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## GOVERNMENT HELPS OVERSEAS CHINESE

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The government is to increase its subsidy to Chinese literacy classes run by the local Chinese community in Britain as one way of retaining the cultural identity of their children.

The classes, which operate on a part-time basis with emphasis on recognition of characters, were established in London and other major cities through the efforts of the local chamber of Chinese traders.

However, due to a lack of funds their development has been hampered and the Hong Kong Government Office in London has received representations for some form of financial assistance.

At present, government help is limited to the provision of textbooks for classes in London and Middles-borough.

Under the expanded scheme, the government will provide a subsidy of up to £10 sterling per class per week to assist towards the cost of the teacher's salary and such things as rent, as well as donating textbooks.

The estimated cost each year of the expanded scheme is about \$40,000.

Based on a survey carried out in 1968, the estimated number of Chinese people living in Britain was between 30,000 and 35,000 of whom about 90 per cent came from Hong Kong.

According to the Hong Kong Commissioner in London, Mr. M. Wright, one of the main problems facing the Chinese community is the difficulty of retaining their cultural identity and of preventing their children from becoming ignorant of the Chinese language.

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### URBAN COUNCIL WARD SYSTEM

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Urban Councillors dealt with the individual problems of about 9,000 people last year.

These problems, concerning mainly hawker matters, public facilities and housing, were taken to the councillors in their 10 ward offices on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon.

An Urban Council spokesman said that often matters outside the scope of the council were raised.

"These are always noted down and promptly passed to the right authorities for action," the spokesman pointed out.

The ward offices -- four on Hong Kong Island and six in Kowloon -- are set up in some of the most densely populated areas of Hong Kong.

The spokesman urged people to take their complaints and problems to these ward offices.

The ward system was introduced in 1965, aimed at giving members of the public an opportunity to discuss their problems at first hand with Urban Councillors.

This also gave councillors an opportunity to establish closer contact with the man-in-the-street and to appreciate better their problems and grievances.

Urban Councillors attend ward offices regularly for meetings with anyone who wishes to see them.

Ward clerks, who are on the telephone, arrange times for such meetings.

The following is a list of the ward offices, the councillors attending them and the ward clerks and their telephone numbers.

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URBAN COUNCIL WARD OFFICES

<u>District</u>	<u>Ward Office Address</u>	<u>Ward Clerk</u>	<u>Urban Councillor</u>
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Western	Western Magistracy, 3rd floor.	Mr. TANG Yick-hong (Tel. 5-460303)	) Mr. Henry H.L. Hu ) Mr. Peter P.K. Ng )
	Aberdeen Health Office, Island Road.	Mr. LAM Wing-chuen (Tel. 5-527156)	) )
Central	Central Market, Top floor.	Mr. WOO Ting-chiu (Tel. 5-446111)	) Mr. LO Tak-shing ) Mr. Peter C.K. Chan
Wan Chai	Health Office, 219 Queen's Road East.	Mr. IP Fook-kau (Tel. 5-724874)	) Miss KO Siu-wah, M.D.E. ) The Hon. Hilton Cheong- ) Leen, O.B.E.
Eastern	North Point Housing Estate Office, 43 Shu Kuk Street, G/F.	Miss CHOU Kwok-lai (Tel. 5-613619)	) Mr. B.A. Bernacchi, ) O.B.E., Q.C. ) Mr. Kenneth T.C. Lo )
	Chai Wan Resettlement Estate Office, Block 4.	Mr. LAU Wing-kin (Tel. 5-561627)	) ) )
	Health Office, Stanley Village Road.	Mr. LAU Yiu-hung (Tel. 5-931676)	) )
<u>KOWLOON</u>			
Yau Ma Tei	Housing Department Headquarters, 1, Ma Tau Kok Road.	Mr. TAM Shui-fu (Tel. 3-624331, Ext. 62)	) Mr. H.M.G. Forsgate ) Dr. WONG Pun-cheuk ) Mr. Charles C.C. Sin
Mong Kok	Sai Yee Street Depot, 2nd floor.	Mr. HO Lam-sung (Tel. 3-941998)	) Mr. Peter P.F. Chan ) Miss Cecilia L.Y. Yeung
Sham Shui Po	Health Office, Un Chau Street, 4th floor.	Mr. WONG Ming-yick (Tel. 3-869067)	) Mr. Edmund W.H. Chow ) Mr. F.K. Ihu ) Mr. TSIN Sai-nin
Kowloon City	Health Office, Farm Road Annexe, Ground floor.	Mr. WONG Man-sun (Tel. 3-625301)	) Dr. Denny M.H. Huang ) Mr. John MacKenzie )
Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin Resettle- ment Estate Office, Block 30.	Mr. KWONG Tat-tong (Tel. 3-212644)	) Mrs. E. Elliott ) Mr. Alex S.C. Wu )
Kwun Tong	Health Office, Kwun Tong Govt. Building, 5th floor.	Mr. CHOW Joe-iu (Tel. 3-891927)	) Mr. WONG Shiu-cheuck ) Mr. Ambrose K.C. Choi ) ) )
	Kwun Tong Resettle- ment Estate Office, Block 1.	Mr. WONG Wai-nam (Tel. 3-424450)	) ) )