

MESSAGE

We treasure a harmonious society with broad public participation in community affairs and a strong sense of belonging. Our major objective is thus to foster a close network of civic bodies and a voluntary support infrastructure in the community, as well as to build community awareness and facilitate the community spirit that Hong Kong is our home.



The District Administration Scheme is the principal strategic instrument for the achievement of the objective. It provides an effective channel of two-way communication between the Government and the public, thereby ensuring that the public's views on Government policies and programmes are taken into account. Following the establishment of the new District Councils (DCs) in January 2000, the Government has introduced a package of measures to further enhance the role and functions of the DCs in monitoring the delivery of food and environmental hygiene services and in promoting cultural, recreational and sports activities at the district level. We will continue to examine how the role and functions of the DCs can be further strengthened and will strive to ensure that Government departments remain responsive to public views and the needs of the community.

Youth development remains an important area of our work, supported by the advice and help rendered by the Commission on Youth and the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education. We will continue to implement programmes that aim to enable our young people to develop their full potential and to promote their sense of belonging to Hong Kong. Our efforts are targeted to increase the young people's commitment to positive values, enhance their understanding of our culture and heritage, help them develop abilities for personal fulfillment and for active involvement in the HKSAR's development, and encourage their participation in community and voluntary work. The objective is to enable our young people to make the most of their talents so that they can lead a full and meaningful life as well

as contribute to the development of the HKSAR. We shall encourage non-governmental organisations, schools, parents, the private sector and, above all, the young people themselves to join our efforts in the process.

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Community and Youth Development

Policy Objective and Key Result Areas

COMMUNITY AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Our Policy Objective is to promote community and youth development to nurture civic responsibility and a sense of belonging.

Overall Targets

Our targets this year in pursuing this Policy Objective are –

- to achieve a high level of public participation in community affairs
- to enhance the level of awareness of the public of their civic responsibilities
- to enhance the level of awareness about community and youth services available
- to enhance the sense of belonging amongst the community

Progress

Overall, a successful year in which almost all the targets we set for ourselves in 1999 have either been completed in good time or are proceeding on schedule. Our efforts in promoting voter registration and voter turnout were particularly successful, with a record of 3 million people registered as electors after the 2000 Voter Registration Campaign; over 810 000 voters casting their votes in the first District Councils (DCs) Elections on 28 November 1999 and over 1.33 million voters voting in the 2000 Legislative Council Elections. We have continued our programme of forming Mutual Aid Committees (MACs) and Owners' Corporations (OCs), and such activities as the Community Participation Scheme which encourages community organisations to organise civic education activities at the district level. In the past year, we have implemented various measures to enhance the role and functions of the DCs established on 1 January 2000 to replace the former Provisional District Boards. We have also fostered a close partnership with the providers of community services in the non-government sector with a view to strengthening our community support infrastructure.

On youth development and civic education, we have continued to organise territory-wide and district level civic education programmes to promote civic awareness and responsibilities in the community, especially among our young people. We promote community participation by inviting community organisations and youth groups to join us in organising publicity programmes under the theme “Hong Kong, Our Home”. We also continue our youth development programmes including funding schemes and exchange programmes which seek to realise the full potential of the young people.

We also achieved the following progress in our four Key Result Areas (KRAs).

1 Facilitate community development and service provision

District administration: Over the last 12 months, we have conducted 437 consultations on territory-wide issues and 1 847 consultations on district issues. These exercises have resulted in better co-ordination with district advisory bodies. We have also implemented a package of measures to strengthen the role and functions of the DCs.

Services for new arrivals: To enable us to assess the service needs of the new arrivals, we have in the past year conducted four surveys on the profile and needs of new arrivals and maintained close liaison with the non-governmental service providers through regular round-table meetings and visits. A database on the demographic characteristics on new arrivals has also been established to facilitate service planning.

Youth development and civic education: In the past 12 months, we continued to seek the advice of the Commission on Youth on matters pertaining to youth. In order to better equip our young people to cope with the rapid social and technological changes of the new millennium, we undertook to conduct a study on the influence of information technology on youth. In addition, the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education completed an opinion survey in May 2000 to assess the community’s perception on civic responsibilities and community participation.

2 Create and maintain a community support infrastructure

Community development: Since 1999, about 490 MACs/OCs have been formed. We have made good progress under the Rural Public Works Programme and implemented the Urban Minor Works

Programme. Our efforts to encourage voter registration were exceptionally successful with about 3 million registered as electors.

