<u>SWD's response to media enquiries on</u> <u>disbursement of donations from</u> <u>charities to victims of traffic</u> <u>accident</u>

â€<In response to media enquiries about the disbursement arrangement for donations from charities to the families of the deceased victims and persons injured in the traffic accident on the Fanling Highway on December 18, a spokesman for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) gave the following response today (December 23):

Up to this moment, the SWD has received donations from eight charities for the families of the deceased victims and people injured in the traffic accident and will co-ordinate the disbursement. The eight charities are:

Pok Oi Hospital Emergency Relief Fund; Yan Chai Emergency Assistance Relief Fund; Yan Oi Tong "Love and Care" Project; LST Caring Fund; Po Leung Kuk Charity Fund for the Disadvantaged; Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Emergency Relief Fund; The Jockey Club Emergency Relief Fund; and Haitong International Charitable Foundation Limited.

The SWD has assigned a social worker for the family of each deceased victim and for each injured victim to follow up on their welfare needs. Donations from various charities will start to be disbursed to the families of the deceased victims and persons injured from tomorrow.

Organisations or members of the public who want to make donations to the families of the deceased victims and persons injured in the traffic accident may call the SWD's 24-hour hotline (2343 2255) or email <u>fcwenq@swd.gov.hk</u>.