The Eighth Meeting of the Third-term Community Care Fund Task Force 27 March 2020

Summary of Discussion

The third-term Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force under the Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its eighth meeting on 27 March 2020. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

- 1. Members noted both the progress of the existing assistance programmes and the latest financial position of the CCF.
- 2. After discussion, the CCF Task Force supported the following proposals:
 - (a) to revise the total budget for the Pilot Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing to Facilitate the Implementation of the Modular Social Housing Scheme Nam Cheong Street Project to \$37.69 million and the Pilot Scheme on Subsidy for Conversion of School Premises for Transitional Housing Lok Sin Tong Primary School to \$15.45 million, representing an increase of \$1.95 million and \$2.41 million respectively;
 - (b) to further extend the Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing programme for six months till end October 2020. The extension was expected to benefit about 16 000 households, requiring an additional funding provision of \$34.72 million. The total budget is revised to \$197.1 million;
 - (c) to launch the One-off Allowance for New Arrivals from Low-income Families programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$10,000 for new arrivals from low-income families who are aged 18 or above and have resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years. The programme, with a total funding provision of \$2,131.04 million, was expected to benefit 203 000 persons; and
 - (d) to allocate an additional provision of \$575.46 million as a result of extending the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme till end February 2022, bringing the revised total budget to \$1,392.67 million.

The above proposals will be submitted to the CoP for consideration.