Youth development: Work on the development of a centre for youth development in Chai Wan is making good progress. To encourage public participation in the development of this important community project, we launched an architectural design competition in June 2000.

3 Build community awareness and responsiveness

Community development: We have met our target to publish a new edition of our handbook for new arrivals in September 2000. The handbook contains more up-to-date information on services provided to new arrivals.

Youth development and civic education: The civic education and youth development programmes that we undertook to conduct in 1999 have been implemented smoothly according to schedule. In particular, we launched the Youth Development Funding Scheme to encourage community organisations and youth groups to organise leadership training programmes and volunteer projects for the young people. We have also continued to promote the principles and ideals enshrined in the Charter for Youth through a series of publicity programmes.

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

In 1999, we continued the civic education programmes and community participation projects which aimed to foster a stronger sense of belonging to the HKSAR and an appreciation of the Chinese culture and heritage. These included educational packages, publicity campaigns and study tours to the Mainland for young people. A “Hong Kong, Our Home” project competition was launched in September 2000.

Progress on each previously announced initiative under the above KRAs is set out in the “Detailed Progress” section of this report.

Looking Forward

To achieve our overall targets this year, we will undertake the following initiatives and targets under each of the KRAs for the coming year.

1

Facilitate community development and service provision

The District Administration Scheme provides a channel for the Government to understand the views of the public and identify any shortfall in the provision of services. We assist Government bureaux and departments in consulting the district advisory bodies on territory-wide and district issues. In so doing, we ensure that public views on important issues are taken account of in the policy-making process. We also ensure that improvements are made to the local environment and to the quality of life of people in the district.

We are committed to ensuring that new arrivals in Hong Kong quickly integrate into our community and contribute to our society. We conduct regular surveys to understand their problems and needs, and liaise with bureaux, departments and service providers in the planning and delivery of services to meet their needs.

It is important that our young people become civic-minded, caring and responsible citizens of the community. We would continue to seek the advice of the Commission on Youth on how our young people could take up a more active role in building up the HKSAR and in voluntary work.

To ensure that our civic education programmes are able to meet the changing needs of society, the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education conducts regular opinion surveys on civic awareness.

We will assess our performance in respect of this KRA against the following indicators –

- The extent to which services are provided. Our target is to ensure that service needs are identified.
- The number of surveys conducted and the meetings held with the stakeholders on the provision of services for new arrivals and young people. Our target is to conduct six surveys and hold four meetings in 2001.

We will pursue the following initiatives and targets to deliver results in this area –

Initiative *	Target
To study the influence of information technology (IT) on young people <i>(Commission on Youth)</i>	To complete the study in 2001
To develop and implement a new target-oriented subvention mechanism for uniformed youth groups that provide youth development activities for young people <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i>	To implement the new subvention mechanism in 2001-2002
To conduct an opinion survey on civic awareness <i>(Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education)</i>	To carry out the survey in 2001
To review the role and functions of the District Councils <i>(HAB)</i>	To complete the review in 2001
To strengthen co-ordination with district advisory bodies <i>(HAB/Home Affairs Department (HAD))</i>	To encourage bureaux and departments to consult the District Councils as far as possible on territory-wide and district issues

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

Initiative	Target
<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>(HAD/Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau/ Information Technology Services Department)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To promote introductory training programme for District Councils members by end-2001 ● To facilitate e-communication between District Councils and members of the public by setting up independent District Council homepages by end-2000 ● To promote the use of IT in the community by providing 244 public computers by end-2000 ● To promote the wider use of IT within the community, especially women groups, by introducing training programmes by early 2001
<p>To promote the Summer Youth Programme (SYP) via the Internet</p> <p><i>(HAD)</i></p>	<p>To encourage more community participation by attracting a hit rate of 1 000 000 for the SYP Website (www.summeryouth.org.hk) in 2001</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>To maintain and publish the information held in the database on the demographic characteristics of new arrivals to facilitate service planning</p> <p><i>(HAB/HAD)</i></p>	<p>To publish the first quarterly report and upload it onto the homepages of the Home Affairs Bureau and Home Affairs Department by end-2000</p>

Initiative	Target
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct four quarterly surveys in 2001 ● 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>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 the various departments conducting surveys on new arrivals with a view to streamlining and improving the surveys in 2001</p>

To foster closer ties between the community and the Government and to encourage public participation in activities promoting community welfare, we maintain an extensive liaison network with local residents and community organisations. We provide and manage community halls and centres, which provide venues for civic education and community building activities.

