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Attachment 1

(a)

Funds established by the Government for specific purposes

	Name of Fund	Year of Establishment	Purpose	Establishment Instrument	Initial Injection at Establishment		Audited Net Asset Value as at 1.7.1997 (\$M)	Audited Net Asset Value as at 31.3.2011 (\$M)
					Government (\$M)	Other (\$M)		
1	Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (SDTFR) - Main Fund	1970	For provision of, or assistance in the provision of facilities for recreational, sporting, cultural and social activities.	Established under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation Ordinance (Cap. 1128)	0	3.2	Not Available	156.994
2	SDTFR - Sports Aid for the Disabled Fund	1985	To promote sport for disabled people.	Established under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation Ordinance (Cap. 1128)	1.5	0	Not Available	7.52
3	SDTFR - Sports Aid Foundation Fund	1987	To assist financially needy athletes in their pursuit of excellence.	Established under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation Ordinance (Cap. 1128)	5	0	Not Available	61.606
4	SDTFR - Arts Development Fund	1993	To fund outbound cultural exchange activities by local artists and art groups, in particular, the small and budding artists and art groups.	Established under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation Ordinance (Cap. 1128)	30	0	Not Available	16.842

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				Government (\$M)	Other (\$M)		
5 SDTFR - Hong Kong Athletes Fund	1996	To provide grants for educational and other academic training to individual athletes to allow them to pursue excellence in their chosen sport and to provide them with the opportunity to develop alternative careers upon retirement from competitive sport.	Established under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation Ordinance (Cap. 1128)	8	5.171	Not Available	26.797
6 SDTFR - Arts and Sport Development Fund	1997	To provide funding for the key initiatives of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the then Hong Kong Sports Development Board in their respective five-year strategic plans, and other projects that, in the Secretary for Home Affairs' opinion, will make significant contribution to the further development of the arts and sport in the community.	Established under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation Ordinance (Cap. 1128)	300	0	Not Available	3,265.2

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				Government (\$M)	Other (\$M)		
7 Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme (SLAS) Fund	1984	SLAS aims at providing legal aid to the middle class. SLAS is applicable for claims arising from personal injuries or death or medical, dental and legal professional negligence claims with claim amounts exceeding \$60,000. SLAS also covers claims under the Employees Compensation Ordinance irrespective of the claim amounts.	Established under the Legal Aid Ordinance (Cap. 91)	1	0	Not available	89.51
8 Hong Kong Arts Development Council Fund	1994	To provide seed money for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council to promote the development of the arts	Established under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation Ordinance (Cap. 1128) (Note 1)	100	0	Not available	1.95
9 Cantonese Opera Development Fund	2005	To support and fund studies, projects and activities aimed to promote and sustain the development of Cantonese opera.	Established under the Declaration of Trust	0	3.55 from fund-raising (before deduction of fund-raising related expenses)	Fund not yet established	89.30

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				Government (\$M)	Other (\$M)		
10 Trust Fund in Support of Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas	2008	Support the reconstruction in the Sichuan earthquake affected areas for the relieving and rehabilitation of victim.	Established under the Declaration of Trust	2,000 (Note 2)	Public donations were received after the establishment of the Trust Fund	Fund not yet established	124.286
11 Community Care Fund (CCF)	2011	To provide assistance to people facing economic difficulties, in particular those who fall outside the social safety net or those within the safety net but have special circumstances that are not covered.	Established under the Declaration of Trust	5,000 (Note 3)	(Note 4)	Fund not yet established	300 (Note 5)

Hong Kong Arts Development Council Fund

Note 1: All balances of the fund was transferred to the HKADC for management when it became a statutory body in 1995

Trust Fund in Support of Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas

Note 2: The LegCo has injected thrice to the Trust Fund at a total of \$9 billion. The first injection was on 18.7.2008 amounted \$2 billion. The second and third time injections were on 20.2.2009 and 3.7.2009, the amounts were \$4 billion and \$3 billion respectively.

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Note 3: After the establishment of the CCF, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved an injection of \$5 billion into the CCF in May 2011.

Note 4: Excluding donations from various sources.

Note 5: Donations from various sources (including interest).

