

Appointments to Social Enterprise Advisory Committee announced

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Tsang Tak-sing, today (January 15) announced the appointment of members to the Social Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term of two years with effect from January 15, 2010. The Advisory Committee will be chaired by the Secretary for Home Affairs and its terms of reference are as follows:

- a) to advise the Government on the formulation of policies and strategies for supporting the sustainable development of social enterprises in Hong Kong;
- b) to advise the Government on programmes/activities that promote development of social enterprises and to monitor their implementation;
- c) to foster better understanding and encourage closer co-operation among relevant stakeholders in the development of social enterprises;
- d) to undertake research studies on matters pertaining to the development of social enterprises.

Members of the Advisory Committee include the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme, social enterprise practitioners as well as members from the business and academic sectors who are keen to promote the development of social enterprises. The membership list of the Advisory Committee is as follows:

Chairman

Secretary for Home Affairs

Ex-officio Member

Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung

Non-official Members

Dr Tse Ka-kui

Mrs Alice Chong Yuk Tak-fun

Dr Jane Lee Ching-yee
Mr Howard Ling Ho-wan
Mr Kee Chi-hing
Mr Siu Chor-kee
Ms Christina Maisenne Lee
Dr Chan Tsang-fai
Mr Stephen Lee Chi-kong
Ms Candy Tam Lai-chuen
Ms Melissa Kaye Pang
Dr Kevin Au Yuk-fai

Official Members

Representative from the Home Affairs Bureau
Representative from the Home Affairs Department
Representative from the Labour and Welfare Bureau
Representative from the Commercial and Economic Development Bureau

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Tsang Tak-sing, thanked various sectors for their support for the development of social enterprises.

"It is hoped that the setting up of the Advisory Committee will help bring out the synergy effect through the participation of various sectors; further combine the efforts of the government and the community to better respond to the needs of society; and formulate and refine policies that will be beneficial to the development of social enterprises. I am looking forward to joining with the committee members in creating a better development environment for social enterprises in Hong Kong," he said.

Ends/Friday, January 15, 2010