

**Information Supplied to**  
**The Legislative Council Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting**  
**by The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS)**  
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**(a) political affiliation of its members and board of directors**

Members

HKCSS has 387 agency members and 70 individual members. HKCSS neither collects nor keeps information regarding political affiliation of members. Description of the two categories of membership, as included in the HKCSS Constitution, could be found in the Appendix-1 of this document.

Board of Directors

The governance of HKCSS is the Executive Committee. HKCSS does not collect or keep information regarding political affiliation of members of its Executive Committee. Elected members of the Executive Committee are nominated and elected by official representatives of all Agency Members each year at the Annual General Meeting of HKCSS for a two-year term in their capacity/affiliation with Agency Members. Coopted Members are coopted by the Executive Committee for one/two-year term mainly in the light of their involvement with the social welfare sector. A list of HKCSS Executive Committee members and their social service affiliation could be found in Appendix-2 of this document.

**(b) any difficulties and problems with the selection process for the implementer of the Internet Learning Support Programme**

HKCSS has, in several occasions, expressed to the Government our concerns and difficulties in the selection process for the implementer of the Internet Learning Support Program.

i) About the suggestion of co-founding an implementer with eInclusion Foundation

In an email dated 19 October 2010, from Christine FANG, Chief Executive of HKCSS, to Jeremy Godfrey, in response to an informal suggestion from Mr Godfrey's that HKCSS could 'co-found' an implementer with eInclusion Foundation:

- HKCSS deems that the proposed co-founder model, where no parties have any controlling interest nor responsibility, will pose serious problems to effective governance.

- The risk of co-found implementer failing is high and it is irresponsible to nominate individuals to hold such liability with no government nor any organization underwriting the responsibility to continue to serve the disadvantaged families.
- HKCSS is willing to consider assimilating individual(s)/representative(s) of organization and business model, as deemed suitable by the Government, into our proposal.
- If Government considers having OGCIO, as the controlling officer, to take up the accountability of the project, HKCSS will support to consider the ‘Financial Secretary Incorporated’ model . . .(as) a better alternative (to the co-founder model) in resolving the issues like governance, rights and accountability

ii) About the conclusion of the RFP

In a letter from Bernard Chan, Chairperson of HKCSS, to Jeremy Godfrey, dated 27 October 2010:

- Expressed reservation to the Government’s conclusion of the RFP exercise and the delay of the process.
- Reiterated the prime concern being to expedite the implementation of the project to provide timely support, advice and resource to these low income families. Hence, without prejudice to our reservations agreed to explore the possibilities of collaborating with e-Inclusion Foundation.’

iii) About the Government’s decision on adopting the Dual Implementer approach.

In an email from Christine FANG, Chief Executive of HKCSS, to Elizabeth Tse, dated 6, January, 2011:

- Stated that the suggested Dual Implementer approach is far from ideal because it reduces the robustness of the implementation and duplicates the administrative costs. It is therefore very difficult for us to embrace it fully because the Approach has not put program effectiveness and the benefit of children as the first priority.
- Yet, we consider the Dual Implementer Approach as a ‘lesser evil’ because the second option to re-formulate and re-tender the project will further delay the implementation of the program for yet another substantial period.

## **Appendix 1 – Membership of HKCSS**

### **(a) Agency Members**

Social service organizations whose aims and objects are in harmony with those of the Council and who have an active interest in the social service field or those who provide as their primary function a bona fide direct social service which helps to meet the existing needs of the community.

### **(b) Life Members**

Individuals who have been registered as life members prior to the date of September 27, 2001 shall be the Life Members of the Council until such time as they withdraw their membership or become deceased.

## Appendix 2 – HKCSS Executive Committee Members and their affiliation

<b>Elected Members</b>	
Mr. Bernard CHAN (Vice Chairperson)	Individual Member of HKCSS
Ms. Maggie CHAN	Director, Social Work Services, Caritas - Hong Kong
Mr. CHAN Wing Kai	Director of Social Services, Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ In China
Mr. CHAU Yin Ming, Francis	Chief Supervisor, The Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong
Mr. CHEUNG Kin Fai	Chairperson, Joint Council for the Physically & Mentally Disabled Hong Kong
Ms. CHEUNG Yuk Ching	Service Director, International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Dr. FUNG Cheung Tim	Director, Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong
Mrs. Cecilia KWAN	Executive Director, Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Mr. KWOK Lit Tung	Director, Christian Family Service Centre
Dr. LAW Chi Kwong (Hon Treasurer)	Chairperson, Management Committee, Cyber Senior Network Development Association Limited
Ms. Lilian LAW	Executive Director, The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
Dr. LUI Wai Ling, Annessa	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod
Mr. Timothy MA Kam Wah	Executive Director, Senior Citizen Home Safety Association
Mr. Samuel NGAI Kong Yiu	Executive Director, Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong

<b>Elected Members</b>	
Ms. Bonnie SO	Head of Communications and Resource Development, Hong Kong Red Cross
Mr. SUEN Lai Sang	Deputy Chief Executive, Hong Kong Christian Service
Mr. Johnny TSANG Wing Keung	Chief Executive Officer, Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
Dr. Sandra TSANG Kit Man	Head, Department of Social Work & Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong
Ms. Wendy WU	Assistant Director for SSD, The Salvation Army
Mr. Stephen YAU	Chief Executive, International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Dr. Alice YUK	General Manager, Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong

Co-opted Members	
Hon. CHEUNG Kwok Che	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Legislative Council Member (representative of the social welfare sector)</li> </ul>
Dr. FUNG Hong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chief Executive of Hospital Authority New Territories East Cluster / Prince of Wales Hospital</li> <li>● Chairman of Chi Lin Nunnery Elderly Services</li> <li>● Vice Chairman of the Hong Kong Society for the Aged 2001/02 - 2006/07</li> </ul>
Mr. Larry KWOK (Hon Legal Adviser)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hon Legal Adviser of HKCSS since 2002</li> <li>● Partner, Mallesons Stephen Jaques</li> </ul>
Mr. Michael T H LEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Advisor, HKCSS Caring Company Scheme</li> <li>● President, HK Society for the Protection of Children</li> <li>● Vice-chairman, Helping Hand</li> <li>● Steward, The Hong Kong Jockey Club</li> </ul>
Mr. Kennedy LIU (Chairperson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hon Treasurer of HKCSS 2002 – 2010</li> <li>● Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers</li> </ul>
Dr. LO Chi Kin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co-opted Member, Standing Committee on Agency Development &amp; Partnership of HKCSS 2004-05</li> <li>● Member of Committee on Governance and Political Development of the Commission on Strategic Development</li> <li>● Member of the Advisory Council on Food and Environmental Hygiene</li> <li>● Vice-Chair, Oxfam Hong Kong</li> </ul>
Prof. LUI Tai Lok	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Appointed writer of the HKCSS 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book on the Development of NGO Sector</li> <li>● Speaker of various forums organized by HKCSS</li> <li>● Member, International &amp; Relief Service Management Committee, Hong Kong Red Cross</li> <li>● Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Hong Kong</li> </ul>
Mrs. Agnes MAK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Member of Lotteries Fund Advisory Committee</li> <li>● Member of Social Welfare Advisory Committee</li> <li>● Information Technology Business Committee of HKCSS 2004 – now</li> <li>● Digital Solidarity Fund Management Committee of HKCSS 2005 – now</li> <li>● ICT Award Digital Inclusion Category PSC and Chief Assessor 2007 July – now</li> </ul>