

Sha Tin District Council

Report on Education and Welfare Committee Meeting
held on 28 April 2009

(1) Members noted:

- (i) the paper on “Quality Elderly Service Scheme” submitted by Hong Kong Health Care Federation;
- (ii) the paper on the work and service of Sha Tin District Social Welfare Office submitted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD);
- (iii) the replies of SWD, Lands Department, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Hong Kong Police Force and Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority to the question on the monitoring of charity sale. Regarding the enquiries of members, the relevant departments would provide supplementary information at the next meeting;
- (iv) the replies of Transport Department and public transport operators to the question on the fare concession for elderly;
- (v) the reply of Education Bureau (EB) to the question on the new academic structure “334”;
- (vi) the reply of EB to the question on small class teaching. After discussion, the following motion was passed with a vote of 18 in favour, 0 against and 4 abstentions:

“In the 2007 Policy Address, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government emphasized that small class teaching was a measure to enhance education quality and scheduled for implementation on September 2009. However, the measure imposed is in contrary with the policy objective. EB should have the responsibility to expedite the implementation of “small class policy” and implement small class teaching comprehensively in Sha Tin District where school places are sufficient. ”

(vii) the minutes of meeting of the Working Group on the Care of Under-privileged Community and Family Violence and Working Group on Welfare of Senior Citizens. Members also endorsed the updated member list of the Working Group on Welfare of Senior Citizens.

(2) Members endorsed:

(i) the following funding applications submitted by the Working Group on the Education and International Day of Disabled Persons:

| <u>Name of Activity</u> | <u>Applied Amount</u> |
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| (a) Sha Tin District Form Six Joint Admission Programme 2009 | \$31,200 |
| (b) Sha Tin District Putonghua Radio Drama Competition | \$75,100 |
| (c) Sha Tin District Rope Skipping Competition 2009 | \$44,700 |
| (d) Short Film Shooting Competition on Youth Decent Web Surfing | \$46,400 |
| (e) 4-Panel Comic Drawing Competition on "Convention on Rights of Disabled Persons" | \$10,000 |
| (f) Praise of Life Take 4 cum Writing Competition Award Presentation | \$9,600 |
| | Total: \$217,000 |
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(ii) the funding application for "Cantonese Opera Performance for the Elderly" submitted by the Working Group on Welfare of Senior Citizens and the amount was \$120,000.

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