

**THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE**  
**Standing Committee on Public Engagement and Partnership**  
**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting for the Year 2020/21**  
**Zoom Meeting**

Date: November 26, 2020 (Thursday)

Time: 2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.

Present:

Ms CHAN Ching Yee, Susan	Hong Kong Association of Gerontology
Ms CHAN Fung Man, Angel	Christian Family Service Centre
Ms CHEUNG Pui Yee, Pearl	Caritas – Hong Kong
Mr CHU Sai Ming, Thomas	The New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Mr HO On Tat, Andy	Andy Ho Public Affairs Consulting Company Limited
Ms HUI Ching Man, Jasmine	NWS Holdings Limited
Ms LEUNG, Joyce	Fimmick Limited
Ms LI Lei, Lilian	Direction Association for Handicapped
Mr LI Man Chiu, Justin	Airport Authority Hong Kong
Ms NG Man Yin, Connie	St. James' Settlement
Mr WONG Chi Kit, Schwinger	The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong
Ms WONG Sau Yee, Carrie	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups

Apologies:

Ms NG Suk Ling, Angel	The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong
Ms TSE Ho Yi, Apple	Hong Kong Christian Service
Ms Wendy LUK	Senior Manager, Caring Company Scheme
Ms Christine KWAN	Senior Manager, WiseGiving

In Attendance:

Mr Cliff CHOI	Business Director, HKCSS
Mr Eddie TSANG	Senior Manager, Corporate Communications
Mr Keevin POON	Manager, Caring Company Scheme
Mr Elvis CHU	Programme Executive, WiseGiving
Ms Jane CHUNG	Officer, Corporate Communications – Recorder

**1. Welcome newly elected members**

Cliff welcomed new members to the Public Engagement and Partnership (PEP) Standing Committee.

**2. Declare of Interest**

Cliff reminded all members to sign and return the Declaration of Interests Form to the Council.

**3. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, selection of representatives to serve Executive Committee, WiseGiving / Caring Company Scheme Steering Committees and Assessment Committee for Membership Application**

- Susan was elected Chairperson of the PEP Standing Committee.

- Apple was elected Vice-Chairperson of the PEP Standing Committee.
- Susan was appointed as representative to the Executive Committee.
- Connie was appointed as representative to the WiseGiving Steering Committee.
- Angel Chan was appointed as representative to both of the Caring Company Scheme Steering Committee and Assessment Committee for Membership Application.

#### 4. Endorsement of minutes of the last meeting held on Sep 3, 2020

- The minutes of the last meeting held on Sep 3, 2020 was adopted.

#### 5. Co-option of new members and vacancy replacement mechanism

- Members proposed to invite following representatives to PEP Standing Committee:
  - Mr Peter Lee, Kerry Group
  - Ms Judy Chan, The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Ltd.
- Since there was only one vacancy left in the Committee and Judy had once been co-opted member before, members agreed to give priority to inviting Peter to join the Committee in order to explore new cooperation opportunities.

#### 6. Matters arising

##### 6.1 Progress of HKJC Professional Traineeship Programme

- Cliff reported that the programme was confirmed to be implemented in 2021. This programme aims at supporting young people to explore more in CSR and facilitating companies to be more socially responsible at the same time.
- Since it is a pilot programme, HKCSS set the quota of trainees at 40 persons in total and decides to invite corporations to join the programme in three cohorts, which will be conducted in January, March and May 2021 respectively.
- For the first cohorts, 20 corporations confirmed they would join the programme including Standard Chartered Hong Kong, Hang Seng Bank, Swire, Jardines, Kerry Group and The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited. And their proposed trainee programs have a diverse range of themes, from community donation, CSR reporting to environmental sustainability.
- HKJC will organize the trainee recruitment which has started in December. Two-week trainings will be provided for the youth, which is co-organized with HKCSS.
- The monthly salary of trainees would be around HKD\$15,000. Half of the salary would be funded by the government.

