

Legislative Council Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

Pilot Scheme on District Cyber Centres (DCC)

Progress Update

12 January 2009



Executive Summary

◆ Current Situation

- DCC pilot scheme was announced in the 2008-9 budget, to address underprivileged groups' access to and use of ICT

◆ Complication

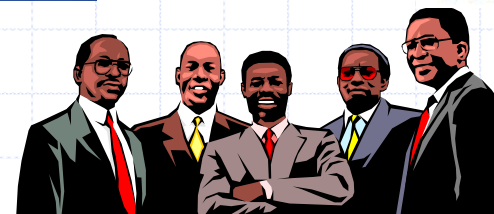
- Many NGOs already operate computer centres for different needy groups in various districts
- NGOs want the DCC initiative to enhance sustainability of existing centres as well as to expand the number of centres
- Private sector donors keen to support digital inclusion, but they find it inefficient to deal with all the different NGO operators

◆ Way forward

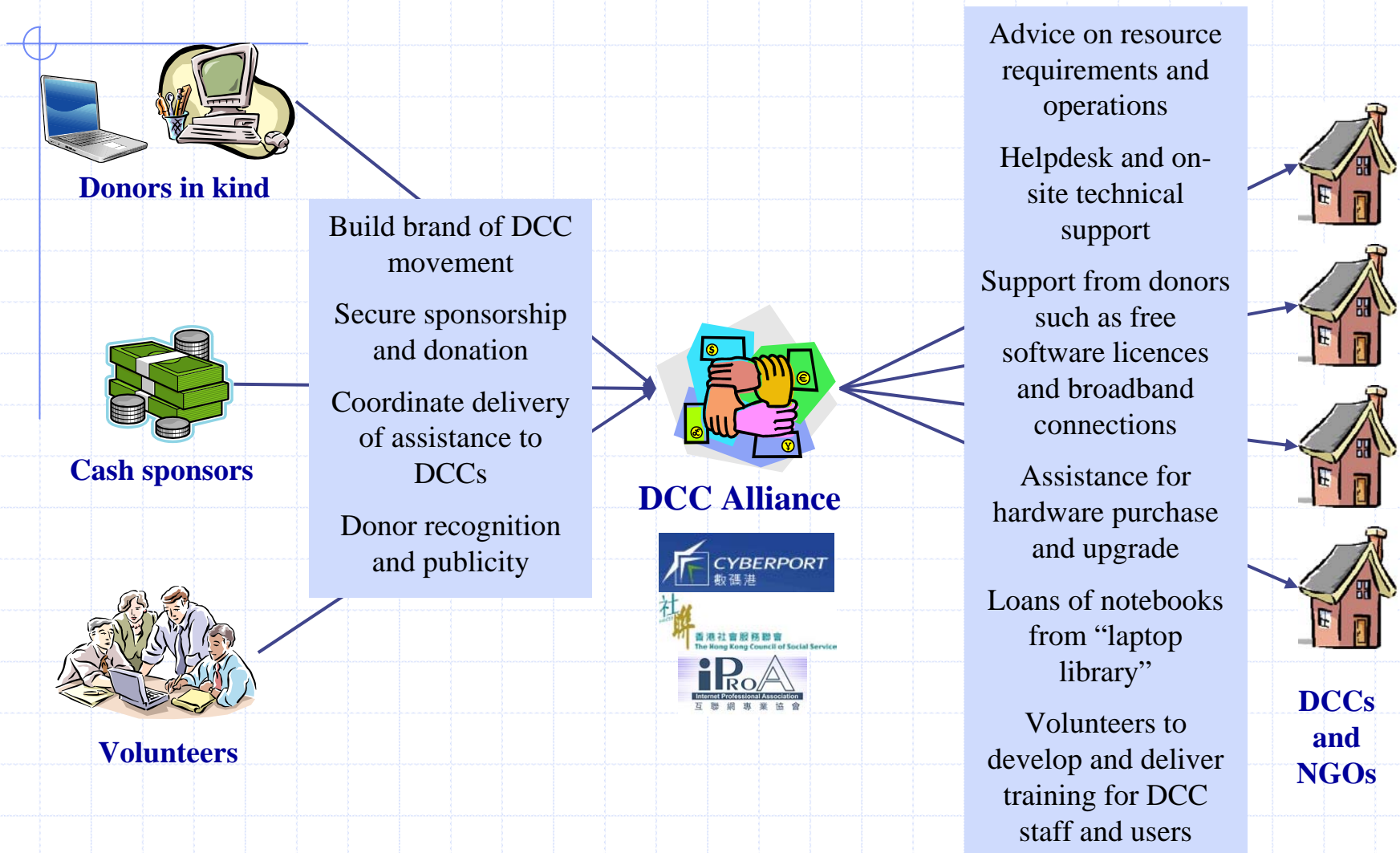
- Create a DCC alliance to support both existing and new centres, and to provide a hub for channelling donations of money, technology and expertise
- Initial pilot scheduled for service launch in **22 February 2009**

Background

- ◆ Over **160** ICT industry & professional bodies, community organisations and private sector sponsors invited to express interest with implementation proposals
- ◆ **24** proposals received
- ◆ A joint proposal from three organisations identified
 - Cyberport Management Company Limited
 - Hong Kong Council of Social Service
 - Internet Professional Association



The Alliance serves donors and DCCs



Way Forward

Initial Pilot (4 – 6 months)

- ◆ Small scale pilot to prove concept and enable developments of business processes, governance and management structure
- ◆ Service launch in **February**
- ◆ Up to **10** DCCs
- ◆ **250** notebooks in laptop library
- ◆ Basic training programmes for affiliated centres
- ◆ Line up 40 partners and sponsors
- ◆ Government sponsorship of **\$4.7M**
- ◆ Cash and in-kind donation of **\$4.7M** from private sector

Expanded Pilot (next 12 months)

- ◆ Expanded pilot to prove that processes and structure are scalable
- ◆ Plan to start in **August** or **September**
- ◆ Up to **25** DCCs
- ◆ **1,000** notebooks in laptop library
- ◆ Award scheme to encourage life-long learning and mutual help among centres and users
- ◆ ICT professional training and development programme for volunteers and youth
- ◆ Estimated additional funding requirement **\$23.8M**

Future Development

- ◆ Continue to engage more centres to join the network
- ◆ Explore more value added services to affiliated centres
- ◆ Extend partnership with private sector to leverage more commercial sponsorship

← Scope of later phases depends on success of earlier phases and availability of funds →

Thank You

