

**Family Council**  
**Minutes of 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 28 July 2022**

Date: 28 July 2022 (Thursday)

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room 6, G/F., Central Government Offices, Tamar

**Attendance**

**Chairman**

Ms PANG, Melissa Kaye

**Ex-officio Members**

Dr LAM Ching-choi, Chairperson of the Elderly Commission

Ms CHAN Yuen-han, Chairperson of the Women's Commission

**Non-official Members**

Ms CHAN Suk-mei, May

Prof. CHEN Yu-hai, Eric

Ms CHEUNG Lai-chu

Mr CHEUNG Pok-man

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

Dr LAM Chi-yan, Convenor, Sub-committee on Family Support

Prof. Albert LEE

Mr LUK Hua, Warren

Mrs WONG NG Kit-wah, Cecilia

Mr YOUNG Chit-on, Jeremy

Official Members

Mr Clarence LEUNG, Under Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs  
(attending on behalf of Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs)

Ms Jeanne CHENG, Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare  
(Commission on Children)  
(attending on behalf of Secretary for Labour and Welfare)

Dr Verena LAU, Principal Assistant Secretary (School Administration)  
(attending on behalf of Secretary for Education)

Secretary

Ms Adia LAM, Principal Assistant Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs  
(Home Affairs)<sup>1</sup> (Ag.) / Chief Executive Officer (Home Affairs)(1)<sup>1</sup>

In Attendance

Ms Shirley LAM, Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs  
Mr Nick AU YEUNG, Deputy Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs  
(Home Affairs)

(For agenda item 3)

Ms Joyce YIP, Principal Education Officer (Special Education)<sup>2</sup>,  
Education Bureau (EDB)

Ms Queenie HO, Principal Inspector (Special Education Support 2), EDB

(For agenda item 4)

Mr Lawrence LAU, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Cross-  
Boundary & International)<sup>7</sup>, the Environmental Protection Department  
(EPD)

Absent with apologies

Mr CHAN Kwan-yeung, Arnold

Mr FONG Yick-jin, Eugene

Ms PUN Siu-fung, Cindy

Mr WONG Bing-kin, Solomon

Ms YIP Yun-wan, Amarantha, Convenor, Sub-committee on the Promotion of Family Core Values and Family Education

**Welcome Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all to the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Family Council (the Council), in particular Mr Clarence LEUNG, Under Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Ms Shirley LAM, Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Mr Nick AU YEUNG, Deputy Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Home Affairs) and Ms Jeanne CHENG, Principal Assistant Secretary (Commission on Children) of the Labour and Welfare Bureau who attended the Council meeting for the first time.

2. The Chairman also proposed a vote of thanks to Dr LAM Chi-choi who would complete his service as the Chairman of the Elderly Commission on 29 July 2022, for his valuable advice and contribution to the work of the Council as an Ex-officio Member in the past years.

**Item 1 – Confirmation of Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Family Council**

3. The minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> meeting were confirmed without amendment.

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

4. The Chairman noted that the Council Secretariat had circulated a progress report to Members for information, and invited Chief Executive Officer (Home Affairs)(1)1 (CEO(HA)(1)1) to brief Members on the report. In respect of the application of the Family Impact Assessment (FIA) checklist, CEO(HA)(1)1 reported that the FIA had been applied to 885 Legislative Council briefs as at 30 June 2022. Besides, due to the development of the COVID-19 pandemic in Hong Kong, the period of the fieldwork of the Family Survey 2021 was extended and completed in mid-April 2022. It was expected the final report of the survey would be available in October 2022 tentatively.

5. With regard to the Scheme on Thematic Sponsorship to Support Family-related Initiatives, CEO(HA)(1)1 reported that upon completion of all the four sponsored projects in February 2022, the sponsored organisations had submitted the final and financial reports in May 2022. A review on the Scheme was in progress. CEO(HA)(1)1 also informed the meeting that as at 30 June 2022, the Council’s Facebook page had attracted over 29 520 “likes” and the average number of “Reaction”, “Comments” and “Sharing” per post was about 331. In respect of the third storybook of “The But’s Family” entitled “Secret of The But’s Family to Forget Worries”, it was launched on 27 February 2022 and promoted through the Council’s website and Facebook page, television, radio and online channels. For the collaboration with the Radio Television Hong Kong, a 30-minute dedicated radio segment was produced and broadcast at Radio 2 (R2) on 15 May 2022 to promote the International Day of Families. The other promotional initiatives included thematic segments in R2 programmes, online voice acting workshops and children’s radio drama featuring “The But’s Family”, promotional trailers, etc. In addition, the promotional video which was produced in collaboration with the Women’s Commission and of the title “「家 • 凝聚愛」之雙職媽媽” was scheduled to be launched on 29 July 2022.

6. As regards the “Further Study on the Phenomenon of Divorce in Hong Kong” (the Divorce Study), CEO(HA)(1)1 reported that the research team had submitted the revised draft final report in mid-January 2022. Upon preliminary vetting, the Council Secretariat provided comments on the draft final report to the research team in early February 2022 and reiterated that a number of the previous comments had not yet been fully addressed. To further clarify the outstanding issues, the Council Secretariat invited the Chairman of the Working Group (WG) and the research team to have a Zoom meeting in mid-March 2022. To facilitate follow-up action by the research team, the Council Secretariat forwarded the annotated version of the draft final report, which highlighted the comments and enquiries previously made by the WG members, to the research team in late April 2022. In June 2022, the research team submitted the revised draft final report. After initial vetting, the Council Secretariat was in the course of consulting relevant bureaux/departments about the findings and recommendations set out in the draft final report so as to facilitate a more thorough consideration by the WG. Upon the WG’s deliberation on the draft final report, the research team would brief the Council on the findings and recommendations of the Divorce Study.

**Item 3 –The Education Bureau’s Information Websites for Supporting Students with Special Educational Needs and Promoting Students’ Mental Health (Paper FC 6/2022)**

7. The Chairman invited Ms Joyce YIP and Ms Queenie HO of EDB, to brief Members on the two information websites, namely “SENSE” and “Mental Health @ School” recently launched by EDB. The salient points of the presentation were summarised as follows –

- (a) EDB had been engaging schools, teachers and different stakeholders to work in collaboration to help students with special educational needs (SEN) to overcome their limitations and realise their potential. It specifically launched the “SENSE” and “Mental Health @ School” information websites

in 2021 to facilitate access to the latest information and online resources on integrated education (IE), special education (SE) and promotion of students' mental health by schools, parents and the public;

- (b) in the "SENSE" website, there were five dedicated pages which contained various useful information including schools' sharing of practical experience of supporting students with SEN in schools, introduction of the professional support of EDB (e.g. the School-based Educational Psychology Services, School Partnership Scheme, etc.) and provision of targeted support measures and resources for different types of SEN; and
- (c) as regards the "Mental Health @ School" website, it provided diversified information on promoting mental health among students and contained appropriate resources for schools, students and parents, with a view to promoting understanding of mental health among stakeholders, discouraging stigmatisation and strengthening students' resilience and mental health.

8. Members' views and questions were summarised as follows –

- (a) a Member appreciated EDB's effort in creating the two websites which contained much useful information and resources on IE and SE and promotion of students' mental health. She suggested promulgating the two websites through Instagram (IG) or other social media platforms;
- (b) a Member reckoned that the two websites were very informative in content and adoption of a more user-friendly interface would enable an easier access to the information of the websites by the viewers;

- (c) a Member acknowledged that the current design of grouping information under specific designated pages was well-thought-out. He also stated that the Government should consider providing assistance to those low-income families to obtain the required technical support for getting access to useful information and resources online;
- (d) a Member was of the view that more education should be arranged for parents so that they would know better how to handle the mental health issues of their children; and
- (e) a Member suggested that regular review of the two information websites could be done so that EDB could take into account the review results for refining both the design and content of the websites.

9. Ms Yip thanked Members for their comments and replied that EDB would continue to update the two information websites. While the public could now view the mobile versions of the two websites easily, EDB would explore more ways to promote the websites and refine the websites to make them more attractive for browsing by students and youngsters. The Chairman thanked Ms Yip and Ms Ho for their briefing, and added that EDB might consider developing a mobile phone application as a more convenient way for people to browse and obtain the useful information.

#### **Item 4 – Hong Kong’s Climate Action Plan 2050 (Paper FC 7/2022)**

10. To facilitate discussion of this agenda item, the Chairman invited Mr Lawrence LAU of EPD to brief Members on the Hong Kong’s Climate Action Plan 2050 which was announced by the Chief Executive in the 2021 Policy Address. The salient points of the presentation were summarised as follows –

- (a) to achieve Hong Kong's target of carbon neutrality before 2050, the Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050 was released in October 2021, setting out the vision of "Zero-carbon Emissions • Liveable City • Sustainable Development" for Hong Kong in striving towards carbon neutrality;
- (b) the four major decarbonisation strategies are "net-zero electricity generation", "energy saving and green building", "green transport" and "waste reduction". In the next 15 to 20 years, the Government would devote about \$240 billion to take forward various measures on climate change mitigation and adaptation; and
- (c) to promote community support for climate action, the Environment and Ecology Bureau had been organising a series of climate-related education and publicity activities, including production of leaflets, posters, TV and radio programmes, as well as a dedicated Climate Ready website and the Low Carbon Living Calculator.

