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To whom it may concern,

Salam Alaykum Warahmahtullahi Wabarakatuh, May the Peace and Blessings of Allah be Upon You

Hong Kong Islamic Cultural and Welfare Society is a registered charity organization in Hong Kong since 2009. We cater to ethnic minority students by provision of accommodation, as well as educational support both religious and secular.

HKICWS maintains two facilities characterized as "Boarding Madrassa" in Hong Kong as of December 2017. Each facility is a rented flat that offers Muslim students – varying from Secondary 1 through Year 1 of University – accommodation, food, after-school support and tuition. We also organize religious and cultural gatherings, to promote Islamic Culture in Hong Kong. These gatherings are for the wider Muslim community, and are held in our Madrassas.

In terms of education, each Madrassa has both Islamic Religious-Cultural and School-related activities. These complement each other, the aim is that Muslim students can balance their religious beliefs and culture with living in Hong Kong as productive members of society. HKICWS alumni are quite active in society, volunteering their time and effort all over Hong Kong in all manners of assignments ranging from cultural booth management to masjid open days, to cultural gatherings at Universities and even outside. I am proud to be one of these people.

In Hong Kong, it is non-governmental organizations that work with the community on the ground-level. It is our duty to do so, and we do not shy from it. But there is so much more we can do with government support. To this end, we are now considering acquiring government funds for activities – such as tuition, skills enhancement, cultural fairs, cultural workshops, religious congregations, career seminar – and would appreciate your help.