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Funds established by the Government for specific purposes – Revenue and expenditure from 1997-98 to 2010-11

Name of Fund	2010-11 (\$M)	2009-10 (\$M)	2008-09 (\$M)	2007-08 (\$M)	2006-07 (\$M)	2005-06 (\$M)	2004-05 (\$M)	2003-04 (\$M)	2002-03 (\$M)	2001-02 (\$M)	2000-01 (\$M)	1999- 2000 (\$M)	1998-99 (\$M)	1997-98 (\$M)
1 SDTFR - Main Fund														
Government injection	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other revenue	13.521	38.460	5.350	13.788	25.892	19.632	9.492	35.546	5.432	5.994	13.547	21.589	4.385	7.055
Total expenditure	7.599	17.059	52.793	4.595	29.719	4.984	3.097	2.506	22.239	19.304	22.979	7.326	6.479	4.487
2 SDTFR - Sports Aid for the Disabled Fund														
Government injection	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other revenue	0.096	0.125	0.176	0.291	0.327	0.244	0.346	0.417	0.250	0.974	1.590	0.470	0.503	0.492
Total expenditure	0.001	0.004	0.025	--	0.200	0.230	0.572	0.212	0.194	1.631	1.045	0.599	0.327	0.434
3 SDTFR - Sports Aid Foundation Fund														
Government injection	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other revenue	2.951	7.739	1.798	4.582	4.547	2.829	2.265	5.735	2.322	3.090	3.853	4.607	2.732	3.155
Total expenditure	0.014	0.206	5.321	0.018	1.213	1.210	2.691	1.218	1.848	8.844	6.462	2.635	2.987	4.072
4 SDTFR - Arts Development Fund														
Government injection	--	--	--	--	20.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other revenue	0.245	0.303	0.554	1.126	0.439	0.281	0.461	0.146	0.231	0.419	0.828	0.949	1.040	0.702
Total expenditure	1.924	1.383	3.047	4.554	1.747	3.109	4.051	1.154	0.291	0.180	--	0.199	--	--
5 SDTFR - Hong Kong Athletes Fund														
Government injection	--	--	5.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other revenue	1.674	3.944	0.664	1.569	1.998	1.208	1.011	1.007	2.069	1.060	2.381	1.082	1.069	0.983
Total expenditure	0.479	1.201	4.392	0.538	0.606	0.942	1.730	0.370	0.327	0.537	0.444	0.942	0.566	0.461
6 SDTFR - Arts and Sport Development Fund														
Government injection	3,000.000	--	150.000	--	80.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other revenue	154.128	7.840	12.937	5.560	3.992	3.258	5.562	10.092	9.836	13.302	14.966	19.802	23.148	21.107
Total expenditure	50.422	63.742	48.027	39.128	40.246	24.757	36.129	18.181	27.362	47.190	50.068	64.129	27.886	33.667

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Name of Fund		2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03	2001-02	2000-01	1999-2000	1998-99	1997-98
		(\$M)	(\$M)	(\$M)	(\$M)	(\$M)	(\$M)	(\$M)	(\$M)	(\$M)	(\$M)	(\$M)	(\$M)	(\$M)	(\$M)
7	Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme Fund (Note 6)														
	Government injection	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Other revenue	4.63	3.90	4.53	7.26	6.90	9.76	4.53	21.71	32.53	36.91	35.45	33.37	21.16	21.49
	Total expenditure	2.31	4.61	4.34	21.42	5.84	2.28	3.12	17.02	24.80	27.49	24.76	24.82	15.78	15.22
8	Hong Kong Arts Development Council Fund														
	Government injection	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Other revenue	0.003	0.001	0.055	0.134	0.131	1.880	0.008	0.008	0.021	0.040	1.832	13.112	9.224	2.824
	Total expenditure	0.902	0.902	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	44.947	--	--	23.010
9	Cantonese Opera Development Fund														
	Government injection	69.00	--	5.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Other revenue	3.28	6.65	15.26	4.83	14.67	0.50	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Total expenditure	8.55	8.65	4.44	4.82	2.93	0.50	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
10	Trust Fund in Support of Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas														
	Government injection	--	3,000	6,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Other revenue	92.399	1.815	18.022	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Total expenditure	3,985.629	1,338.974	798.819	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
11	Community Care Fund														
	Government injection	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Other revenue	300	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	(Note 5)														
	Total expenditure	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Note 5: Donations from various sources (including interest).

Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme Fund

Note 6: The financial year of the Fund is from 1 October to 30 September.

Home Affairs Bureau — Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (SDTFR)

Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation – Main Fund

(b) Since the setting up of this Fund, the Government has made one injection to replenish the Fund's capital to ensure that sufficient investment income could be generated to meet calls on the Fund.

During the period from 2006-07 to 2010-11, the Fund approved 1,536 projects, involving about \$94 million. In 2010-2011, a total of 281 projects amounting to about \$15.3 million were approved. Of the approved projects, 266 (amounting to about \$2.3 million) were funded under Non-Capital Works Projects, 6 (amounting to \$2 million) were funded under Capital Works Projects and 9 (amounting to about \$11 million) were funded under Special Projects. Details of the 9 Special Projects are as follows:

Name of Projects Approved

- 1 Hong Kong Canoe Union – purchase of canoe training equipment
- 2 Hong Kong Life Saving Society – improvement works to its training headquarters building
- 3 Hong Kong Shooting Association – construction of a 25 meter shooting range
- 4 Kwun Tong Sports Promotion Association – construction of a Tug-of-war centre
- 5 Hong Kong Cricket Association – construction of a cricket pitch
- 6 Hong Kong Cycling Association – improvement works to the Hong Kong Jockey Club BMX Park
- 7 Hong Kong Equestrian Federation – purchase of competition equipment
- 8 Hong Kong Ten Pin Bowling Congress – purchase of venue equipment for competitions
- 9 South China Athletic Association – improvement works to the tennis courts

(c) We have regularly reviewed the effectiveness of the Fund. The Sir David Trench Fund Committee (the Committee) oversees the review of all matters pertaining to the Fund, and would make recommendations on the use of the Fund when necessary.

There is no target or time schedule for the Fund. However, the number of applications processed and grants approved are shown in the annual Expenditure Analysis by Head in the General Revenue Account.

Since its establishment, there has been no change its purpose.

Home Affairs Bureau — Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (SDTFR)

Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation – Sports Aid for the Disabled Fund (SADF)

(b) Since the setting up of the SADF, there has been no further injection from the Government.

In 2006-07, 36 applications were approved under the SADF, with the approved funding amounting to \$1.2 million. In 2007-08, the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL) introduced the Sports Aid for the Disabled Grant which replaced the SADF. We are considering the possibility of dissolving the SADF to plough back the resources into the Main Fund of the SDTFR to support other worthwhile projects.

(c) As the SADF has been replaced by the newly introduced scheme, we have not regularly reviewed its effectiveness, and there is no target or time schedule for the SADF. There has been no change to the purpose of the SADF since its establishment.

Home Affairs Bureau — Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (SDTFR)

Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation – Sports Aid Foundation Fund (SAFF)

(b) Since the setting up of the SAFF, the Government has made one injection to replenish the Fund's capital.

In 2006-07, 219 applications were approved under the SAFF, with the approved funding amounting to \$9.3 million. In 2007-08, the HKSIL introduced the Elite Training Grant which replaced the SAFF. We are considering the possibility of dissolving the SAFF to plough back the resources into the Main Fund of the SDTFR to support other worthwhile projects.

(c) As the SAFF has been replaced by the newly introduced scheme, we have not regularly reviewed its effectiveness, and there is no target or time schedule for the SAFF. There has been no change to the purpose of the SAFF since its establishment.

Home Affairs Bureau — Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (SDTFR)

Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation – Arts Development Fund (ADF)

(b) Since the setting up of this Fund, the Government has made one injection of \$20 million in 2007 to continue the support for outbound cultural exchanges.