##### 6.2 Most Impactful Small and Medium-sized Non-subvented NGO Award

- Cliff reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> Most Impactful Small and Medium-sized Non-subvented NGO Award (Small NGO Award) was well received by the sector. And, HKEX intended to sponsor the 2<sup>nd</sup> Small NGO Award.
- After reviewing the last Small NGO Award scheme, Cliff suggested that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Small NGO Award scheme may add mentoring element which helps matching the chief executives of small non-subvented NGOs with large subvented NGOs' counterparts.
- Cliff explained that the CEOs of large NGOs would act as a mentor that let small NGOs learn from them on how to improve governance.
- Members generally agreed with the above-mentioned idea. While Susan concerned that such kind of matching may not be applicable as the operating model of non-subvented NGOs are different from the subvented NGOs.
- Andy suggested that the matching could be flexible for small NGOs to choose appropriate counterparts to be their mentors.

- Cliff took members advice and will invite suitable organizations to be the mentors.

## 7. Discussion

### 7.1 New programme funded by corporate/foundation that will be launched in this year

- Cliff reported that 3 new partnership projects would be launched this year:
  - A. HKEX intended to provide a grant of HKD10M per year to support NGOs. HKEX and HKCSS are planning to include joint application by NGOs for applying the fund so as to encourage collaboration and innovations to be developed among organizations.
  - B. The Kadoorie Foundation committed to carry out a 9-year plan about supporting ethnic minority through employment, family support and community health. The Foundation visited different organizations that provided services for ethnic minorities and chose to introduce the scheme in Kwai Chung and Yuen Long. HKSKH Lady MacLehose Centre and Yuen Long Town Hall would be engaged in this long-term project.
  - C. A private funder intended to implement a social housing project which aimed at providing transitional housing for youth who discharged from Small Group Homes and Children's Homes. HKCSS will help the funder find NGOs to organize the programme.
- Members agreed with the concepts of those projects. They admired project B and C have clear perspectives and assist in filling the service gaps.

## 8. Progress Report

### 8.1 Caring Company Scheme

- Cliff reported that Caring Company Partnership Expo 2021 will be held in May 2021 and is in preparation. He invited members to participate in the Expo.

### 8.2 WiseGiving

- Cliff reported that HKCSS had administered a privately funded scholarship for social work sub-degree students over the past three years. The private funder agreed to keep on sponsoring the scholarship for 4 more years. The beneficiary remains unchanged but will give priority to students who study elderly service.
- Regarding to the management of the scholarship, Cliff reported that Hong Kong Social Workers Association (HKSWA) was the co-organizer over the past three years and believed they were experienced in managing the fund. Therefore, HKCSS decided to withdraw from being an administrator and hand over to HKSWA to fully organize the scholarship.

### 8.3 Corporate Communications

- Eddie reported the attendance of GIES 2020 is similar to that of previous year at approximately 23,000. Gerontech products rental service was the most popular among featured pavilions and the Gerontech Education and Rental Service Centre would launch a trial run at the end of 2020. Eddie suggested inviting members to visit the centre when the epidemic subsided.
- Due to the fourth wave of COVID-19, Eddie reported that International Day of Persons with Disabilities and the 10th Hong Kong Abilympics are postponed.
- Equal opportunities Commission's Equal Opportunity Employer Recognition Scheme is open for application. Eddie informed members that NGOs are also welcome to apply.

**9. Any other business**

- Cliff mentioned that Link intended to carry out an asset enhancement project for NGO tenants. In other words, it is to help NGO tenants revamp their retail or office spaces. Link initially targeted at 20 tenants in the first year and the cost would be free. Memo will be sent to NGOs for more details about the project.

**10. Date of remaining 3 meetings of this term**

The next 3 meetings were proposed to be held on 25 February 2021 at 3pm, 27 May 2021 at 3pm, and 26 August 2021 at 3pm.

Post-meeting note:

The 2nd meeting on 25 Feb 2021 is rescheduled to 4pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36p.m.