

## **Counselling Scheme for Persons with Disabilities**

To strengthen the employment support service for job seekers with disabilities, the Selective Placement Division (SPD) of the Labour Department has launched the **Counselling Scheme for Persons with Disabilities** to engage a non-governmental welfare organization (NGO) to provide in-depth psychological and emotional counselling service to needy job seekers. The Scheme serves to alleviate emotional problems of job seekers with disabilities arising from the state of their disabilities or their personal or family matters, so as to help them concentrate on job search and settle in their new jobs promptly, thereby realising their potentials in employment.

### **Target Participants**

Registered job seekers with disabilities of SPD who need psychological and emotional counselling would be referred to join the Scheme. Upon completion of a 'Consent Form for Receiving Counselling Service', counselling session(s) would be arranged for the participants.

### **Counselling Service**

Registered social workers from the NGO would provide counselling service to individual participants. One or more counselling sessions (depending on circumstances) would be conducted during office hours in one of the SPD regional offices<sup>1</sup>. Based on the reasons for and state of the emotional distress suffered by the participants, the Counsellor would provide appropriate counselling service to them.

In the course of counselling, SPD would continue to provide employment services, including career counselling, job

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<sup>1</sup> Under special circumstances, counselling sessions might be arranged beyond office hours and be held in venues as agreed by the counsellor and the participant.

matching and referral service and post-placement follow-up service to the participants.

### **Joining the Scheme**

Registered job seekers with disabilities of SPD who wish to receive the counselling service may contact one of the regional offices of the Division. Our Employment Consultants would refer needy job seekers to join the Scheme and arrange to provide professional psychological and emotional counselling to them.

For further details of the Scheme, please contact one of the following regional offices:

Hong Kong Office : 2852 4801

Kowloon Office : 2755 4835

New Territories Office : 2417 6190