

**Environment and Conservation Fund Committee**

**Day 5 of the Climate Dialogue Series - Youth Dialogue on Climate**

**Purpose**

This paper seeks Members' agreement for allocating HK\$1,718,540 from the Environment and Conservation Fund (ECF) to the Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC) and the Civic Exchange for co-organizing with the **Youth Dialogue on Climate Project** (YDC Project), which will culminate in a youth summit on 7 November 2010 (Sunday) as Day 5 of the Climate Dialogue Series.

**Background**

2. The 114<sup>th</sup> ECC Meeting held on 11 September 2009 (ECC Paper No. 5/09-10) decided that ECC would co-organize the "C40 Hong Kong Conference on Low Carbon Living and Climate Change" (later renamed as C40 Workshop) with the Civic Exchange and the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on 5 and 6 November 2010; and jointly seek funding support from ECF with the Civic Exchange for hosting this two-day international conference. The ECF Committee approved the funding application with a total amount of \$5,421,319 at its Meeting held on 23 September 2010 (ECF Paper No. 21/2009-10). A high level Steering Committee which is chaired by the ECC Chairman and with membership comprising the Secretary for the Environment (or his representative), the Civic Exchange, the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and the ECC representatives, etc., has been formed to provide steer for the overall programme direction.

3. The C40 Workshop is part of the five-day series of events from 3 to 7 November 2010 under the umbrella-title of the Climate Dialogue (formerly known as "Climate Change Creativity – Creating a Low Carbon Economy for Low Carbon Living – Climate Change Conference 2010"). The Climate Dialogue Series aim at bringing together stakeholders in the public and private sectors to exchange views on how to expedite the trajectory to tackle climate change, and the C40 workshop will provide a platform for policy-makers and experts from cities from around the world to share experience on policies and technologies to achieve low carbon living. The sequential events are set out below:

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| 3 Nov (Wed) Day 1:  | an update on the latest science  |
| 4 Nov (Thur) Day 2: | an exchange of views among the world's leading climate change thought-and-action leaders |

5-6 Nov (Fri-Sat) Days 3-4: C40 Workshop focussing on buildings and retrofitting buildings, as well as the role of electric vehicles

7 Nov (Sun) Day 5: A community day to engage students and young people in Hong Kong

4. As indicated to Members in the ECF Paper No. 21/2009-10, the Civic Exchange once planned to seek funding support from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (HKJCCT) for Days 1, 2 and 5. Days 1 and 2 will be funded by HKJCCT as planned. For Day 5, the Civic Exchange would now like to invite ECC to co-organize the YDC Project, which is in line with the ECC's direction of engaging young people in creating a sustainable, environmentally-focused Hong Kong and could achieve a better synergy effect. Funding support will be sought from ECF.

### **Proposal**

5. The Civic Exchange's proposal on the YDC Project is set out in the ECF application form attached at the **Appendix**. The Project is a youth-oriented initiative to involve young people in issues, discussion and objectives of the other four days of the Climate Dialogue Series, which will culminate in a youth summit as an event for Day 5 of the Series on 7 November 2010 (Sunday).

6. The YDC Project will engage young people with three components:

(i) Learning and Competition Component

A membership-based online platform featuring environmental tips and a low carbon quiz will be set up. 3,000 – 5,000 young people are anticipated to sign up as members. Young people may also join a talent contest (anticipated 50 – 100 entries) of creative expression related to the low carbon theme using videos and other media by submitting entries online.

(ii) Climate Discussion Component

Civic Exchange would work with the Supporting Organizations to ensure that young people are well represented at the C40 Workshop/Climate Dialogue series. Some of the educational Supporting Organizations have expressed interest in making aspects of the C40 Workshop/Climate Dialogue a part of their teaching activities, as well as organizing students to act as conference youth ambassadors, assistants, youth MCs and general delegates.

(iii) Day 5 – YDC Summit

The top entries from the talent contest will present, perform or project their entries on stage in front of a panel of expert and celebrity judges. The event will also feature discussion forums with youth representatives and experts, performances from well-known artists (depending on whether celebrity performers can be secured on a pro bono basis). To further

engage the attendees, there will be environmental-themed activities around the site, as well as information booths set up by NGOs and youth groups.

7. The Civic Exchange has sought consent from major tertiary institutions to be Supporting Organizations of the YDC Project. The Civic Exchange is also actively seeking support from youth groups and green groups, such as the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups and the Combat Climate Change Coalition. Other than seeking funding from ECF, the Civic Exchange has sought prize sponsorship from other parties to increase the attractiveness of the contest. For example, the British Council has agreed to sponsor £10,000 for prizes.

### **Budget**

8. The total budget for the YDC Project is HK\$1,718,540. The detailed breakdown is shown at **Attachment 2 to the Appendix**.

### **Advice Sought**

9. Members are invited to consider the proposal and approve the funding allocation to ECC and the Civic Exchange as stated in the first paragraph. This paper will be discussed in the forthcoming ECF Committee meeting to be on 18 March 2010.

*ECC Secretariat*  
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