

**Minutes of the  
Social Welfare Advisory Committee (SWAC) Meeting**

**23 April 2013 (Tuesday) at 11:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 4, G/F, Central Government Offices**

**Present**

Mr Vincent LO Wing-sang	(Chairman)
Ms Maggie CHAN Mei-kit	
Ms Anna May CHAN Mei-lan	
Dr Dorothy CHAN YUEN Tak-fai	
Mr David FONG Man-hung	
Mr Laurence HO Wing-him	
Dr IP Yan-ming	
Ms LAM Shuk-yee	
Mr Christopher LAW Kin-chung	
Mr Hansen LEE Hong-kong	
Mr Laurence LI Lu-jen	
Mrs Agnes MAK TANG Pik-yee	
Mr Joseph MAN Hung-yee	
Mr Jovy SUEN Leung-kwong	
Ms Theresa TAO Chee-ying	
Dr Sandra TSANG Kit-man	
Mr Michael WONG Yick-kam	
Ms Sania YAU Sau-wai	
Miss Helen KWAN	(Secretary)

**In Attendance**

**Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB)**

Miss Annie TAM	Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (PSLW)
Ms Wendy LEUNG	Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Welfare)1 (PAS(W)1)

Social Welfare Department (SWD)

Mr Patrick NIP                      Director of Social Welfare (DSW)

Mr KOK Che-leung                Assistant Director (Subventions)

Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund Task Force (TF) under the Commission on Poverty

Prof Stephen CHEUNG          Chairman of the TF

Efficiency Unit (EU)

Mr Kim SALKELD                 Head of EU

Mrs Patricia LAU                 Deputy Head of EU

Miss Sincere LEUNG             Chief Management Services Officer of EU

**Absent with apologies**

Dr Crystal CHENG Lai-ling  
Dr Roy CHUNG Chi-ping  
Mr Edmond LEE Man-bun  
Mrs Teresa TSIEN WONG Bik-kwan  
Mr Charles YANG Chuen-liang

**Discussion Item:    Allocation from the Lotteries Fund (LF) for setting up the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund (SIEDF) [SWAC Paper No. 03/2013]**

Members were briefed on the proposal to establish the SIEDF and asked the following questions/ offered the following comments –

- (a) The objective of the SIEDF was worthy of support. The TF should consider adopting a flexible approach in conducting risk assessment of the projects and making use of all projects, whether they turned out to be successful or not, for knowledge building and promotion of entrepreneurship development and social innovation;
- (b) The SIEDF would provide an excellent platform for people who had sufficient resources or innovative ideas to contribute to the society, as well as connecting these people to work together in developing social innovation;
- (c) The roles and responsibilities of the intermediaries should be clearly defined, and the TF should consider engaging the intermediaries in phases as it was a new funding concept; and
- (d) While the focus of funded projects should be whether they would be effective in addressing social issues, having a sustainable business model would also be important.

2. The Administration gave the following response –

- (a) The TF would be very cautious in safeguarding the interest of the public in the use of public funds. In addition to exploring ways of outreaching to the general public and potential applicants of the SIEDF including youths and elders, e-platform development and collaboration opportunities would be offered to interested parties to support the projects in making a difference and impact to the society;
- (b) The concept of social enterprise had been gaining increasing recognition in the community. A platform for collaboration would be offered to encourage co-operation of social entrepreneurs and organisations, as well as individuals who wished to participate and contribute to the society;
- (c) The SIEDF would focus on addressing social issues, particularly poverty alleviation and empowerment of the underprivileged. Proper governance and monitoring mechanisms would also be in place to ensure that the vetting procedure would be conducted in a fair, transparent and consistent manner; and

- (d) Various measures such as funding in the form of loan, co-investing and investing the unspent part of the Fund would be considered to ensure the proper use of public funds and sustainability of the funding model.

3. The meeting concluded that SWAC supported the proposed allocation of funds from the LF to establish the SIEDF and agreed that it fell within the LF's ambit.

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