

LD to launch scheme to provide psychological and emotional counselling for job seekers with disabilities

The Labour Department (LD) will launch the Counselling Scheme for Persons with Disabilities tomorrow (September 1) to provide psychological and emotional counselling service for job seekers with disabilities.

The LD's Selective Placement Division (SPD) has been providing employment services to job seekers with disabilities fit for open employment to seek suitable jobs. To strengthen the employment support for job seekers with disabilities, a pilot scheme was launched by the LD in September 2016 to engage a non-government welfare organisation to help job seekers in need of emotional counselling service. In view of the positive response, upon the completion of the two-year pilot, the counselling service will be regularised and named as the Counselling Scheme for Persons with Disabilities with effect from September 1.

The LD has reappointed Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service as the service provider to offer professional psychological and emotional counselling in the coming two years to needy job seekers with disabilities registered with the SPD. The counselling service will be provided by registered social workers of the service provider which has expertise and experience in this respect. It will serve to alleviate the emotional problems of job seekers with disabilities arising from the state of their disabilities or personal or family matters, so as to help them concentrate on job search and settle into their new jobs, thereby realising their potential in employment.

In the course of counselling, the LD will continue to provide employment services, including employment counselling, job matching and referral, and follow-up service upon placement, to job seekers with disabilities. For more information, please visit the dedicated website of the SPD at www2.jobs.gov.hk/isps or call the branch offices of the SPD at:

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