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Programme Title: "Show My World" A Community Harmony Programme

Organization Name: Islands Youth Association

Duration: Three years (from 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2008)

Target groups: All walks of life

Service Areas: Outlying Islands (Tung Chung, Mui Wo and Cheung Chau)

Objectives

The programme is designed to foster and promote a culture of acceptance, respect and sharing on outlying islands by setting up a youth talents cooperative. Through serving the community, young participants will have their self-value and confidence increased, organization abilities enhanced, and a positive attitude towards life developed.

The programme includes three projects, namely "Community Interactive Workshop", "Community Partnership Scheme", and "Show My World", which encourage cooperation and positive good interaction between our youth participants and the whole islands community.

After the end of the funding period, the cooperative will be registered with the Hong Kong government and operated by the youth participants, with the Youth Association acting as adviser.

Programme Structure

The programme consists of three main parts:

- I. Community Interactive Workshop
- II. Community Partnership Scheme
- III. Show My World

I. Community Interactive Workshop

Participants will receive a training in how to organize activities and provide services to the community, and how to become a team leader. These lay them a good foundation for running the cooperative in the future. Training courses include Basic Courses (e.g. Management and PR Skills), Personal Development Courses (e.g. Planning and Organizing), and Technical Training (e.g. Media Production, Stage and Sound Production, and Talent Shows).

On the other hand, islanders who are excelling in music (Eternal Sound), cooking (Local Kitchen), languages (Multilingual Class), art (Culture Pot) and others, will be invited to exchange their ideas with the participants. They can learn much from a

mix of oriental and western culture, getting their life experiences enriched.

II. Community Partnership Scheme

Community bodies from various sectors will be contacted through the existing network of the Youth Association, and of other target organizations. The implementation of this Partnership Scheme will be phased. Serving as a community platform, the Hand-in-Hand Interactive Workshop is part of the Partnership Scheme.

Cooperative members will be divided into groups to build up friendship. And it is hoped that through the interactions both parties would develop positive personal values and alter some concepts always taken for granted, and then become more friendly, generous, caring, optimistic and trustful.

III. Show My World

Cooperative members are obliged to offer team service to community organizations that have joined the Partnership Scheme. In the end, both parties have to work on a set of questionnaire and an activity report, which serve as a participation record for the "Show My World" project.

Features:

1. To foster and promote a culture of acceptance, respect and sharing in the islands community.
2. To develop close ties among the unemployed school drop-outs, islanders, community bodies, shops and government departments, building a community that features mutual aid, trust, and all-round development of people.
3. To explore our youngsters' creativity and other potential, encouraging them to demonstrate their talent by staging street performances, and promoting in community bodies and schools. This helps develop a positive attitude towards pop culture among islanders, and enhance the participants' self-value, initiatives and abilities to integrate themselves into the community.
4. To encourage the participants to organize, coordinate and run the cooperative; to build a contact network, which will be helpful for the cooperative to take root in the community, improve its services and widen its support base.

Expected Outcomes:

1. To enhance community relationship through mutual aid and cooperation We will set up at least five contact points in our Mui Wo, Cheung Chau, Ping Chau, Tai O

and Lamma Island offices respectively. The contact points will release information to the public for people's consultation on and/or applications to the programme.

2. To promote a spirit of acceptance and community harmony

- ❖ There will be a community interactive website.
- ❖ 40 community bodies and 3 schools are to take part in the programme.
- ❖ An expected total of 560 people, or 70% of those served by our teams under the "Show My World" project, will develop a positive attitude towards pop culture.
- ❖ An expected total of 1,800 people, or 60% of those served by the cooperative, will know more about the community and will be happy to introduce to others the features of the outlying islands.

Future Prospect:

The main idea of this programme is to help the unemployed school drop-outs in the community to return to the social safety net by rebuilding their confidence and developing their potential. Organizing and operating the youth talents cooperative help its members widen their horizons and consolidate their knowledge base, set their life goals and walk their paths. They will be more independent and positive to face adversity with courage, and will strive to achieve their goals. Three years later, the first batch of the members can further develop the cooperative, seek a job, continue their studies, or start a business (e.g. set up a production company). On the other hand, they will become new partners of this programme, encouraging more and more youngsters to join them, and taking the road of gradual progress of the cooperative by making good use of their experiences.