We provide Area Committees with the necessary support to assist them in dealing with local issues. Our District Offices help to set up and maintain regular liaison with Mutual Aid Committees and Owners' Corporations to ensure that their concerns and problems are brought to the notice of the relevant departments for action.

The Home Affairs Department, through its liaison network and close ties with the rural communities, implements the Rural Public Works Programme and minor works projects to improve the rural environment.

Through the work of a Co-ordinating Committee on New Arrival Services supported by district co-ordinating committees and overseen by a Steering Committee on New Arrival Services, we co-ordinate the provision of services to help new arrivals in Hong Kong integrate into the community. We also maintain a partnership with non-governmental organisations in assisting new arrivals.

We will assess our performance in respect of this KRA against the following indicators –

- The median utilisation rate of multi-purpose halls in community halls and centres. Our target is to achieve 60% utilisation rate.
- The number of programmes carried out to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of the community. Our target is to complete as many of the planned programmes for 2001-2002 as possible.

We will pursue the following initiatives and targets to deliver results in this area –

Initiative	Target
<p>To improve the local environment and eliminate hygiene blackspots in the urban areas</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/ Home Affairs Department (HAD))</i></p>	<p>To implement the \$35 million Urban Minor Works Programme by mid-2001 to improve the environment in urban areas</p>
<p>To put village representative elections under statutory control to ensure that these elections are held in an open and equitable manner</p> <p><i>(HAB/HAD)</i></p>	<p>To further discuss with the Heung Yee Kuk the proposed legislative framework in 2000-2001</p>

The Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education promotes civic awareness among the general public by organising territory-wide projects such as –

- the annual Civic Education Day and annual Civic Education Exhibition
- workshops and competitions
- television and radio programmes
- production of educational materials on a wide range of civic education topics

The Committee also operates a funding scheme to enable non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to organise civic education projects to promote civic awareness and understanding of the Basic Law.

We also promote community involvement by encouraging District Councils to make use of the District Council funds to organise similar activities.

To help new arrivals build up knowledge of the community and the services available to them, we publish and regularly update a service handbook. The handbooks are distributed to new arrivals at the Lo Wu checkpoint, our Public Enquiry Services Centres and other Government and NGO outlets.

We organise the territory-wide Summer Youth Programme annually for children and young people aged between 6 and 25. We also encourage NGOs and youth groups to organise exchange programmes in co-operation with similar organisations overseas.

To enhance youth development, the Commission on Youth advises the Government on matters affecting young people and also publishes a Charter for Youth to promote the principles and ideals of youth development.

We will assess our performance in respect of this KRA against the following indicators –

- The level of subscription of organisations and individuals to the Charter for Youth. Our target is to achieve an increase in the subscription level over the past year.
- The number of education, publicity and other awareness building measures implemented. Our target is to maintain the existing number of such measures.
- The number of applications under the Community Participation Scheme. Our target is to involve as many organisations and community groups as possible.
- The level of involvement in voluntary support activities and associations. Our target is to achieve a high level of involvement.

We will pursue the following initiatives and targets to deliver results in this area –

Initiative	Target
To promote civic education <i>(Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education)</i>	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
To step up liaison with youth groups, particularly those not receiving government subventions <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i>	To encourage these youth groups to organise more community-based projects for the participation of the young people
To expand the International Youth Exchange Programme and invite greater involvement by non-governmental organisations <i>(HAB)</i>	To include more countries in the 2001-2002 programmes

4

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

With the reunification, the people of Hong Kong have assumed a new identity. It is important that the community should develop a stronger sense of belonging to the HKSAR and its culture and heritage through civic education programmes and community participation projects. We will strengthen our efforts to instil a sense of belonging in the community through civic education.

We will assess our performance in respect of this KRA against the following indicator –

- The degree of public understanding of our community and culture. Our target is to continue to encourage a high degree of public understanding of our community and culture.

We will pursue the following initiatives and targets to deliver results in this area –

Initiative	Target
<p>To promote community participation in activities organised under the theme “Hong Kong, Our Home”</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i></p>	<p>To complete a “Hong Kong, Our Home” Project Competition in November 2000</p>
<p>To step up community education and publicity to promote community acceptance of new arrivals</p> <p><i>(HAB/Home Affairs Department (HAD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To produce a radio/TV Announcement of Public Interests and other publicity materials in 2001 ● To work jointly with relevant non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to launch a community education programme in 2000-2001

Initiative	Target
To continue to encourage more 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 have an in-depth understanding of Chinese heritage and culture

