

**54th Meeting of the Elderly Commission**  
**Press Summary**

The Elderly Commission (EC) held its 54th meeting today (13 June 2008) with the following discussed:

**Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (the Programme)**

- The 2007-08 Budget earmarked \$96 million to implement the Programme to provide integrated support services to elderly dischargees who have difficulty taking care of themselves. The Programme aims at enhancing discharge planning for elderly patients, reducing their unplanned hospital re-admission rate, and enhancing the support and training to their carers. The first pilot project has been launched in Kwun Tong in March 2008, with the second pilot scheduled to be launched in Kwai Tsing in August 2008. Tuen Mun has been chosen as the location of the third pilot, which will be launched in the third quarter of 2009. It is estimated that a total of 3 000 elderly patients and 1 000 carers can benefit from each pilot in a year.
  
- Members considered the Programme in line with the Commission's commitment to promoting "ageing in the community" and enhancing support to carers.

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