

**Commission on Poverty**  
**Highlights of Major Areas of Work (as at July 2005)**

<b><i>(a) Indicators of poverty</i></b>
➤ CoP agreed that poverty is a multi-dimensional concept and a set of indicators should be developed to reflect the poverty situation in Hong Kong. The indicators are being developed and would be available by end 2005.
➤ CoP agreed that opportunities for the poor to advance in the social ladder are important. A study on earnings mobility in Hong Kong is being planned and the preliminary results are expected to be available in early 2006.
<b><i>(b) District-based approach in alleviating poverty</i></b>
➤ Following CoP's visits, the three priority districts have established dedicated fora and formulated action plans in tackling local challenges.
➤ The Secretariat would maintain close liaison with the districts with a view to provide assistance where necessary in implementing the action plans.
➤ The Secretariat would work with the districts on indicators to reflect progress of work at the district level, and work with the CPU on best practices in implementing district-based approach by end 2005.
➤ Major activities: Kwun Tong District Roundtable held on 25 June 2005; 「元朗區促進和諧自強計劃」 from 23 July 2005.
<b><i>(c) Intergenerational Poverty</i></b>
➤ Task Force on Children and Youth established to take forward the work on prevention of inter-generational poverty
➤ First meeting held on 28 April 2005. Next meeting on 27 July 2005 to review existing services and agree on focus of future work.
➤ Building up social capital in the education sector: Mentorship Fun Project to be officially launched in October 2005.
➤ “Adopt-a-school” Project – to prepare the younger generation for future challenges - to be launched in second half of 2005.
<b><i>(d) From Welfare to Self-Reliance</i></b>
➤ Members agreed to review the effectiveness of existing policies and measures in helping the unemployed, including training, delivery of employment assistance at the district level, creation of employment

opportunities etc.
➤ To have direct dialogue with relevant government departments, NGOs and the unemployed at the district level.
<b>(e) Others</b>
➤ PR: Collecting successful cases of self-reliance and mutual help for publicity.

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