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(Letterhead of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service)

24 July 1998

The Honourable CHAN Yuen-han,
Chairman,
Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services

Dear Madam,

At the invitation of the Provisional Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS), the Hong Kong Social Workers Association and the Hong Kong Social Workers' General Union (hereafter referred to as the three organizations) attended the Panel's meeting held on 13 March 1998. At the above meeting, the three organizations set out our proposal of setting up a Social Welfare Services Development Fund which was supported by the Panel. A motion moved by the Honourable Eric LI Ka-cheung on "Establishing a Social Welfare Services Development Fund" was carried at the Provisional Legislative Council meeting held on 1 April 1998. However, up to now, the Government has not responded positively to this proposal.

The three organizations hope that the Legislative Council and the Panel on Welfare Services would take follow-up action on this issue and urge the Government to respond positively to this proposal. At this point of time when Hong Kong is faced with an aggravating problem of unemployment, the early provision of welfare services that have been pledged by the Government not only can offer assistance to those who are in need of such services, but can also create employment opportunities. For any enquiries regarding our proposal, please feel free to contact the Assistant Director (agency service) of HKCSS, Ms CHAN Choi-ying, at 2864 2904.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)
(HUI Yin-fat)
Director, HKCSS

Encl.

c.c. The Honourable Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP, Chairperson, HKCSS
Mrs Justina LEUNG, President, Hong Kong Social Workers Association
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