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**Delegation of the Legislative Council Subcommittee to Study the Subject  
of Combating Poverty to visit the United Kingdom and Ireland**

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Subcommittee to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty will send a delegation to visit the United Kingdom (UK) (London) and Ireland (Dublin) from 19 to 24 September 2005. The purpose of the visit is to better understand the anti-poverty measures in these countries.

The Subcommittee was formed under the House Committee to study the subject of combating poverty. The Subcommittee has noted that UK and Ireland have effectively implemented anti-poverty strategies to cope with the impact of economic restructuring, and their experience will provide useful reference for Hong Kong in alleviating the poverty problem. The Subcommittee has therefore decided to send a delegation to these countries to obtain first-hand information on the formulation of these strategies and their effectiveness in reducing poverty.

During its stay in UK, the delegation will meet with senior government officials from the Social Exclusion Unit of Office of Deputy Prime Minister, Department for Work and Pensions, Department for Education and Skills and Low Pay Commission as well as academics specialising in the work of poverty. In Ireland, the delegation will also meet with the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs, National Economic and Social Forum as well as senior officials from the Combat Poverty Agency, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and Department of Social and Family Affairs.

The delegation is led by Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, JP, Chairman of the Subcommittee, and comprises three other members : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan, Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung and Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung.