<u>Children's Rights Education Funding</u> <u>Scheme opens for application</u>

The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) is inviting applications under the "2020 Children's Rights Education Funding Scheme" (the Scheme). The deadline for application is October 31, 2019.

A spokesman for the CMAB said today (August 23), "The Government is committed to working together with community organisations to promote the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and enhance the public's understanding of children's rights."

Enthusiastic support from organisations for the Scheme has been received in every round of applications since the establishment of the Scheme in 2006. The community activities previously supported through the Scheme targeted a variety of social groups, and served to enhance public awareness of children's rights. So far, the Scheme has funded over 330 projects carried out by various non-governmental organisations, including community organisations, children's groups, ethnic minority groups, as well as primary and secondary schools.

The Scheme in 2020 will offer sponsorships under the "District-focused Project" and "Territory-wide Project" categories. Applicants may engage children and other stakeholders in learning proactively about the rights of children enshrined in the Convention through organising different types of activities or services. The Government aims to encourage and enable more community organisations to undertake educational projects under the Scheme.

Application forms are available from the website of the CMAB (www.cmab.gov.hk/en/issues/child_funding.htm). For enquiries, please contact the Children's Rights Unit of the CMAB at 3655 4179.