## Beat Drugs Fund invites applications for 2019 Funding Exercise of Regular Funding Scheme

The following is issued on behalf of the Secretariat of the Beat Drugs Fund Association:

The Beat Drugs Fund (BDF) is inviting applications for the 2019 Funding Exercise of the Regular Funding Scheme (RFS) from today (August 5) until September 16.

The BDF RFS aims to promote worthwhile anti-drug projects that can help address the problem of drug abuse. For the 2019 Funding Exercise of the RFS, projects meeting one or more of the priority areas (at Annex) for treatment and rehabilitation, preventive education and publicity, and research will be accorded priority.

The application form and guide to applicants are available on the website of the Narcotics Division (<u>www.nd.gov.hk/en/beat\_drug\_fund\_2019.htm</u>). Briefing sessions for interested applicants will be held on August 19 and 20 at the Hong Kong Jockey Club Drug InfoCentre. The enrolment form for the briefing sessions is also available from the same website.

Enquiries are welcome by telephone at 2867 2737 or 2867 2286; by fax on 2810 1790; or via email to bdf@sb.gov.hk.

The results of applications for the 2019 Funding Exercise are expected to be released in the first quarter of 2020. Applications for the next round of the funding exercise will tentatively be invited in the third quarter of 2020.