Community and Youth Development

Detailed Progress

1

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 +
To conduct the 1999 annual opinion survey on civic awareness <i>(Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education)</i>	To carry out the survey in end-1999 <i>(1999)</i>	The survey was completed in May 2000. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To strengthen the role of the District Councils (DCs) by increasing their involvement in monitoring food and environmental hygiene services at the district level and the promotion of district cultural, recreational and sports activities; and appointing more DC members to advisory bodies relating to people's livelihood <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i>	To introduce the changes in 2000 <i>(1999)</i>	A package of measures to enhance the role and functions of the DCs were introduced following the establishment of the 18 District Councils on 1 January 2000. <i>(Action Completed)</i>

* 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>To create a database on the demographic characteristics of new arrivals to facilitate the planning of services for new arrivals</p> <p><i>(HAB/Home Affairs Department (HAD))</i></p>	<p>To establish the database in 2000</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>The database was created in September 2000.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To strengthen co-ordination with district advisory bodies</p> <p><i>(HAB/HAD)</i></p>	<p>To encourage bureaux and departments to consult the Provisional District Boards as far as possible on territory-wide issues and district issues</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have, over the past 12 months, conducted 437 consultations on territory-wide issues and 1 847 consultations on district issues. ● Since the establishment of the DCs in January 2000, the Director of Home Affairs has been holding monthly meetings with the DC Chairmen. Bureau Secretaries and Heads of Departments have been invited to join these meetings and exchange views with the Chairmen on their respective areas of work. <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To review the Chinese Temples Ordinance to ensure that its provisions meet the changing needs of the community</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>By mid-1999, to identify the provisions which should be revised and formulate recommendations accordingly</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>We have formulated recommendations which have subsequently been agreed by the Chinese Temples Committee.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance our capacity to review services provided for new arrivals, to encourage non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to implement new initiatives to help new arrivals and to conduct regular surveys on new arrivals to understand their problems and needs</p> <p><i>(HAD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct quarterly surveys on new arrivals in 1999 to assess the problems and needs of the new arrivals and to facilitate improvements to new arrivals' services ● To hold round-table meetings with NGOs twice a year to evaluate the effectiveness and adequacy of existing services provided for new arrivals and to exchange views on how to enhance these services <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We conducted four surveys in 1999 and three surveys in the first three quarters of 2000. The survey for the fourth quarter of 2000 is underway. <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The last round-table meeting was held in July 2000, and the next one will be held in the latter half of 2000. <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>

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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
<p>To encourage non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to form community-based district youth organisations</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i></p>	<p>To form at least one new district youth council</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>The efforts of an NGO to form a new district youth council did not succeed. We shall continue to render assistance to NGOs that are interested in this area of work.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To assist in the publicity campaigns for the first District Councils (DCs) Elections and the 2000 Legislative Council (LegCo) Elections and the 1999-2000 Voter Registration drive</p> <p><i>(HAB/Home Affairs Department (HAD))</i></p>	<p>To register as many eligible permanent residents as possible as electors and to encourage all registered electors to turn out at the elections</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The publicity campaigns for the 1999 DCs Elections and the 2000 LegCo Elections had been successfully completed. A record of over 810 000 voters cast their votes in the DCs Elections. Over 1.33 million voters cast their votes in the 2000 LegCo Elections, representing a turnout rate of 43.57%. ● The 2000 Voter Registration Campaign was successfully completed. There are now over 3 million registered electors. <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To upgrade the infrastructure and improve rural living conditions and environment <i>(HAB/HAD)</i></p>	<p>To implement minor works projects in 2000-2001 in improving the rural environment under the Rural Public Works Programme <i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>As at 30 September 2000, we had spent \$23.5 million under the Rural Public Works Programme. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To formulate proposals to further improve the framework of the rural elections <i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To devise a formal framework for rural elections <i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>We are consulting the Heung Yee Kuk on the key elements of the proposed formal framework. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To establish a forum for local participation in the improvement of rural areas <i>(HAD)</i></p>	<p>To set up a Steering Committee for Rural Public Works Programme to be chaired by a non-official <i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>A Steering Committee had been established. <i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To encourage the formation of district bodies and building-based residents' organisations <i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To form at least 270 new Mutual Aid Committees (MACs)/ Owners' Corporations (OCs) in 1999 <i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>Since 1999, about 490 MACs/OCs have been formed. <i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To complete the Rural Planning Improvement Strategy (Minor Works) Programme and to implement the annual minor environmental improvement projects so as to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural community</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To spend up to \$588 million in 1999-2000 in improving the rural environment</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>We had spent \$356 million in 1999-2000 because of lower tender price and the short delay in completion of the works projects. The remaining sum (\$232 million) will be spent in 2000-2001.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: Behind Schedule)</i></p>
<p>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</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To complete the project by 2003</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>We were organising an architectural design competition which will be completed by the end of 2000. Owing to the time it takes to carry out the competition, we have revised the completion date of the project to 2004.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: Behind Schedule)</i></p>

