

# Grants approved for earthquake victims in Indonesia

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has accepted the advice of the Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee and approved from the Disaster Relief Fund four grants totalling \$10.419 million to four agencies for providing relief to earthquake victims in Indonesia.

Announcing the grants today (September 21), a spokesman for the Government said that the four grants – one of HK\$2.916 million to Plan International, Hong Kong, one of HK\$1.559 million to Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) China, one of HK\$3.925 million to World Vision Hong Kong and one of HK\$2.019 million to Hong Kong Red Cross, will be used to provide shelters and tools, household and hygiene items, mobile toilets and water tanks to benefit around 60 000 earthquake victims in Indonesia. As the targeted villages or relief items to be distributed by the four relief agencies are different, there will be no overlapping of resources. The Committee hopes the grants will facilitate the provision of timely relief to the victims and help them restore their normal living.

"To ensure that the money is used for the designated purposes, the relief agencies will be asked to submit evaluation reports and audited accounts on the use of the grants after the relief projects have been completed," the spokesman said.