

**The Seventh Meeting of the Home Affairs Sub-committee on  
the Community Care Fund  
12 April 2012**

**Summary of Discussion**

The Home Affairs Sub-committee on the Community Care Fund (CCF) held its seventh meeting on 12 April 2012. A summary of discussion is as follows:

1. Members noted that the Home Affairs Department (HAD), after further consideration, had shelved the proposal of delivering “fortune bags” to the underprivileged for the time being to ensure the proper use of the CCF.
2. Members noted the progress on the “Financial assistance for ethnic minorities (EMs) and new arrivals (NAs) from the Mainland to take language-related international public examinations” programme. The HAD was exploring the feasibility of expanding the coverage of examinations to be subsidised under the programme.
3. Members noted the progress on the “Subsidy for non-school-attending EMs and NAs from the Mainland participating in language courses” programme. The programme was rolled out on 1 March. The HAD currently joined hands with the two entrusted non-governmental organisations to work on the promotion of the programme through various channels.
4. Members noted the progress on the programme of providing a one-off allowance to NAs from low-income families, and that the objectives and nature of this CCF programme were different from that of the “Scheme \$6,000”, and they were not complementary. Members of the public might not be eligible for the subsidy of \$6,000 from either programme.
5. Members had discussion on the proposed programme of providing subsidy for owners’ corporations of old buildings, with highlights as follows:
  - Considering that it would involve a lot of complicated operational issues if direct disbursement of subsidies was made to individual households. Taking this into account, Members agreed that the option of giving subsidies to owners’ corporations might be more desirable and the objective of improving the safety and environment of a

building could be achieved.

- Members agreed that the programme should cover expenses relating to the fees payable in respect of the registration or filing of any document with the Land Registrar as required under the Building Management Ordinance and procurement fees for third-party risks insurance; expenses on regular inspection of fire services installations and electrical and mechanical equipment; and expenses for clearing fire escapes once a year.
- In respect of the subsidy for newly established owners' corporations to procure third-party risk insurance, it was necessary to ensure well beforehand that the owners' corporation concerned had not received any financial assistance against the amount applied for under the Integrated Building Maintenance Assistance Scheme.