During the period from 2006-07 to 2010-11, the Fund approved 177 projects, involving \$17.1 million. The 10 projects approved in 2010-11 with the highest amount are listed as follows:

Name of Projects Approved

- 1 Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra - Performance in Norway, Switzerland, Germany and Czech
- 2 Hong Kong Sinfonietta - Performance in Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina
- 3 Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre - Performance in Beijing and Shanghai
- 4 The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection - Performance in Shanghai
- 5 Fredric Mao Theatre Projects Limited - Performance in Beijing and Shenzhen
- 6 Hong Kong Association of Theatre Technicians & Scenographers - Participation in the Prague Quadrennial 2011 in Prague
- 7 Hong Kong Arts Festival Society Limited - Performance in Singapore
- 8 Y Space - Participation in The 17 Annual International Contemporary Dance Conference and Performance Festival 2010 in Poland
- 9 The Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong - Performance in Australia
- 10 Jingkun Theatre - Performance in Australia

(c) Arts Development Fund (“Fund”) is open for application from arts groups and practitioners upon invitation of non-local organisations / groups for cultural exchange activities. ADF does not direct such cultural exchange and has not set any target and time table. We have not regularly reviewed the effectiveness of the Fund.

Home Affairs Bureau — Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (SDTFR)

Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation – Hong Kong Athletes Fund (HKAF)

(b) Since the setting up of the HKAF, the Government has made one injection in order to implement a new scheme to reward young athletes who win medals at major international youth games with educational subsidies.

During the period from 2006-07 to 2010-11, the HKAF approved 42 projects, involving \$3.9 million. Ten applications were approved in 2010-11 mainly to support the athletes in pursuing full-time or part-time courses.

(c) We have regularly reviewed the effectiveness of the HKAF. The Elite Training and Athletes Affairs Committee of the HKSIL reviewed its effectiveness in 2009 and 2010, and considered that the HKAF was useful in providing educational assistance to young athletes.

As the number of grants in a particular year depends on the applications submitted by athletes and their eligibility, there is no target or time schedule for the HKAF.

Since its establishment, there has been no change to its purpose.

Home Affairs Bureau — Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (SDTFR)

Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation – Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF)

(b) Since the setting up of the ASDF, the Government has made three injections. The first two injections were for replenishing the capital of the Fund. The third injection was used as seed money to generate stable investment returns to support existing and new worthwhile arts, culture and sports initiatives on a sustainable and long-term basis.

During the period from 2006-07 to 2010-11, the ASDF approved 160 projects, involving \$269 million. The 10 projects approved in 2010-11 with the largest amount are listed as follows:

Name of Projects Approved

Arts Portion

- 1 2011-13 Multi-project Grants
- 2 Fresh Wave 2011
- 3 3rd Arts Ambassadors-in-school School Scheme
- 4 The 3rd Large Scale Interactive Media Arts Exhibition
- 5 Hong Kong Arts Development Awards 2010

Sports Portion

- 6 Participation Fund for Hong Kong athletes taking part in the 16th Asian Games in Guangzhou
- 7 2nd Supplementary Fund for Hong Kong athletes to prepare for the 2010 Asian Games
- 8 Proposed bid to host the 2023 Asian Games - Public consultation exercise and preparation for Hong Kong's bid to host the 2023 Asian Games
- 9 Participation fund for Hong Kong athletes taking part in the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Para Games
- 10 Participation fund for Hong Kong athletes taking part in the 4th All China Games 2010

(c) We have regularly reviewed the effectiveness of the ASDF. HAB has been closely monitoring the approved grants of the ASDF. Applicants must set out clearly in its funding applications the targets and expected benefits of the proposed projects. They are required to submit a report and the full accounts of the approved project with an evaluation of its effectiveness within eight months upon the project's completion.

Home Affairs Bureau — Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (SDTFR)

There is no target or time schedule for the ASDF. However, the number of grants awarded is shown in the annual Expenditure Analysis by Head in the General Revenue Account.

Since its establishment, there has been no change to its purpose.

Home Affairs Bureau — Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme Fund

(b) The Supplementary Legal Aid Scheme (SLAS) Fund was set up in 1984 and is self-financing. The source of the SLAS Fund comes from the contribution deducted from the compensation claimed by the aided person, the legal costs received from successful cases and the application fee paid by the applicants. SLAS was set up with a loan facility of \$1 million provided by the Lotteries Fund in Hong Kong. The loan was fully repaid in 1988-89. SLAS was first introduced in 1984 and only covered cases involving personal injury and death at its inception. SLAS was further extended in 1995 to include cases arising from medical, dental and legal professional negligence where the claims are likely to exceed \$60,000 and to claims under the Employees Compensation Ordinance irrespective of the amount of claims. Because of this, the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council (LegCo) approved a one-off provision of \$27 million to the scheme in 1995 in order to expand its scope.

