

The Honourable Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, GBM, GBS
Chief Executive, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Chief Executive's Office
Tamar
HONG KONG

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Dear Ms. Lam,

Establishment of Children's Commission in Hong Kong

For many years, Against Child Abuse has been advocating the setting up of a Children's Commission as a focal point to protect and promote the well-being of children which has drawn widespread support from the community. The proposal builds on the success of similar commissions in Hong Kong and will bring it in line with what is expected of a civil society in the developed world.

We are pleased that during the HKSAR Chief Executive election, you kindly undertook to consider establishing a children's commission in Hong Kong upon being successful elected. In response to your pledge, our organisation entered into very productive discussions with members of your election campaign team in March this year on the ways and means to set up such a commission and operate it in an effective manner. We were greatly encouraged by the consensus that was reached in sharing a common vision of setting up the Commission following the Paris Principle.

We were greatly heartened by your successful election. Since your assumption of office in July, we have witnessed the rigor with which you have pursued a number of policy initiatives in various policy areas and the positive response of the community to them.





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As you undoubtedly appreciate, a Children's Commission in Hong Kong is long overdue and its absence leaves HKSAR far behind overseas countries. While you will soon be delivering the October policy address, we look forward to hearing how you would lay out the plans to bring such a commission to fruition.

As a non-government organisation with a long history of service in advancing the interests of children, we stand ready to render our support to the setting up of the Commission and collaborate our efforts in its future operation for the betterment of the welfare of our children.

We would be happy to elaborate further on how we envisage a Commission for Children would effectively function in fulfilling its mission to serve the community. Please contact our acting director Ms. Donna Wong at telephone 3542 5728 as necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Patrick Cheung
Chairman
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