Public urged to continue donating to Sichuan reconstruction

A spokesman for the Home Affairs Department today (January 22) appealed to Hong Kong people for their continued support for reconstruction of Sichuan's earthquake-stricken areas by donating to the "Trust Fund in Support of the Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas".

"More than $9 million has been raised so far since the establishment of the trust fund in July last year," the spokesman said. "As post-quake reconstruction is a colossal task lasting for at least several years, we appeal to Hong Kong people to continue to donate money generously."

Donations may be made by cheque addressed to "SHAI – Donations for Sichuan Reconstruction" and delivered to any of the 20 Public Enquiry Service Centres of the District Offices or post offices. Donations may also be made to the following "SHAI – Donations for Sichuan Reconstruction" accounts:

* Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd. account number "004-808-424154-001"; or

* Bank of China (Hong Kong) account number "012-875-0-039990-0"

The "Trust Fund in Support of the Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas" is set up under the Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated Ordinance to receive public donations.

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