(c) The Chief Executive announced in the 2010-11 Policy Address that the Government has earmarked \$100 million for injection into the SLAS Fund when necessary to expand the coverage of the scheme to provide legal aid for more types of cases, for example, extending claims against professional negligence to more different professions and covering employees' claims on appeals from the Labour Tribunal. The Administration is now drafting the legislation to further expand the applicable scope of the scheme. The Administration plans to brief the LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services at its meeting in December 2011 on the progress of legislative work, and submit the legislative amendments to LegCo and seek FC's approval for the injection of \$100 million to the SLAS Fund within the legislative year of 2011-12.

Home Affairs Bureau – The Hong Kong Arts Development Council Fund

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) Fund was established mainly to provide the start-up costs for the HKADC. When the operation of the HKADC came on track, the purpose of the Fund had been achieved. The Government injected \$100 million for establishment of the Fund in 1994. Since then, the Fund has not required injection of additional funds from the Government.

The HKADC used a total of \$1.8 million from the HKADC Fund in 2009-10 and 2010-11 to support the first two years' operation cost of the Hong Kong Arts Community Fund¹. There are no other expenditure items under the HKADC Fund during the last five years.

¹ The Hong Kong Arts Community Fund (HKACF) was set up in July 2008 with an objective to raise funds from the community for supporting arts development. The HKADC is a trustee of the HKACF. The Government did not inject any funds to the HKACF.

Home Affairs Bureau - Cantonese Opera Development Fund

(b) Since the setting up of this Fund, the Government has made two injections. The Administration injected \$5 million and \$69 million respectively into the Fund in 2009 and 2010 to enable it to continue sponsoring projects and activities relating to the study, promotion and sustainable development of Cantonese opera, as well as to provide room for greater support for the development of Cantonese opera in Hong Kong.

During the period from 2006-07 to 2010-11, the Fund approved a total of around 370 projects, involving approximately \$37 million (including the amount of funds granted but not yet released). The 10 projects approved in 2010-11 with the highest amount are listed as follows:

Name of Projects Approved

- 1 Sunbeam Theatre Rental Support Scheme (providing subsidies through private donations)-Hong Kong United Arts Entertainment Company Limited
- 2 The first “Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Troupe for New Talent Three-Year Grant Scheme” (the third year’s grant)-Hong Kong Young Talent Cantonese Opera Troupe
- 3 Cantonese Opera Promotion Project-Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
- 4 Partnership Project on Teaching and Learning of Cantonese Opera-Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong
- 5 Interdisciplinary Partnership Project on the Teaching of Cantonese Opera cum Joint Performance “縱橫四海工尺合土上”- Rainbow Opera
- 6 Bus Services for the Community-Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Chamber of Commerce Limited
- 7 Audience Building Project for Students -Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Chamber of Commerce Limited
- 8 New Cantonese Operas including In Love with a Beautiful Youth, Red Cherries and a Broken Heart (Cantonese Opera Performances)-Choi Fung Ming Cantonese Opera Troupe

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Name of Projects Approved

- 9 The Ten-Year Dream, Under the Sword Blade was My Wife, The Beauty and the General (Cantonese Opera Performances)- Fung Ngai Cantonese Opera Troupe
- 10 Dik Ching Crashing Through Three Passes, The Chivalrous Thief and His Beloved Princess, Wong Fei-fu's Rebellion (Cantonese Opera Performances)-Kim Sun Sing Cantonese Opera Troupe
- 11 The Flames of War, The Story of the Lute, The Impetuous Generals (Cantonese Opera Performances)- Kim Sun Sing Cantonese Opera Troupe

(The amount of funds granted to Items 7 to 11 are the same)

- (c) We have regularly reviewed the effectiveness of the Fund.

