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ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES

Over $28 Million Allocated From Government Lotteries Fund

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Government has allocated more than $28 million from its Lotteries Fund over the past 10 years to aid voluntary welfare agencies.

Mr. Alex So, Chairman of the Government Lotteries Management Committee, said the Lotteries Fund had a total of 80 beneficiaries and had aided 115 projects at the end of last year.

He said the scope of these projects was wide in order to meet the needs of the community.

The projects include children's youth activities and residential establishments, nurseries, play centres and creches, vocational training and education, rehabilitation, and services for the handicapped, ex-drug addicts and ex-prisoners.

"The Lotteries Fund also benefits projects which provide services for the aged, families and the needy, surveys and researches," he said.

Nine organisations have received allocations from the Fund over the years, each getting more than $1 million.

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These organisations are the SARDA, the Community Relief Trust Fund, the Social Welfare Department, Po Leung Kuk, St. Christopher's Home, Good Shepherd Sisters, the Society of Boys' Centre, the Yuen Long Community Centre and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service.

Other agencies have been allocated sums between $10,000 and $1 million from the Fund.

The Government Lotteries Fund, first set up in June, 1965, is intended to assist in the development of social welfare services in Hong Kong.

Allocations from the Fund are made to voluntary agencies in the form of capital grants or loans repayable with or without interest.

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