

For discussion on

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Special House Committee of LegCo

Progress of measures to improve environmental hygiene in Hong Kong

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on measures taken by respective departments to improve the environmental hygiene in Hong Kong since the issue of the Final Team Clean Report in August 2003.

Background

2. The Chief Executive announced the establishment of Team Clean in May 2003 and tasked the Chief Secretary to develop and take forward proposals for entrenching a high level of public and environmental hygiene in Hong Kong. The 'Interim Report on Measures to Improve Environmental Hygiene in Hong Kong' and 'Report on Measures to Improve Environmental Hygiene in Hong Kong' were published in end May and early August 2003 respectively setting out the various recommendations which should be implemented.

3. One of the recommendations of the 'Report on Measures to Improve Environmental Hygiene in Hong Kong' is to task the Home Affairs Department (HAD) to play the central co-ordinator role in spearheading inter-departmental

efforts in district hygiene improvement as well as in community involvement and civic education. This is to sustain the intensive efforts of Team Clean following the disbandment of the core team, and to enable the spirit of Team Clean to take root in the community. A Steering Committee on Team Clean Follow-up has been set up under the Home Affairs Bureau/HAD to monitor and review progress made on Team Clean measures.

Progress of Measures to Improve Environmental Hygiene

4. For progress of measures implemented by the respective departments and bureaux to improve environmental hygiene, a powerpoint presentation will be made at the meeting.

Looking Ahead

5. Under the charge of the Steering Committee on Team Clean Follow-up, good progress has been made in various Team Clean initiatives. However, there is no room for complacency. To achieve lasting cleanliness, Government needs the continuing support and perseverance of the community in entrenching a high standard of personal and public hygiene.

Home Affairs Department

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