

**P.A.T.H.S. to Adulthood: A Jockey Club Youth Enhancement Scheme
(2009/10 to 2011/12 school years)**

Frequently Asked Questions

-- Project Development --

- 1. As the Project will end after the school year 2008/09, will The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (HKJCCT) consider granting further funding support for the extension of P.A.T.H.S.?**

Since its inception in the 2005/06 school year, more than 200 secondary schools with a total number of 107,000 students have benefited from the Project. Multi-facet evaluations consistently showed that different stakeholders (including students, teachers and social workers) had positive views towards the Project and considered the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Programmes beneficial to the positive development of the participants. Moreover, the Project P.A.T.H.S. has further gained recognition in the international academic and professional communities through organisation of an international symposium, publication of evaluation results in various international peer-reviewed journals, and running related pilot projects outside Hong Kong, such as Shanghai and Singapore.

In view of the support and recognition from the education sector and all the stakeholders, as well as the proven effectiveness of the Project P.A.T.H.S. by different modes of evaluation, HKJCCT has decided to fund the Project for another cycle, from the 2009/10 to 2011/12 school years, to enable the participating schools to consolidate the implementation experiences. The participating schools are encouraged to integrate the Tier 1 Programme into their school curriculum for junior secondary levels, hence facilitating the healthy development of young people.

- 2. Concerning the future development of Project P.A.T.H.S., would there be further extension to a third phase? In view of the proven effectiveness of Project, will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provide subventions for running the Project in the long run?**

The extension phase of the Project P.A.T.H.S. (2009/10 to 2011/12 school years) is the final phase funded by HKJCCT. The participating schools are strongly encouraged to integrate the Tier 1 Programme into their school curriculum for junior secondary levels, with school-based adaptation to the school's culture and the students' needs, hence facilitating the holistic and healthy development of young people.

3. How does the Education Bureau (EDB) promote participation of schools in the Project?

EDB would issue a Circular Memorandum every year to appeal to the principals of secondary schools for supporting and taking part in the Project.

Apart from this, chairpersons/representatives of the Hong Kong Subsidized Secondary Schools Council, the Association of Principals of Government Secondary Schools and the Hong Kong Private Schools Association, have been invited to be members of the Advisory Committee of the Project, to facilitate the incorporation of their valuable advice for the smooth implementation of the Project.

4. As the Project P.A.T.H.S. has shown significant effectiveness, will EDB consider integrating the Project into the formal curriculum?

EDB supports the Project P.A.T.H.S. and actively encourages schools to participate in it. EDB is currently working on revamping the curriculum of junior secondary levels and the Project P.A.T.H.S. will be taken into consideration in the exercise.