Brief Guide to "Block Allocation of Southern District Community Involvement Fund to Sponsor Community Building Activities Organised by Residents' Organisations"

- 1. "Block Allocation of Southern District Community Involvement (CI) Fund to Sponsor Community Building Activities Organised by Residents' Organisations" (the Block Allocation) implemented by the Southern District Office (SDO) aims at enhancing the cohesion between SDO and Residents' Organisations (ROs) as well as encouraging ROs to organise more community involvement projects.
- 2. RO is established to promote the welfare of the residents in the district. As defined by SDO, ROs include, but are not limited to, mutual aid committees, owners' corporations/incorporated owners, owners' committees, kaifong welfare associations and residents' associations.
 - (1) When considering a funding application submitted under the Block Allocation, the following guidelines should be observed-
 - (a) each eligible applicant organisation may obtain a grant of funds not more than once a year. However, if funds are still available, applicant organisations may submit another application for consideration;
 - (b) projects intended for the benefits of a few persons or a small group of people should not be supported;
 - (c) the maximum provision for projects solely for purposes of recreation is \$8,000. Details are as follows -
 - only funding for hire of transport will be approved, and under no circumstances will funding for food and beverages be considered; and
 - the maximum provision for a project is determined on the basis of the following criteria:

No. of Blocks / Types of Organisations		Permissible Items and Quantity		Maximum
		Tour Coach	Pleasure Boat (min. no. of participants)	Provision (\$)
Mutual aid committees, owners' corporations / incorporated owners, owners' committees	1 - 5 blocks	2	50	4,000
	6 - 9 blocks	3	100	6,000
	10 blocks or more	4	150	8,000
Residents' associations or other residents' organisations		2	50	4,000

Note: 1. Maximum provision for each tour coach is \$2,000.

- 2. On the provision for pleasure boat expenses, the number of participants should meet a minimum requirement, but there is no cap on the number of pleasure boats hired.
- (d) local ROs should be encouraged to organise projects as far as possible. Non-ROs can only participate in the projects as coorganisers.
- (2) Applicant organisation should take out insurance for the participants and provide the documentary proof.
- (3) To apply for reimbursement of payment for an approved RO project, the grantee organisation should submit an application for reimbursement and the necessary documents within three weeks upon completion of the project or by the date specified by SDO. If the grantee organisation fails to do so, SDO will withdraw the residual payment and bar the grantee organisation from applying for CI fund in the next financial year. If the grantee organisation is unable to submit some of the documentary

proof by the submission deadline because of exceptional circumstances or reasons beyond its control, it should submit a written explanation to seek approval from the Chairman of the internal vetting panel at least ten clear working days in advance. Again, if the grantee organisation fails to do so, the residual payment will be forfeited and the grantee organisation concerned will be barred from funding application in the next financial year.