

## Acting SLW sends regards to welfare personnel for support to users after typhoon (with photos)

The Acting Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Caspar Tsui, sent his regards to personnel of welfare service units and district staff of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) today (September 18) for their commitment and duty during the passage of the typhoon, serving members of the public and service users in need with key community support.

Accompanied by the District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern and Wan Chai), Miss Hannah Yip, Mr Tsui went to St James' Settlement in Wan Chai this afternoon to learn more about its contingency arrangements on staff deployment as well as elderly day care and meal delivery services during the passage of Super Typhoon Mangkhut. He noted that the SWD had reminded all District Elderly Community Centres to pay special attention to the needs of the hidden elderly and those living alone during the typhoon period.

He also visited its child care centre in Causeway Bay to show support to social workers and care staff. He thanked them for providing child care services for needy working parents.

Mr Tsui said that district colleagues of the SWD and its Emergency Relief Support Unit have been actively involved in the emergency relief support services across the territory during the typhoon, as well as maintaining close liaison with social welfare organisations and their front-line units before and after the passage of the typhoon to provide necessary services as far as possible, weather and actual situation permitting. He expressed gratitude for the professionalism of front-line personnel as they provided necessary support when public transport services had yet to return to normal.

