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Ms. YUE Tin-po
Clerk to Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road, Central
Hong Kong

Dear Ms. Yue,

**Information Requested by the Panel on Information Technology and
Broadcasting Meeting in respect of District Cyber Centres**

At the Panel meeting on 12 January, Members requested the Administration to provide the following information:

- (a) the number of jobs created/to be created, job nature and duration, etc under different phases of the District Cyber Centres pilot scheme;
- (b) the distribution/location of district cyber centres under different phases of the pilot scheme;
- (c) provide estimated number of students in Hong Kong who had no access to computer and Internet services; and
- (d) follow up with the Labour and Welfare Bureau on whether consideration would be given to include Internet charges in the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance for eligible low-income families with school-age household members.

2. Enclosed please find the reply at **Annex** with relevant inputs from Education Bureau and Labour and Welfare Bureau for items (c) and (d) respectively for Members' reference please.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Godfrey'.

(Jeremy Godfrey)

Government Chief Information Officer

c.c. Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development
Press Secretary to Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

(a) Number of jobs created/to be created, job nature and duration, etc under different phases of the District Cyber Centres pilot scheme

The DCC Alliance plans to employ full time staff of about 16 people for the District Cyber Centres pilot scheme. Recruitment of 11 is already being arranged to implement the first phase of the pilot scheme and the remaining 5 will be arranged later this year to prepare for the extended pilot service development. Details of the jobs being created are listed below:

Job Description	Number of Post(s)	Remarks
Project Coordination and Management	1	
Helpdesk and Field Support Service	2	1 of the posts to be created later this year
Donation Administration and Coordination of Technical Induction for Volunteers	2	1 of the posts to be created later this year
Laptop Library Administration	3	2 of the posts to be created later this year
Professional Volunteer Management and Coordination	2	
Cyber Community Award Scheme Development, Support and Maintenance	2	
Youth Development Scheme Coordination	2	1 of the posts to be created later this year
Event Coordination & Marketing Support	2	
Total	16	

(b) Distribution/location of district cyber centres under different phases of the pilot scheme

A total of 14 centres of various non-government organizations (NGOs) in different districts have confirmed that they will participate in the first phase of the pilot scheme. Details of the centres could be found in **Annex-1**.

(c) Estimated number of students in Hong Kong who had no access to computer and Internet services

According to the latest figures from the survey conducted by the Census & Statistics Department during July – September 2008, among the 728,000 number of primary and secondary school students aged 10 and above, about 21,400 (2.9%) students do not have computer and Internet access at home.

To help needy students gain access to computer facilities, the Education Bureau (EDB) has partnered with the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to launch a “Computer Recycling Programme” for primary and secondary school students. Under the programme, EPD will provide recycled computers to needy students while the EDB will arrange for one-year free Internet access service for successful applicants. The designated Internet service providers will also continue to offer a favourable Internet access service plan for beneficiaries for two years after the initial year of free service. The Programme has already been kicked off in early February 2009.

Furthermore, the EDB has granted recurrent subsidy to all primary and secondary schools since the 1999/2000 school year to encourage them to open computer rooms and facilities for the use of needy students after school. Free computers and Internet facilities are also available to students at youth centres, community centres and public libraries across the territory.

(d) Consideration of including Internet charges in the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) for eligible low-income families with school-age household members

The CSSA Scheme, whilst seeking to meet the basic needs of those who cannot support themselves financially, takes special care of children through the provision of higher standard rates and various special grants. The existing standard rates for CSSA able-bodied children range from \$1,455 to \$2,200 per month, which are \$140 to \$370 higher than those for able-bodied adults. The standard rates for CSSA disabled children

are even higher, ranging from \$2,550 to \$4,740 per month, which are \$560 to \$730 higher than those for disabled adults.

CSSA children attending schools are entitled to a full range of special grants to meet their educational expenses such as school fees, meal allowance, fares to and from school and examination fees for the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination and Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination. In addition, all CSSA children receiving pre-primary to upper secondary education are entitled to a grant ranging from \$1,245 to \$3,810 before the start of a school year to cover expenses of books, stationery, school uniforms, and miscellaneous and related expenses.

The CSSA Scheme mainly aims at helping recipients meet their basic daily needs. At present, the average CSSA monthly payment for a 4-person CSSA family without any income is \$9,480. In addition, CSSA families can flexibly use the CSSA standard rate payments to meet different expenses according to their own circumstances and needs.

District Centres Joining the Initial Pilot Services of DCC Alliance
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	District 地區	Organization 機構	Service Unit 服務單位
1	Chai Wan 柴灣	Hong Kong PHAB Association 香港傷健協會	Supported Employment Service Centre 輔助就業服務中心
2	North Point 北角	Hong Kong Playground Association 香港遊樂場協會	*Unusual Academy Service Project Office (North Point) *「非常學堂」服務計劃(北角)
3	Wan Chai 灣仔	Hong Kong Aged Concern Ltd. 香港耆英協進會	Eva Li Wong I.T. Centre for the Elderly 黃李碧恥長者 IT 中心
4	Islands 離島區	Hong Kong Outlying Islands Women's Association 香港離島婦女聯會	Jockey Club Women Integrated Servie Centre 賽馬會婦女綜合服務中心
5	Yau Ma Tei 油麻地	Hong Kong Playground Association 香港遊樂場協會	*Unusual Academy Service Project Office (Yau Ma Tei) *「非常學堂」服務計劃(油麻地)
6	Sham Shui Po 深水埗	Cyber Senior Network Development Association Limited 長者網絡發展協會有限公司	Cyber Senior Network Development Association Limited 長者網絡發展協會有限公司
7	Wong Tai Sin 黃大仙	Upper Wong Tai Sin & Fung Wong Sun Tsuen Centre for the Elderly 黃大仙上邨鳳凰新村老人服務中心	Upper Wong Tai Sin & Fung Wong Sun Tsuen Centre for the Elderly 黃大仙上邨鳳凰新村老人服務中心
8	Kwun Tong 觀塘	Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service 循道衛理觀塘社會服務處	Agape Community Care Centre 神愛關懷中心
9	Ngau Tau Kok 牛頭角	Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service 循道衛理觀塘社會服務處	*Ngau Tau Kok Youth Integrated Service Centre *牛頭角青少年綜合服務中心
10	Tai Po 大埔	New Territories Association Societies Women's Centre Limited 新界社團聯會婦女中心有限公司	New Territories Association Societies Women's Centre Limited 新界社團聯會婦女中心有限公司
11	Shatin 沙田	The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong 基督教香港信義會	Shatin Multi-Service Centre for the Elderly 沙田多元化老人社區服務中心
12	Sheung Shui 上水	The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong 基督教香港信義會	North District Integrated Youth Service Centre 北區青少年綜合服務中心
13	Tin Shui Wai 天水圍	CTU Education Foundation Ltd. 職工盟教育基金有限公司	Tin Shui Wai Training Centre 天水圍培訓中心
14	Yuen Long 元朗	CTU Education Foundation Ltd. 職工盟教育基金有限公司	Yuen Long Training Centre 元朗培訓中心

* Newly Established Cyber Centre

* 新開辦的數碼中心