

Family Council

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

PURPOSE

This paper briefs Members on the progress of work of the two 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 (the Promotion Sub-committee) met on 16 September 2022 to discuss the progress of organising the Roving Drama Series and the production of the family education videos on strengthening family cohesion and solidarity.

2022-23 Publicity Campaign – Roving Drama Series

3. To promote a loving family culture and the importance of family core values, the Promotion Sub-committee agreed to stage a roving drama series on the theme of the Council's 2022-23 publicity campaign, i.e. "Strengthening Family Cohesion and Solidarity". Targeting at secondary one to three students, the drama would feature "The But's Family", with an engrossing story plot as well as music, visual and stage effects. Interactive sessions between the actors and the audience would be conducted after each performance to enrich the audience's learning experiences. The roving drama series would be kicked off by a premiere in January/February 2023, to be followed by 40 drama performances in different secondary schools across the territory from February to July 2023. The premiere would last for around 60 minutes and be held at an assembly hall of a local secondary school with a capacity of around 250 audience. A brochure which would include the brief story line, introduction of the Council, "The But's Family" and the production team, reflective questions, extended learning articles, etc., would also be produced. To understand better

the views of the audience on the performance, the audience would be invited to complete a feedback survey after the performance.

Family Education Videos on Strengthening Family Cohesion and Solidarity

4. Having regard to the positive responses to the last series of short videos entitled "Family: A Hub to Cheer You Up" (「家・給你打氣」家庭教育短片) launched in 2021, the Council Secretariat had started producing a new series of short videos on strengthening family cohesion and solidarity (「家・凝聚愛」家庭教育短片) which echoed with the theme and title of the Council's 2022-23 Publicity Campaign, i.e. "Strengthening Family Cohesion and Solidarity" and "「家・凝聚愛」推廣運動" respectively. The new series of videos comprised eight episodes of around four minutes each, featuring persons from different walks of life to share their family experiences, difficulties they had come across, little tips to get through hard times, etc. in the form of interviews. While the first four videos had already been uploaded onto the Council's website and YouTube Channel in August 2022, production of the remaining four videos were underway and would be launched by phases from September to December 2022.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON FAMILY SUPPORT

5. The Sub-committee on Family Support (the Support Sub-committee) met on 9 September 2022 to discuss two sponsored projects under the Thematic Sponsorship Scheme to Support Family-related Initiatives (the Scheme) and the review results of the Scheme.

Sponsored Projects under the Thematic Sponsorship Scheme to Support Family-related Initiatives

6. The Support Sub-committee noted, through the presentations made by two sponsored organisations, namely, the Society for Truth and Light (STL) and DADs Network Limited that the projects were successfully completed in February 2022 with very positive responses and feedback. The Support Sub-committee considered that for the project of STL, the online resources platform and production of a manual for reference by other service practitioners providing counselling services to people preparing for remarriage could help sustain the impact of the project. As regards the project of DADs Network Limited, the Support Sub-committee reckoned that the tailor-made board game proved to be a good means of promoting the communication and conflict handling skills of family members. The research results on the effectiveness of

the two projects also showed that the workshops did create positive impact on the participants.

Review on the Thematic Sponsorship Scheme to Support Family-related Initiatives

7. For the Scheme which was launched in June 2020, all the approved projects were completed in end February 2022 with their final and financial reports submitted by the sponsored organisations in May 2022. A review of the Scheme was then conducted which revealed the Scheme's satisfactory results in the areas of funding utilisation, participant response, project implementation as well as monitoring and review mechanism. To continue the Council's effort to promote a pro-family environment and family well-being in the community, the Support Sub-committee supported the launch of a new round of the Scheme in the fourth quarter of 2022 which would adopt largely the same framework of the existing Scheme.

ADVICE SOUGHT

8. Members are invited to note the progress of the Sub-committees at paragraphs 3, 4, 6 and 7 above. The Sub-committees will continue to oversee their respective programmes and activities. Members are welcome to convey their comments and suggestions, if any, to the Council Secretariat.

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