

Family of deceased citizen recognised for bravery receives financial assistance

The Government announced today (July 17) that a sum of \$6 million under the Financial Assistance Scheme for Family Members of Those Who Sacrifice Their Lives to Save Others will be granted to the family members of the late Mr Vinson So Yuet-leung, a brave citizen who gave his life to save another.

On April 11, 2024, the late Mr So sacrificed his life while saving a girl who had committed suicide by jumping into the sea at Aberdeen Harbour near South Horizons.

The Chairman of the grant-approving Committee on Financial Assistance for Family Members of those who Sacrifice their Lives to Save Others and Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Chris Sun, paid tribute to the late Mr So for his gallant act.

"Despite the fact that Mr So was not acquainted with the girl, it did not stop him from trying his best to save her life. His act demonstrated the most admirable courage and selflessness, which commands our greatest respect," Mr Sun said.

"The grant represents the Government's recognition of the late Mr So's exceptional courage. We sincerely hope that the financial assistance can provide some relief to his family members."

The Scheme was set up in January 2002 to provide financial assistance to family members of those who lost their lives when attempting to save or protect others.