

# An Overview of Healthy Cities Projects

Meeting with the Education, Health and Social Welfare Committee



#### Outline

#### Background of Healthy Cities projects (HCPs)

#### > Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC)

#### DH involvement with HCPs





#### **Healthy Cities Projects (HCPs)**





## Historical development of Healthy Cities

- The concept of Healthy Cities originated in 1842
  - The British Government set up the Health of Towns Association to assume the task of improving people's living conditions and addressing health problems in the cities

In1980, European countries adopted the "Health for All" principles

- In 1984, the idea of Healthy Cities was discussed in the "Beyond Health Care" conference in Toronto
- The Healthy Cities movement was officially launched by WHO in 1986





### What is a Healthy City?

A healthy city is one that is continually creating and improving those physical and social environments and expanding those community resources which enable people to mutually support each other in performing all the functions of life and developing to their maximum potential





## What is a Healthy City?

A Healthy City aims to:
Create a health-supportive environment,
Achieve a good quality of life,
Provide basic sanitation & hygiene needs,
Supply access to health care.





### **Situation in HK**

In Hong Kong, the first HCP was initiated in Sai Kung district in 1997

- By 2009, all 18 administrative districts in Hong Kong have established their HCPs
- ➤Total 19 HCPs





## **Structure of HCPs in Hong Kong**

- Common to all are healthy lifestyle promotion (e.g. exercise, healthy diet), environmental hygiene promotion, injury prevention etc.
- Each district has its own environmental, socioeconomic, geographical and public health concerns and issues
- Districts have their Healthy Cities activities organised through a variety of means and structures ranging from steering committees, sub-committees to working groups





### **Alliance for Healthy Cities**

- The Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC) is an international network aiming at protecting and enhancing the health of city dwellers
- Members are municipal governments, national governments, NGOs, private sectors, academic institutions, and international agencies





#### **Alliance for Healthy Cities**

In the Western Pacific region, the "Alliance for Healthy Cities" was launched in 2004 with support from WHO WPRO to promote support and cooperation among member cities





#### **Chapter of Alliance for Healthy Cities**

- Chapters of the AFHC are organised at the country, sub-country, or intercountry level
- Support the achievement of the goal and objectives of AFHC by advancing information sharing among members of individual Chapters, promoting membership expansion, disseminating information of Healthy Cities





#### **DH involvement with HCPs**

Health promotion (ISS Programme)

Providing technical support
Support to HCP meetings
Health talks
Publications





# "I'm So Smart" Community Health Promotion Programme (ISS)

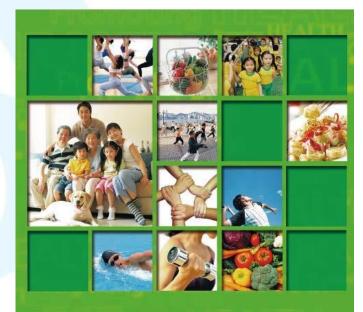






### Background

- In 2008, DH published the "Promoting Health in Hong Kong: A Strategic Framework for Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases" to set out a comprehensive strategy and goals for the prevention and control of NCD
  - It recognises environment as one of the key elements of implementing NCD strategic framework
  - The "setting" approach, such as Healthy Cities, is better able to support local health promotion actions by bringing together policy support, intersectoral collaboration and community action



