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Kick-off Ceremony
for Fostering Harmony in the Community by 18 Districts

Purpose

This paper aims to introduce the Fostering Harmony in the Community projects organised by the Home Affairs Department and the 18 District Councils/District Offices.

Background

2. One of the themes of the 2005-06 Policy Address is to foster harmony in the community. The public generally expects less confrontation and dispute and more harmony. Through organising different types of community integration projects, the Government will strive to work with different sectors and organisations to foster a harmonious society. The Kick-off Ceremony for Fostering Harmony in the Community is planned for June 2006.

Objective

3. The projects aim at fostering social harmony through the promotion of the 18 District Councils/District Offices and the participation of local organisations.

Content

4. During the year, the 18 District Councils and District Offices will organise a variety of projects on community integration for the participation of local organisations and people from different sectors of the community with a

view to fostering social harmony.

Kick-off Ceremony

5. The Kick-off Ceremony seeks to raise public awareness on the matter through a variety of dance performances by different ethnic and community groups centring around social harmony.

6. The Kick-off Ceremony for Fostering Harmony in the Community will be held on 3 June 2006 at the open space outside Metroplaza on Hing Ning Road, Kwai Fong. Organisations recommended by the Home Affairs Bureau and the districts will perform different forms of dance, including ethnic dances, while different ethnic or community groups will be invited to set up exhibitions and booths that focus on the display of ethnic handicrafts and national costumes, as well as cultural practices and dietary habits.

7. The Kwai Tsing District Office will coordinate the Ceremony and has set up the Kick-off Ceremony for Fostering Harmony in the Community Organising Committee to oversee the matter.

Funding

8. A sum of \$127,250 has been earmarked by the Home Affairs Department for organising the Kick-off Ceremony.

9. The Home Affairs Department will allocate an additional \$50,000 to each district for organising projects on community integration through the 18 District Offices, and the District Councils are welcome to utilise its funding for related projects.