

# Children's Rights Education Funding Scheme opens for application

The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) is inviting applications under the 2019 Children's Rights Education Funding Scheme (the Scheme). The deadline for application is October 31, 2018.

A spokesman for the CMAB said today (September 3), "The Government is committed to working together with community organisations to promote the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and enhance the public's understanding of children's rights."

Enthusiastic support from organisations for the Scheme has been received in every round of applications since the establishment of the Scheme in 2006. The community activities funded under the Scheme are targeted at different social groups, and have enhanced the public's awareness of children's rights. So far, the Scheme has funded over 300 projects carried out by various non-government organisations, including community organisations, children's groups, ethnic minority groups, and secondary and primary schools.

The Scheme in 2019 continues to offer sponsorships under the "General Project" and "Theme Project" categories. Projects sponsored under the "Theme Project" category shall adopt "Growing Up in a Fulfilling Childhood with Care and Inclusion" as the theme. Through organising different types of activities or services, applicants may encourage children with diverse backgrounds and special needs to proactively participate in community activities together, thereby facilitating mutual understanding and acceptance amongst children. The Government aims to encourage and enable more community organisations to undertake educational projects to enhance stakeholders' understanding of the children's rights enshrined in the Convention.

Application forms are available from the website of the CMAB([www.cmab.gov.hk/en/issues/child\\_funding.htm](http://www.cmab.gov.hk/en/issues/child_funding.htm)). For enquiries, please contact the Children's Rights Unit of the CMAB at 3655 4179.