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Legislative Council  
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Dear Elyssa,

**Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services  
for Elderly in Residential Care Homes  
and Day Care Centres**

As undertaken at the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Health Services held on 10 January 2011, we write to provide the following information for Members' reference –

- (a) the list of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) providing services under the Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services for Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres (the Project); and
- (b) a breakdown by districts of the number of residential care homes and day care centres for the elderly (RCHes and DEs) receiving the services.

## **List of Participating NGOs**

In view that elderly people residing in RCHEs or receiving services in DEs are often prevented from accessing conventional dental care services due to their frail physical conditions, the Government has launched the Project on a pilot basis for three years commencing April 2011. A total of 13 NGOs, as listed in Annex A, have participated in the Project and their outreach teams have come on stream at different time over the past months providing primary dental care and oral health care services to the eligible elderly.

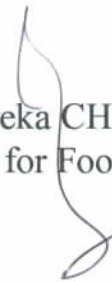
## **RCHEs and DEs Covered by the Project**

The Project covers 768 RCHEs licensed and 61 DEs subsidised by the Social Welfare Department (SWD). Their distribution according to the 11 administrative districts of SWD is tabulated in Annex B. Participation in the Project is however voluntary for the RCHEs and DEs as well as the elders they serve. As at 31 January 2012, over 15 000 elders in some 320 RCHEs and DEs have received dental outreach services under the Project. We expect that the Project could provide more than 100 000 attendances benefitting some 80 000 elders in the RCHEs and DEs covered.

The Government will continue to monitor the implementation of the Project and conduct a review on its effectiveness after accumulating experience on its operation.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Eureka CHEUNG)  
for Secretary for Food and Health



**Annex A**

**NGOs Participating in the  
Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services  
for Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres**

1. The Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association
2. Yan Chai Hospital
3. The Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon
4. Yan Oi Tong Limited
5. Christian Family Service Centre
6. Pok Oi Hospital
7. Hong Kong St John Ambulance
8. Caritas Dental Clinics Limited
9. Haven of Hope Christian Service
10. Tung Wah Group of Hospitals
11. United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service
12. HKSKH Lady MacLehose Centre
13. Chi Lin Nunnery

**Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres for the Elderly  
Covered by the Pilot Project**

<b>SWD Administrative District</b>	<b>Number of Residential Care Homes<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Number of Day Care Centres</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central and Western, Southern & Islands	90	7	97
Eastern & Wanchai	95	7	102
Kwun Tong	39	7	46
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	47	9	56
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	110	6	116
Sham Shui Po	71	5	76
Sha Tin	38	5	43
Tai Po & North	83	2	85
Yuen Long	54	3	57
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	92	7	99
Tun Mun	49	3	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>829</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Including all subvented, contract, self-financing and private homes licensed by SWD.