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Community and Youth Development

Detailed Progress

I Facilitate community development and service provision

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
<p>To implement a package of proposals arising from the District Councils (DCs) Review to enhance the roles and functions of the DCs in five main areas, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) enhancing the DCs' roles in advising and monitoring the provision, delivery and management of district services and facilities; (b) enhancing communication between DCs and the Government; (c) enhancing DC members' participation in the policy-making process; (d) strengthening support for DCs and DC members; and 	<p>To implement some of the proposals before end-2001 and the rest thereafter within the current term of the DCs (2001)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>(e) enhancing the DCs' accountability and efficiency</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i></p>		
<p>To provide additional subvention to non-uniformed youth groups (namely the Agency for Volunteer Services and the Hong Kong Award for Young People) to cope with growing membership and expansion of services</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To increase the subvention for the Agency for Volunteer Services and the Hong Kong Award for Young People in 2002-2003</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To study the influence of information technology (IT) on young people</p> <p><i>(Commission on Youth)</i></p>	<p>To complete the study in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To conduct an opinion survey on civic awareness</p> <p><i>(Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education)</i></p>	<p>To carry out the survey in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

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<p>To promote the wider use of IT in the community, under joint efforts with the Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau and the Information Technology Services Department, the private sector and non-governmental organisations (NGOs)</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Department (HAD)/ Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau/Information Technology Services Department)</i></p>	<p>To promote introductory training programme for DC members by end-2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To amend the Chinese Temples Ordinance to ensure that its provisions meet the changing needs of the community</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To complete drafting instructions by end-2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To enhance our capacity to review services provided for new arrivals, to encourage NGOs to implement new initiatives to help new arrivals and to conduct regular surveys on new arrivals to better understand their problems and needs</p> <p><i>(HAD)</i></p>	<p>● To conduct four quarterly surveys in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To hold round-table meetings with NGOs regularly to evaluate the effectiveness and adequacy of the existing services provided to new arrivals and to exchange views on how these services can be enhanced <p><i>(2000 and 1998)</i></p>	
<p>To improve the existing surveys on the profile and needs of new arrivals to facilitate effective planning and delivery of services</p> <p><i>(HAD)</i></p>	<p>To co-ordinate with various departments in conducting surveys on new arrivals with a view to streamlining and improving the surveys in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

2 Create and maintain a community support infrastructure

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To further upgrade the infrastructure and improve the local environment <i>(Home Affairs Department (HAD))</i>	To implement additional minor works projects in all 18 districts in 2002-2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To put village representative elections under statutory control to ensure that these elections are held in an open and equitable manner <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/HAD)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To further discuss with the Heung Yee Kuk the proposed legislative framework in 2000-2001 <i>(2000)</i> ● To devise a formal framework for rural elections <i>(1999)</i> 	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To re-develop the Chai Wan Community Centre to provide a central facility for youth development activities which will include facilities for conferences, seminars, workshops, and international exchange programmes <i>(HAB)</i>	To complete the project by 2003 <i>(1998)</i>	Piling and basement works are now in progress. An architectural design competition was held in 2000. The target completion date for the project has been rescheduled to end-2005 as a result of the time required to hold the competition and thence the selection of the winning design. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>

3 Build community awareness and responsiveness

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review the Charter for Youth (Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))	To review the Charter again in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To organise a joint parade by 11 uniformed youth groups under the theme of “Hong Kong, Our Home” (HAB)	To hold the parade in late 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To promote the youth development programme (HAB)	To allocate more recurrent resources for the activities and funding schemes under the programme in 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To enhance the Community Participation Scheme (HAB)	To provide more resources to the Scheme in 2002-2003 so that more non-governmental organisations can organise civic education projects at the district level (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

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<p>To enhance publicity on civic education</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>In 2002-2003, to produce and broadcast a series of short animation programmes on television to promote civic responsibility and good citizenship</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To promote civic education</p> <p><i>(Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education)</i></p>	<p>To produce a series of handbooks for parents and newsletters for Primary One to Primary Three students for distribution to the public and schools starting from the 2000-2001 school year</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To step up liaison with youth groups, particularly those not receiving government subventions</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To encourage these youth groups to organise more community-based projects for the participation of the young people</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

4 Nurture the growth of a stronger understanding of our community and culture

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To promote community participation in activities organised under the theme “Hong Kong, Our Home” <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i>	In 2001-2002, to adopt selected winning proposals from the “Hong Kong, Our Home” Project Competition for future activities under the same theme <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To continue to encourage more non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to organise study tours to the Mainland for young people <i>(HAB)</i>	To encourage NGOs to organise study tours which enable young people to understand Chinese heritage and culture and participate in voluntary work <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To step up community education and publicity to promote community acceptance of new arrivals <i>(Home Affairs Department)</i>	To work jointly with relevant NGOs to launch a community education programme in 2000-2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

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<p>To produce more educational packages to promote “understanding of our nation” and “sense of belonging to our community”</p> <p>(HAB)</p>	<p>To produce two educational packages for mass distribution each year from 1999 onwards</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>