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Dear Sir/Madam,

Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education Funding Scheme for Exchange in Belt and Road Countries 2017-18

The Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) will roll out the Funding Scheme for Exchange in Belt and Road Countries (the Scheme) again. The Scheme will provide funding support to registered non-profit-making organisations, statutory bodies or charitable organisations to organise exchange programmes to the Belt and Road countries, with local young people as the target participants. Its objective is to promote communication and cultural exchange between our young participants and their counterparts in the Belt and Road countries so as to achieve the target of fostering "people-to-people bond".

The Scheme is now open for application. The CPCE will provide funding support to young people aged 15 to 29 to participate in one-way (limited to eligible local young people), two-way or multi-way (applicable to eligible local/mainland/overseas young people) exchange programmes to the Belt and Road countries, with a view to promoting local young people's understanding of the Belt and Road Initiative, a significant development strategy of our country; enabling them to think about the roles of individuals and Hong Kong in and their responsibilities towards our country's development; and helping them grasp the opportunities brought by and face the challenges arising from the Belt and Road Initiative.

Under the Scheme, the **maximum** funding support for each project is **HK\$400,000**. In submission of the financial report of the approved project, organisations are required to submit an auditor's report prepared by an independent certified public accountant as well. The auditor's report should contain a declaration that all expenses incurred fall within the scope of sponsorship of the CPCE and in line with the Guidelines on the Use of Funding specified by the CPCE. The related audit fees can be included as an item of expenditure.

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The CPCE will organise a briefing session (to be conducted in Cantonese) about the theme and the details of the Scheme. Details are as follows –

Date:

6 March 2017 (Monday)

Time:

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Venue:

Civic Education Resource Centre, 7/F, Youth Square, 238

Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong

Enrolment Method:

Please download the enrolment form from the CPCE website (http://www.cpce.gov.hk/main/en/brscheme.htm) and return

the completed form to the CPCE Secretariat by email (kityingho@hab.gov.hk) on or before noon on

2 March 2017 (Thursday).

The leaflet and application form have been uploaded to the CPCE website (http://www.cpce.gov.hk/main/en/brscheme.htm). They are also available at Civic Education Resource Centre, 7/F, Youth Square, 238 Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong. The deadline for application is 7 April 2017 (Friday) at 5:00 p.m.

For enquiries, please call us at 3509 8029 or 3509 7031.

Yours faithfully,

(Kitty CHUNG)

for Secretary,

Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education

c.c. CPCE Chairperson