



# Network for Health and Welfare Studies

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# Newsletter

## Beijing News Updates

### Action Research on Migrant Worker Children

Our mega research program titled “A multi-level project on intergenerational poverty prevention among migrant worker children in Beijing” has made significant progress in the past year. Using the Intensive Community Mentoring program as a joint platform for bridging the gap between community service and academic research we are pleased to provide updates on the following sub-research projects:

1. We will work closely with

- **Capital University of Economics and Business:** Feng Hao
- **China Youth University for Political Sciences:** Hou Yan
- **China Institute of Industrial Relations:** Zhang Mo
- **Capital Normal University :** Fan Yan Ning
- **China Women's University:** Qi Xiaoyu

on the process and outcome of the Intensive Community Mentoring Program in Beijing. The Mentoring Program, a joint venture of the Hong Kong Youth Foundation, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Beijing Juvenile Life Education Centre, has recruited 160 mentees from 8 migrant worker children schools and 160 mentors from six universities and over 30 resource-bearing adults from the corporate sector in Beijing.

2. We are cooperating with the Psychology Department of the Peking University on a neuroscience study of the migrant worker children in Beijing. Professor Han Shi Hui, a renowned social neuroscientist in China, will lead the study with focus on how social neuroscience can contribute to understand the children's executive function and empathy development in relative impoverished and unstable home and school environments. This is a



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project supported by the **Hong Kong Polytechnic University –Peking University Joint Centre on Child Development and Learning**.

3. We are also working with the Beijing Center for Disease Control and Prevention on a need assessment study of health promoting schools among local and migrant worker children schools in selected districts in Beijing. The research will evaluate the health promotion intervention, proposed model on health promoting schools, and provide strategic policy report on health promotion among migrant worker children. This is a project in collaboration with Prof. Cordia Chu of Centre



- Mentoring Programme in Beijing



- Activity of Mentoring Programme

for Environment and Population Health, Griffith University and Prof. L Pang of Peking University. This program is sponsored by the Cedar Fund. Preliminary data from our field tests will be presented in a National Conference in May 2009 on mobile children problems hosted by the Population and Development Research Center, Renmin University of China and the National Working Committee on Children and Women under the State Council.

## Meeting of the Steering Committee on Health and Development of Migrant Worker Children and Press Conference on the Intensive Community Mentoring Program in Beijing

The captioned events will be held on 29th March 2009 at the Beijing Jing Guang New World Hotel at 9am and 2.30pm respectively. The Steering Committee, co-chaired by Dr Philemon YW Choi and Prof Cordia Chu, was set up in July 2008 with the aim to promote the health and development of migrant

worker children. Among various projects supervised by the Steering Committee, the Intensive Community Mentoring Program in Beijing is a major “platform project” to promote positive development among the migrant worker children in Beijing.

It is anticipated that some 500 participants including : a) members of the Steering Committee\*, b) representatives from Peking University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Griffith University of Australia, Capital University of Economics and Business, China Youth University



**Hong Kong Polytechnic University**

**Griffith University of Australia**



**Peking University**



**China Women's University**



**Capital University of Economics and Business**



**China Youth University for Political Sciences**



**Capital Normal University**



**China Institute of Industrial Relations**

for Political Sciences, China Institute of Industrial Relations, Capital Normal University and China Women's University; and c) migrant worker children and their parents, mentors from the academic institutions and corporate sectors will attend the Launching Ceremony.

Programs of the events will include presentations by the key members from Beijing, Australia and Hong Kong and introduction of the participants that involved in the mentoring project.

\* Please refer to our website for the member list of the Steering Committee

<http://www.apss.polyu.edu.hk/nhws/policyfocus.php>

- Universities attending the Launching Ceremony

## Research on Health Promotion with the “Kwai Tsing Safe Community and Healthy City Association”

Stemming from the interest in understanding how community effort on health promotion could be sustained, the Network for Health & Welfare Studies has commenced a study in conjunction with the Kwai Tsing Safe Community and Healthy City Association.

Using a web-based survey, this study features a Community Coalition Assessment Tool that explores the capacity of this Safe Community and Healthy City initiative from a multitude of perspectives, including capacity domains such as leadership, cohesion, formal structures, and collaboration. Data collected



- Kwai Tsing Safe Community and Healthy City Association

from 37 respondents demonstrated that perceived effectiveness of the coalition varies with a combination of the capacity domains, and the social networks among coalition members revealed a core group that fuels the synergy of the KTSHC. Further development on this research will be updated in upcoming issues of our newsletter.



- Web-based Survey



Accredited by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2003, the KTSHC is one of the 150 safe communities in the world that advocates to the promotion of safety in a community context.



## Child Development Fund Consultancy Study Update

and schedule of data collection in relation to the consultancy study. Findings from the visits have been included in our Inception Report which was submitted to the government already.

In February, our Consulting Team has visited the operating NGOs of the CDF pioneer projects in 7 districts. They include Hong Kong Island (Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service), Kowloon East (Christian Action), Kowloon West (Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship), New Territories East (Tung Wah Group of Hospitals), New Territories West (The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups), Tung Chung (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council) and Tin Shui Wai (Tung Wah Group of Hospitals).

At the meeting, we discussed about the resources of the NGOs available for the CDF program, progress of the projects, and difficulties faced during the implementation. We also exchanged views on the plan

All NGOs have started the recruitment of participating children and mentors. Eligible participants are children aged 10-16 with selection criteria according to the government. To become a qualified mentor, a person has to undergo a screening process by the respective NGO in terms of both personal characteristics and goals of participation. Each NGO will conduct trainings for the mentors. These trainings aim to prepare the mentors for their quality services in the program.

Any person who is interested in serving the needy children in our community, are welcome to contact any of the following NGOs for further information.

### **Hong Kong Island**

Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service  
Tel: 3413 1522

### **Kowloon East**

Christian Action  
Tel: 2709 5333

### **Kowloon West**

Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship  
Tel: 2755 5511

### **New Territories East**

Tung Wah Group of Hospitals  
Tel: 2699 4100

### **New Territories West**

The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups  
Tel: 2413 6669

### **Tung Chung**

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council  
Tel: 2525 1929

### **Tin Shui Wai**

Tung Wah Group of Hospitals  
Tel: 3165 8824

# Child Development Matching Fund (CDMF) Update

The first preparatory meeting of the CDMF was convened on 13 February 2009. The Fund will be registered under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance as a non-profit making charitable organization in Hong Kong with the aims to provide matching fund for the target savings of children participants in the Child Development Fund and to promote community value and recognition of resource-bearing adults' participation in mentoring-related initiatives for short and longer-term development of children and adolescents from disadvantaged families in Hong Kong.

The composition of the CDMF Board of Trustees is as follows:

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Apart from the above members, the Board will continue to invite reputable individuals with track records in poverty relief, education, financial management and social welfare to join the CDMF. An Executive Committee will be set up in due course to oversee the operation of the CDMF.



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