11. Members' views and questions were summarised as follows –

- (a) a Member pointed out that to achieve the target of carbon neutrality, it would be inevitable for families to change their existing lifestyle. The Government should therefore consider providing support to low-income families which might encounter difficulties in complying with the related green measures;
- (b) a Member commented that the Government should increase the number of electric vehicle (EV) chargers while promoting the use of EVs in the community. She also suggested that the Government should facilitate the creation of new job



opportunities through the implementation of various decarbonisation strategies;

- (c) a Member considered that incentives should be provided to the public to adapt to a low-carbon lifestyle and in the long run, achieve the goal of carbon neutrality before 2050;
- (d) a Member stated that apart from promoting electric buses and commercial vehicles, zero carbon emissions in the transport sector should include the electrification of ferries and aeroplanes; and
- (e) a Member was of the view that the promotion of low-carbon lifestyle should be enhanced and extend to cover primary school students. Consideration should also be given to replace the Big Waster with a new character.

12. The Chairman thanked Mr Lau for his briefing and Members for their comments. She remarked that the Government should ensure that sufficient supporting facilities would be available to allow smooth implementation of various green measures. In response to Members' comments, Mr Lau said that the Government would continue to review the effectiveness of its decarbonisation work and to enhance the promotion of a low-carbon lifestyle in the society.

#### **Item 5 – Progress of Work of the Sub-committees under the Family Council (Paper FC 8/2022)**

13. The Chairman invited Ms Lavender CHEUNG, the Deputy Convenor of the Sub-committee on the Promotion of Family Core Values and Family Education (Promotion Sub-committee), to report on its work progress. Ms Cheung reported that publicity campaigns through television, radio, public means of transport and online channels were

arranged between December 2021 and May 2022 to widely promote various publicity initiatives of the Council, including the launch of the third storybook of “The But’s Family” entitled “Secret of The But's Family to Forget Worries” and its tailor-made theme song “快樂的祕訣”; the theme of the Council’s 2021-22 Publicity Campaign “Enhancement of Family Resilience”; the family core values of “Love and Care”, “Respect and Responsibility” and “Communication and Harmony”; as well as the International Day of Families which falls on 15 May every year. Moreover, for publicity campaigns through television, a tailor-made television programme “不得了 Family” was produced and broadcast at Channel 99 of ViuTV on three consecutive Sunday nights between late February and mid-March 2022. In collaboration with RTHK, audio segments, audio promotional clips and pre-recorded video programme were produced. Targeting at the mass audience, the Council leveraged on various forms of mobile advertising media comprising different means of transport in the forms of bus and tram body promotional banners, bus seat-back stickers as well as train door window stickers from December 2021 to February 2022. Promotion was also done through various online marketing channels, viz. search engine marketing, on-line banner advertisements at suitable websites and video advertisement tools.

(Action: Promotion Sub-committee)

14. The Chairman invited Dr Kay LAM, the Convenor of the Sub-committee on Family Support (Support Sub-committee), to report on its work progress. Dr Lam reported that following the recommendations of the final report of “Consolidation Exercise of Findings of Family Surveys conducted since 2011” and the deliberations of the Support Sub-committee at its meeting held on 1 March 2021, a Consultant was commissioned in July 2021 to conduct the Family Survey 2021. The Consultant conducted the fieldwork to collect quantitative data for the general and thematic surveys from November 2021 to mid-April 2022. After conducting the questionnaire survey, the Consultant would collect qualitative views through focus group discussions with the respondents and conduct in-depth

interviews with relevant stakeholders in order to enable the triangulation of quantitative and qualitative data. Besides, the Support Sub-committee noted, through the presentation made by one of the four sponsored organisations, namely, Christian Family Service Centre Family Energizer (基督教家庭服務中心活力家庭坊) (CFSC) that the project was successfully completed in February 2022 with very positive responses and encouraging feedback. The Support Sub-committee considered that the workshops organised by CFSC were well-received by the participants who found the workshops very useful and provided them with a platform to share their feelings and experience with those of similar background.

(Action: Support Sub-committee)

### **Item 6 – Any Other Business**

15. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. The next meeting would be held on 23 September 2022 (Friday) tentatively.

**Family Council Secretariat**  
**September 2022**