

## **Social Centre for the Elderly (Revised 2007)**

Social Centres for the Elderly organise mainly social and recreational activities for elderly people in the community and provide them with the opportunity to socialize with others. To promote the well-being and mutual support of elderly people by helping them make constructive use of their leisure time, build social networks and participate in community affairs.

### **Target group**

- Elder aged 60 or above and living in the locality

### **Scope of service**

- Organised (indoor and outdoor) groups or activities that meet the recreational, social, or educational / developmental needs of elderly people.
- Information giving regarding welfare services for the elderly and referral to appropriate services or organisations where necessary.
- Encouraging members to organise mutual help activities and participate in community affairs.
- Leisure facilities which provide opportunity for the elderly to engage in unstructured activities such as reading, watching television, playing chess etc.
- A drop-in area providing a place for social contact.

### **Operating Hours**

- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturdays (The actual operating hours of individual centres may vary)

### **Fees and Charges**

- Annual membership fee
- For the fee on individual programmes, please enquire with respective SEs for details

### **Enquiries**

- Integrated Family Service Centres / Integrated Services Centres
- Medical Social Services Units
- District Elderly Community Centres / Neighbourhood Elderly Centres
- Social Welfare Department Hotline : 2343 2255
- Addresses and telephone numbers of Social Centres for the Elderly can be downloaded from the Social Welfare Department's website:  
<http://www.swd.gov.hk>