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 step up liaison with youth groups, particularly those not receiving government subventions <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i>	To enable more young people to participate in community-based projects <i>(1999)</i>	We co-organised with 15 youth organisations a large-scale Youth Jamboree for some 2 000 young people in December 1999. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To organise district-based roving exhibitions on the promotion of the Basic Law in the local community <i>(HAB)</i>	To build up community awareness of the Basic Law in the lead up to the 10th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law in April 2000 <i>(1999)</i>	We organised Basic Law roving exhibitions in the shopping arcades of six housing estates located in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories from April to September 2000. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To provide more and updated information to new arrivals on services to facilitate their early integration into the community and to promote their sense of civic awareness <i>(HAB)</i>	To produce and distribute in 2000 a new edition of the handbook for new arrivals <i>(1999)</i>	The fifth edition of the handbook was published in September 2000. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To promote the principles and ideals for youth development enshrined in the Charter for Youth <i>(HAB)</i>	To expand the subscription to the Charter for Youth in 1999-2000 <i>(1998)</i>	The number of subscriptions to the Charter for Youth increased from 2 212 in 1998-1999 to 2 398 in 1999-2000. <i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To expand the Community Participation Scheme under the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To increase the amount of sponsorship available under the Scheme in 1999-2000</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>We had sponsored 172 civic education projects at \$4.4 million under the Scheme in 1999-2000, as compared with 93 projects at \$2.8 million in 1998-1999. All these projects were completed by March 2000.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To expand the International Youth Exchange Programme and invite greater involvement by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To increase the number of youths joining the Programme in 1999-2000</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>In 1999-2000, 98 young people, from Hong Kong and overseas, participated in the exchange programme, an increase from 23 participants in 1998-1999.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To strengthen liaison with NGOs and relevant Government departments to organise more volunteer projects and leadership training programmes for young people</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To enable more NGOs and young people to participate in volunteer projects and leadership training programmes in 1999-2000</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>This will become an on-going activity. We implemented the Youth Development Funding Scheme in January 2000 to sponsor youth development projects with particular emphasis on leadership training. We also launched a new phase of the Youth Community Service Funding Scheme in June 2000 to promote volunteerism.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To operate the Basic Law Promotion Funding Scheme to subsidise projects organised by community organisations for their specific target groups <i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To encourage more community organisations to organise projects for promoting the Basic Law in 1999-2000 by funding at least 20 projects <i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>We had subsidised 64 projects on the promotion of the Basic Law in 1999-2000. All these projects were completed by March 2000. <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 a sense of belonging among young people <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i>	To organise the Youth Jamboree in December 1999 <i>(1999)</i>	The Youth Jamboree was held from 24 to 26 December 1999 at Wan Tsai near the Sai Kung West Country Park. Some 2 000 young people participated in this programme. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To continue to encourage more non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to organise study tours to the Mainland for young people <i>(HAB)</i>	To enable more young people to visit the Mainland through projects organised by different NGOs in 1999-2000 <i>(1998 and 1997)</i>	We had sponsored 165 study tours in 1999-2000, enabling 5 400 young people to visit the Mainland. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To promote community participation in activities organised under “Hong Kong, Our Home” <i>(HAB)</i>	To enable community-wide participation in the programmes <i>(1998)</i>	In 2000, we will organise a “Hong Kong, Our Home” Project Competition to encourage students, families, organisations and the general public to submit creative proposals to support the “Hong Kong, Our Home” campaign. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To produce more educational packages to promote “understanding of our nation” and “sense of belonging to our community”</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To produce two educational packages for mass distribution each year from 1999 onwards</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>In 2000, we will produce two educational packages for distribution to kindergartens, schools and voluntary agencies.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To help promote healthy messages through the organisation of community involvement events, in support of the campaign on “Healthy Living into the 21st Century”</p> <p><i>(Health and Welfare Bureau)</i></p>	<p>To encourage the organisation of community involvement events for the campaign in 1999-2000</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>The Environmental and Food Bureau has taken over this subject. Please refer to the booklet “Clean Environment, Safe Food” for the present position of this initiative.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>