

**The Fourteenth Meeting of the Second-term
Community Care Fund Task Force
5 February 2018**

Summary of Discussion

The Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force under the second-term Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its fourteenth meeting on 5 February 2018. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

1. Members noted the progress report of the existing assistance programmes and the latest financial position of the CCF, and agreed on the estimates for staff and administrative costs of the CCF Secretariat and the Social Welfare Department in 2018-19.
2. Members noted the evaluation report on the effectiveness of implementing the Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients living in rented private housing and paying a rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance under the CSSA scheme programme which was extended in 2016.
3. Members discussed the proposal of implementing the Provision of subsidy to needy primary and secondary students for purchasing mobile computer devices to facilitate the practice of e-learning programme. Some Members suggested extending the coverage of beneficiaries to include students who are studying in schools that implement e-learning but have not adopted the “Bring Your Own Device” policy. Some other Members were concerned about the ability and attitude of students in using IT and mobile computer devices. After discussion, Members supported the implementation of the programme. The three-year programme, with a total provision of \$415.54 million (including an administration cost of \$11.54 million), was expected to benefit about 102 000 students. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.