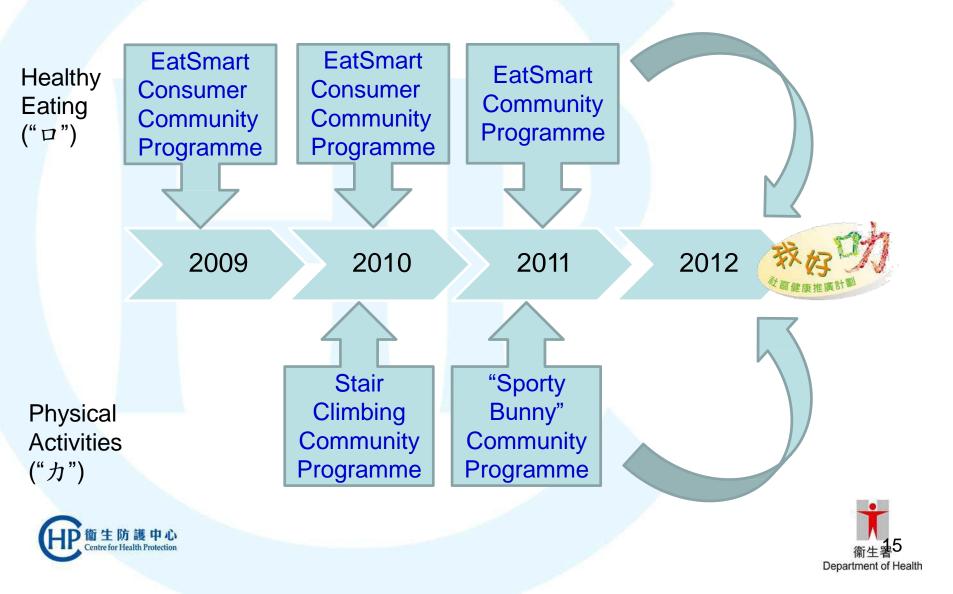
#### Promoting **HEALTH** in Hong Kong:

A Strategic Framework for Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases





#### **Previous Programmes**





### **Objectives of ISS**

- 1. To enhance community partnerships on health promotion
- 2. To encourage community partners to make use of their available local resources for health promotion activities and to devise policies conducive to building healthy environment





## **Key Parties Involved**

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#### Partners

- ➤ HCPs
- Community NGOs
- Hong Kong Housing Authority
- Estate Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) of public housing estates

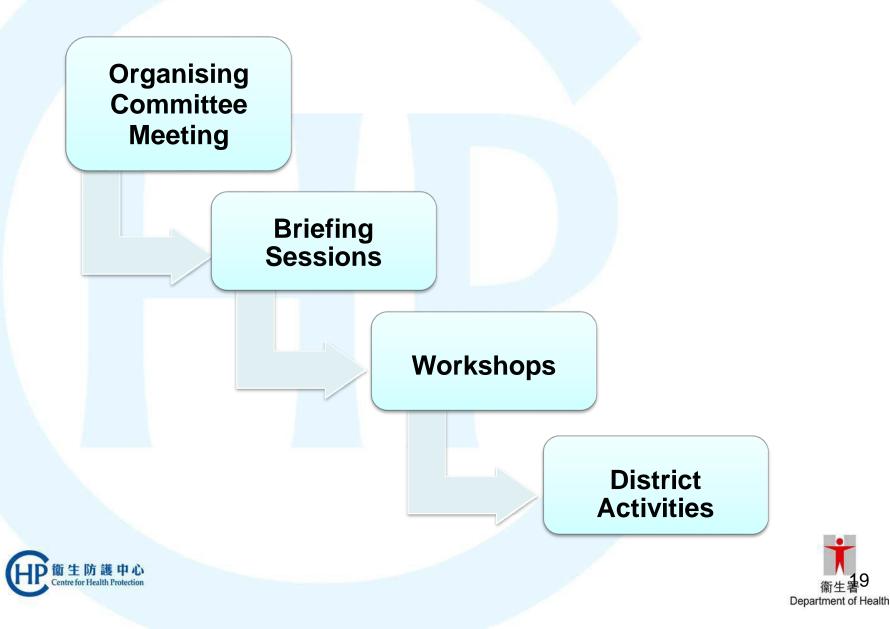
#### Participants

Networks built through 19 HCPs and their partnered NGOs

低生防護 Residents of 17 public housing estates under EMAC of Housing Department



#### **Events of ISS**



#### **Providing technical support to HCPs**

#### **Contribution** to the 2020 health diary of TM HCP

包常偏能活動



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**Contribution to the Healthy Newsletter** of KT HCP



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