

# Opening ceremony for Yau Tsim Mong Multicultural Activity Centre under Signature Project Scheme held today

The opening ceremony for the Yau Tsim Mong Multicultural Activity Centre under the Signature Project Scheme (SPS) of Yau Tsim Mong District was held today (December 14).

The Government earmarked a provision of \$100 million under the SPS for each District Council to implement large-scale and sustainable projects to address local needs. The Yau Tsim Mong District Council (YTMDC) endorsed the Yau Tsim Mong Multicultural Activity Centre project under the theme of "promoting multiculturalism and advancing social cohesion".

Located at Battery Street, Jordan, the Yau Tsim Mong Multicultural Activity Centre was opened in October this year to commence partial services such as venue rental, translation, cultural exchange activities and training programmes. There will be different types of shops in the Centre to offer business or job opportunities to locals and ethnic minorities. New Home Association (NHA), which is dedicated to providing one-stop social services for new arrivals, ethnic minorities and the disadvantaged, is the partner organisation of the Centre.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, said the Centre has further promoted racial harmony, connection and understanding in the community. Mr Lau thanked the YTMDC, the NHA and members of the local community for their hard work and concerted efforts in implementing the project.

Other officiating guests at the ceremony included the Chairman of the YTMDC, Mr Chris Ip; the Director of Home Affairs, Miss Janice Tse; the Chairman of Supervisory Board of NHA, Dr Li Sze-lim; the Chairman of Advisory Board of NHA, Professor Joe Leung; and the District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong), Mrs Laura Aron.