

## Sha Tin District Council

## Report on the meeting of the Education and Welfare Committee held on 26 June 2012

- (1) The Committee discussed the following:
  - (i) reply of the Education Bureau to the question on kindergarten places, and passed the provisional motion below:
    - "The Education and Welfare Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the Education Bureau to fully grasp and analyse the data on the increase of school-age children in the coming few years, including the number of doubly non-permanent resident children, so that appropriate policies could be properly enacted to ensure that there are sufficient kindergarten places in the district to accommodate all pre-school children." (Unanimously passed);
  - (ii) replies of the Education Bureau, the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications, and the Civil Service Bureau to the question on qualification accreditation; and
  - (iii) reply of the Education Bureau to the question on the operation of private tutorial centres, and passed the provisional motion below:
    - "The Education and Welfare Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the government to ensure the safety of students and the quality of learning through enhanced regulation of private tutorial centres, regular inspection, and provision of appropriate training and support for tutors." (Unanimously passed).
- (2) The Committee endorsed the following:
  - (i) revised member lists of working groups under the Committee;

(ii) revised funding application in the amount of \$30,000 for "Promotion of the New Senior Secondary Curriculum Networking Scheme in Sha Tin" submitted by the Working Group on Educational Affairs; and

(iii) funding application in the amount of \$3,000 for "Visit to Sha Tin Racecourse" submitted by the Working Group on Welfare of Senior Citizens.

## (3) The Committee noted the following:

- (i) minutes of meetings of the Committee's Working Group on Educational Affairs, Working Group on Welfare of Senior Citizens, and Working Group on Family Affairs, the Care of Under-privileged Community and International Day of Disabled Persons; and
- (ii) information on newly arrived Mainland children studying in public sector secondary and primary schools in Sha Tin District.

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