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- \* Mr Stanley Wong Yuen-fai

Deputy Chairman:

- \* Professor Nora Tam Fung-yee

Members:

- \* Mr Cary Chan Wing-hong
- \* Dr Michael Lau Wai-neng
- \* Professor Lau Chi-pang
- \* Ms Julia Lau Man-kwan
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## Appointments to Small and Medium Enterprises Committee

The Government today (December 28) announced appointments to the new term of the Small and Medium Enterprises Committee (SMEC) for the period from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020.

The new term of the SMEC comprises 24 members, with Mr Michael Hui Wah-kit as the Chairman. Other non-official members mainly include businessmen, professionals and small and medium enterprise (SME) players.

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau,

thanked the new Chairman and members for accepting this important task. Mr Yau said, "SMEs are the backbone of Hong Kong's economy. Over the years, the SMEC has provided a lot of constructive advice to the Government, and made significant contributions in supporting SMEs. I am confident that the new term of the SMEC, under the chairmanship of Mr Hui, will continue to offer valuable advice and assist the Government in formulating policies conducive to the development of SMEs.

"I would also like to thank Dr Jonathan Choi Koon-shum, the outgoing Chairman, and other outgoing members for their valuable contributions to the Government during their terms of office. Under Dr Choi's distinguished leadership, the roles and functions of the SMEC have been enhanced to better support and facilitate the development of SMEs."

The SMEC advises the Chief Executive on issues affecting the development of SMEs in Hong Kong, and suggests measures to support and facilitate their development and growth.

The 2019-2020 membership of the SMEC is as follows:

Mr Michael Hui Wah-kit (Chairman)

#### Non-official members

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Professor Kevin Au Yuk-fai	
Miss Mabel Chan Mei-bo	
Ms Cheung Yee-mei	
Dr Stephen Kwok Chun-pong	
Ms Serena Lau Sze-wan	
Mr Theodore Mak Chung-wo	
Mr Jimmy Ng Wing-ka	
Dr Thomas Su Yu-hong	
Mrs Elizabeth Tse Wong Siu-yin	
Mr Luther Wong Lok-tak	
Mr Eric Yeung Chuen-sing	
Dr Daniel Yip Chung-yin	
Mr Kenneth Chan Kin-nin	(newly appointed)
Mr Joe Chau Kwok-ming	(newly appointed)
Mr Stanley Szeto Chi-yan	(newly appointed)
Mr Antonio Wong Shek-tung	(newly appointed)
Ms Diana Wong	(newly appointed)
Mr Brian Wu Pak-hei	(newly appointed)

Representative of the Hong Kong Productivity Council

Representative of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council

Representative of the Vocational Training Council

#### Official members

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Director-General of Trade and Industry

Deputy Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

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## Temporary traffic arrangements at East Kowloon Way this Sunday

The Transport Department (TD) today (December 28) reminded members of the public that to facilitate urgent road repair works, the fast lane of the section of East Kowloon Way westbound between Lok Shan Road and Shek Tong Street will be temporarily closed to all vehicular traffic from 8am to 5pm this Sunday (December 30).

Due to the lane closure, the TD anticipates that the traffic along Kai Tak Tunnel westbound and East Kowloon Way westbound will be relatively busy during the above period. Motorists passing through the road section concerned should exercise tolerance and patience and drive with utmost care. Appropriate traffic signs will be erected on-site to guide motorists.

Motorists are advised to consider using alternative routes to Kowloon Central and Kowloon West. They are also advised to plan their journeys in advance and allow more travelling time to avoid unexpected delay.

The TD and the Police will closely monitor the traffic situation and implement appropriate measures whenever necessary. Members of the public are advised to stay alert to the latest traffic news on radio and television.

Details of the temporary traffic arrangement are now available on the TD's website ([www.td.gov.hk](http://www.td.gov.hk)).

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## Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged and its Dedicated Portion for Implementing After-school Learning and Support Programmes open for new round of application

The Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) (Regular Portion's 12th Round Application) and the Dedicated Portion of the PFD for Implementing After-school Learning and Support Programmes (Dedicated Portion's Fifth Round Application) managed by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) opened for application today (December 28). Welfare non-governmental organisations

(NGOs) and eligible primary and secondary schools are encouraged to submit proposals.

The Government set up the PFD in 2005 for promoting tripartite partnership among the welfare sector, business corporations and the Government to help the disadvantaged. To date the Government has injected a total of \$1.2 billion. Apart from a commitment of \$800 million for the Regular Portion of the PFD to help the disadvantaged, a total of \$400 million has been earmarked as Dedicated Portion. Since its launch in 2015, the Dedicated Portion has been actively promoting the "Citizens-Business-Government-School" collaboration to implement more after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary students from grassroots families to facilitate their whole-person development.

A spokesman for the SWD said that the first 11 rounds of the Regular Portion Applications of the PFD have approved matching grants worth over \$437 million for 185 welfare NGOs sponsored by over 1 500 business partners. More than 1 million disadvantaged persons have benefitted from a total of 923 welfare projects. The first four rounds of Dedicated Portion applications attracted a favourable response. Around \$180 million matching grants have been approved for 239 after-school learning and support projects so far. Over 300 business organisations participated in the projects, benefitting more than 100 000 primary and secondary students in total.

Summaries of the two applications are as follows:

	The 12th Round Regular Portion Application	The Fifth Round Dedicated Portion Application
Eligible applicants	Bona-fide charitable welfare NGOs having tax-exempted status under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap 112)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bona-fide charitable welfare NGOs having tax-exempted status under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap 112)</li><li>• Public sector primary and secondary schools including government schools, aided schools and caput schools, and schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme</li></ul>
Contents of the projects	Social welfare projects for the disadvantaged	After-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary students from grassroots families
Application guides and forms	SWD homepage: <a href="http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_supportser/sub_partnership">www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_supportser/sub_partnership</a>	SWD homepage: <a href="http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_supportser/sub_dedicatedportion">www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_supportser/sub_dedicatedportion</a>
Deadlines for applications	June 28, 2019 (First phase) and September 30, 2019 (Second phase)	March 29, 2019

Details of the Regular Portion and the Dedicated Portion of the PFD are available on SWD homepage: [www.swd.gov.hk](http://www.swd.gov.hk). For enquiries about the applications, please contact the Secretariat of the PFD during office hours on 2892 5104/2892 5306, or by email to [pmpfd@swd.gov.hk](mailto:pmpfd@swd.gov.hk).