bureau (SB)

Ms Moon CHEUNG, Chief Inspector of Police, Family Conflict and

Sexual Violence Policy Unit, Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF)

Group 2

Miss Ada CHEN, Senior Assistant Law Officer (Civil Law) (Mediation),

Department of Justice (DoJ)

Mr Benson CHEUNG, Government Counsel (Mediation), DoJ

### Group 3

Ms Rio CHEUNG, Senior Specialist of Educational Psychology Service  
(Kowloon) Section, Education Bureau (EDB)

Ms Kitty HO, Principal Inspector (Guidance and Discipline), EDB

Mr WONG Wang-fai, Chief Curriculum Development Officer (Personal,  
Social and Humanities Education)1, EDB

Mr LAM Chi-tak, Senior Curriculum Development Officer (Moral, Civic  
and National Education)2, EDB

Mr CHENG Chung-ki, Legolas, Curriculum Development Officer  
(Kindergarten & Primary/General Studies)2, EDB

### Absent with apologies

Dr LAM Ching-choi, Chairman of the Elderly Commission

Ms CHENG Chi-man, Sonia

Ms CHEUNG Wang-yim, Lavender, Deputy Convenor, Sub-committee  
on the Promotion of Family Core Values and Family Education

Prof. Albert LEE

Mr LEE Tsz-king, Dominic

Mrs WONG NG Kit-wah, Cecilia

### **Welcome Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all to the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Family Council (the Council), in particular Mr CHENG Ming-keung, Principal Assistant Secretary (School Administration\_Special Support), EDB and Mr Andrew TSANG, Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Welfare)1 who attended the Council meeting for the first time.

## **Item 1 – Confirmation of Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Family Council**

2. The minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting were confirmed without amendments.

## **Item 2 – Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting**

3. The Chairman noted that the Council Secretariat had circulated a progress report to Members for information, and invited Chief Executive Officer (Family Council) [CEO(FC)] to brief Members on the progress. CEO(FC) informed the meeting that the Award Presentation Ceremony for the Inter-school Colouring Competition for Kindergarten Students and Picture Composition Competition for Primary School Students was successfully held on 4 January 2020 with some 260 participants. The Storybook of “The But’s Family” entitled “The Secret of the But’s Dinner” was also launched at the Award Presentation Ceremony. For the new education package on “Love and Care – Caring for Our Kids”, the video clips produced for the package had started rolling out by phases from December 2019.

4. CEO(FC) updated Members that as at 30 April 2020, the Council’s Facebook had attracted over 19 615 likes and the average number of “Reaction”, “Comments” and “Sharing” per post was about 261. As regards the Scheme on Thematic Sponsorship to Support Family-related Initiatives, the next round of the Scheme was planned to be launched in June 2020.

5. In respect of the application of the Family Impact Assessment (FIA) checklist, CEO(FC) reported that the FIA checklist had been applied to 522 papers as at 30 April 2020. Besides, the Department of Applied Social Sciences of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University was engaged as the service contractor of the consolidation exercise of the findings of

Family Surveys conducted since 2011. The consolidation exercise started on 1 April 2020 and was expected to be completed by end of 2020.

6. For the “Further Study on the Phenomenon of Divorce in Hong Kong” (the Divorce Study), CEO(FC) reported that the research team had briefed the Working Group on the latest progress of the Divorce Study at the Working Group meeting held on 21 January 2020. Having regard to the latest development in respect of judgment summons and the outbreak of COVID-19, more time was required to prepare the draft Final Report which was expected to be submitted to the Council in mid-2020.

### **Item 3 – Discussion on Family-related Matters Arising from the Recent Social Situation in Hong Kong**

7. To facilitate discussion of this agenda item, the Chairman invited representatives of the following bureaux/departments (B/Ds) to brief Members on the related information under their respective purview –

- (a) SB/HKPF: youth crime situation, including statistics, observations and the Police’s strategy in combating youth crimes.
- (b) DoJ: family mediation services, including the scope, statistics and way forward.
- (c) EDB: overview of national education in Hong Kong, the element of social emotional learning in school curriculum, and counselling and psychological support to students.

8. The Chairman thanked the representatives of the relevant B/Ds for their presentations. Members’ views and comments were summarised as follows –

- (a) a Member reckoned that mediation could be more widely used in the community, including workplaces and schools;

- (b) a Member was of the view that information about the prevailing legal proceedings in Hong Kong could be provided for reference by parents of youngsters. She also stated that EDB should consider including information on the recent social situation in the national/civic education materials;
- (c) to deal with the great impact of the recent social incidents on the society, a Member commented that collaborative efforts by different B/Ds of the Government was deemed crucial and should be strengthened;
- (d) a Member suggested that the Government could consider distributing materials in schools to promote the importance of compliance with the law; and
- (e) a Member remarked that strong family bonds could help alleviate the pressure being faced by families as a result of the differences in perceptions amongst generations in families. More in-depth researches could also be done on this subject area.

9. Mrs Cherry TSE mentioned that the availability of useful statistics/figures was considered essential to understand better the problems being faced by youngsters such as peer pressure and the physical/psychological changes during puberty.

10. The Chairman thanked Members' comments and invited the representatives of the B/Ds to take note of Members' comments for necessary action. Due to the lack of time for Members to raise questions at the meeting, the Chairman suggested that Members could forward their questions to the Council Secretariat after the meeting for preparing a consolidated list of questions for response by the relevant B/Ds.

(Action: Council Secretariat)

#### **Item 4 – Progress of Work of the Sub-committees under the Family Council (Paper FC 3/2020)**

11. The Chairman invited Prof. Alvin LEUNG, the Convenor of the Sub-committee on Family Support (Support Sub-committee) to report on work progress. Prof. Leung reported that the Support Sub-committee meeting which was originally scheduled for 5 March 2020 was cancelled due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the discussion paper on the Scheme on Thematic Sponsorship to Support Family-related Initiatives had been circulated to the Sub-committee Members for comments. Subject to Members' views and comments, the Council Secretariat would follow up on the proposed way forward accordingly.

(Action: Support Sub-committee)

12. The Chairman invited Ms Emily YIP, the Convenor of the Sub-committee on Promotion of Family Core Values and Family Education (Promotion Sub-committee) to report on work progress. Ms Yip reported that due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the Promotion Sub-committee meeting which was originally scheduled for 25 February 2020 was cancelled. Two discussion papers were circulated to invite Members' comments on the Council's Publicity Plan and Territory-wide Publicity Campaign in 2020-21.

(Action: Promotion Sub-committee)

#### **Item 5 – Any Other Business**

13. Ms Amarantha YIP updated Members that the research team of the Chinese University of Hong Kong sponsored by the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society, had completed a study on the Development of Family Wellbeing Index in Hong Kong. The final report of the study was planned to be published by end of May 2020.

14. The Chairman informed Members that he and the representatives of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) would brief the Panel on Welfare Services (WS Panel) of the Legislative Council on the work progress of the Council for the past two years on 8 June 2020. Apart from HAB representatives, a representative of the Social Welfare Department would also attend the WS Panel meeting on the day. The relevant panel paper would be circulated to Members for information.

15. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting would be held in August/September 2020.

**Family Council Secretariat**  
**July 2020**