

## **Fourth Batch of Intensive Employment Assistance Projects (IEAPs)**

### **Project Objective**

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned non-governmental organisations (Operating Agencies) to launch the fourth batch of IEAPs from October 2006 to September 2008. The aim is to provide tailor-made employment assistance services to participants to help them secure gainful employment as early as possible so that they can move towards self-reliance.

### **Target Participants**

- On the recommendation of SWD staff, employable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients must participate in the IEAPs to upgrade their employability.
- Needy able-bodied 'Near-CSSA' unemployed may apply to the Operating Agencies directly for joining IEAPs.

### **Services Rendered by the Operating Agencies**

#### **1. Individualised Employment Assistance Services**

Operating Agencies will provide participants with various kinds of employment assistance services such as workshops, job-seeking skills training, employment counselling, job matching and post-placement support services to help enhance their employability and ability to sustain employment.

#### **2. Temporary Financial Aid (TFA)**

Operating Agencies will provide timely financial aid to needy CSSA recipients and 'Near-CSSA' unemployed to meet their employment-related expenses when seeking a job or at the early stage of employment. TFA can also assist the 'Near-CSSA' unemployed to solve temporary financial hardship and meet short-term basic needs to prevent them from falling into the CSSA net.

#### **3. Small-scale Business or Cooperative Business**

Individual Operating Agencies may run small-scale business or cooperative business to provide participants with employment or training opportunities. Operating Agencies may make modest incentive payments to their participants from the proceeds generated from such business.

#### **4. Post-placement Support Services**

Operating Agencies will provide at least three months' post-placement support services to participants who have secured full-time employment to help them sustain employment and achieve self-sufficiency.

#### **Enquiries**

For details of the Fourth Batch of IEAPs, please contact the Operating Agencies directly (for their telephone numbers and addresses list, please visit our Homepage at <http://www.swd.gov.hk> or the information leaflet or call the SWD Hotline at 2343 2255).