

# **HAD invites organisations to apply for funding to operate support service centres for ethnic minorities**

To open up opportunities for eligible non-profit-making organisations to provide support services for ethnic minorities, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) today (September 29) invited eligible and interested organisations to apply for funding to establish and operate support service centres for ethnic minorities in Kwun Tong, Wan Chai, Tuen Mun and Yuen Long. Currently, the HAD has commissioned non-profit-making organisations to operate four support service centres for ethnic minorities in these four districts. Successful applicant organisations will provide services upon expiry of the current agreements with the existing organisations.

The centres are required to organise and provide language programmes, dedicated programmes for youths and various types of support services including orientation and familiarisation programmes for newly arrived people from ethnic minorities, as well as integration activities and counselling and referral services, to facilitate ethnic minorities' early integration into the community. One of the centres will also provide general interpretation and translation services.

Details of the project, the application criteria and the briefing session are set out in the Project Brief, which is available on the HAD website ([www.had.gov.hk](http://www.had.gov.hk)).

The deadline for application is 5pm on October 29, 2020.