Established in 2005, the Fund aims to raise funds to support projects and activities relating to the study, promotion and sustainable development of Cantonese opera. To tie in with its objective, the Fund will mainly be used for supporting the following high priority projects or activities:

- i) Cantonese opera performances aimed at nurturing budding artists or those that are experimental/innovative or highly worthy of preservation;
- ii) Researches and studies, seminars, talks or workshops in relation to the development and preservation of Cantonese opera;
- iii) Collecting, preserving, compiling or publishing literature on Cantonese opera in Hong Kong, Cantonese opera scripts or other related materials worthy of preservation, including oral history of Cantonese opera and audio-visual materials, etc.;
- iv) Promoting and sustaining the development of Cantonese opera in the community or among the disadvantaged;
- v) Developing educational resources on Cantonese opera and Cantonese opera education programmes for schools;
- vi) Building young audience and encouraging participation in Cantonese opera;
- vii) Professional training programmes for Cantonese opera practitioners;
- viii) Exchange visits or outbound exchange programmes (especially cultural exchanges with the Mainland) aimed at creating exchange platforms or fostering the development of Cantonese opera; and
- ix) Other new projects in sustaining the development of Cantonese opera.

Home Affairs Bureau – Cantonese Opera Development Fund

The Fund Committee (“the Committee”) reviews the effectiveness of the Fund from time to time. To map out the way forward for the Fund, the Committee also conducts briefings and consultation meetings to gauge the views of the sector in order to meet the overall development needs of Cantonese opera. Major organisations in the sector such as the Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Chamber of Commerce, the Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Promotion Association and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts have been consulted.

After receiving the Government injection of \$69 million in 2010, the Committee, in consultation with the Cantonese opera sector, set out the following major areas and directions of development for the Fund:

- i) Enhancing the effort in nurturing budding artists and professional training;
- ii) Broadening the audience base and promoting the creation of new scripts;
- iii) Preserving and onpassing the artistic skills and performance experiences of senior artists, such as to encourage and support the video-recording of highlight performances of maestros and the publication of related literary documents;
- iv) Strengthening research and preservation work; and
- v) Raising the qualifications of trainers.

Home Affairs Bureau — Trust Fund in Support of Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas

(b) Since the establishment of the Trust Fund, the LegCo has approved a total of HKD 9 billion in 3 stages to the Trust Fund to take forward the reconstruction work in Support of Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas.

Since the establishment of the Trust Fund in Support of Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas (2008 to 2011-12), the Trust Fund has approved a total commitment of RMB 7.503 billion (around HK\$ 8.593 billion) for 151 HKSAR's reconstruction projects. Reconstruction project grants applied by the NGOs accounted for around HK\$ 270 million for 33 projects.

(c) We have regularly reviewed the effectiveness of the Fund. The project and funding management mechanisms put in place by HKSAR Government and Sichuan side have been operating smoothly. Relevant departments of both sides continue to keep close liaison, with a view to ensuring the quality of the HKSAR reconstruction projects and the proper, effective and efficient use of support funds. The HKSAR Government submits regular reports to the LegCo to report on the progress of projects and use of funding.

Home Affairs Bureau — Community Care Fund

(b) Since the setting up of this Fund, the Government has made two injections. The first injection of \$5 billion was made for launching programmes to provide assistance to people facing economic difficulties, in particular those who fall outside the social safety net or those within the safety net but have special circumstances that are not covered. The second injection of \$1.5 billion was made for launching a programme to provide a one-off allowance of \$6,000 to new arrivals from low-income families who are aged 18 or above and have entered Hong Kong for settlement.

During the period from 2006-07 to 2010-11, the Fund has not approved any programme. Since April 2011, the Fund has launched over 10 programmes in phases.

(c) We have regularly reviewed the effectiveness of the Fund.

As the Fund's programmes are rolled out in phases, its Steering Committee will, on the advice of the Executive Committee and the Sub-committees, continue to monitor the implementation of the assistance programmes. Government departments and other organisations entrusted to implement the programmes will be required to submit periodic progress and financial reports to the relevant Sub-committee under the Fund for review of the programmes on a continual basis. The Government will, taking into account the effectiveness of the programmes and the advice of the Steering Committee, consider whether and how a relevant programme should be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance and service, and will conduct a more systematic evaluation of the long-term effectiveness of the Fund in due course. The Fund will also commission an independent consultant (e.g. an academic institution) to advise on the evaluation of assistance programmes, which will help the Government consider which programmes should be regularised in future. The Fund has not changed its objective.