

# **Ageing Population – A Social Care Perspective**

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# Global Ageing

- Between 2000-2050, the proportion of the ageing population (> 60 years ) of the world will double from about 11% to 22 %, from 605 million to 2 billion
- The number of people aged 80 and older will quadruple and increase up to almost 400 million.
- The main health burdens for older people are from noncommunicable diseases (e.g. heart disease, stroke and chronic lung disease – biggest killers, visual impairment, dementia, hearing loss and osteoarthritis – greatest causes of disability )
- The need for long-term care is rising
- Effective, community-level primary health care for older people is crucial
- Supportive, “age-friendly” environments allow older people to live fuller lives and maximize the contribution they make

( Extracted from 10 Facts on Ageing and the Life Course, World Health Organisation, April 2012 )

# Ageing Population in Hong Kong

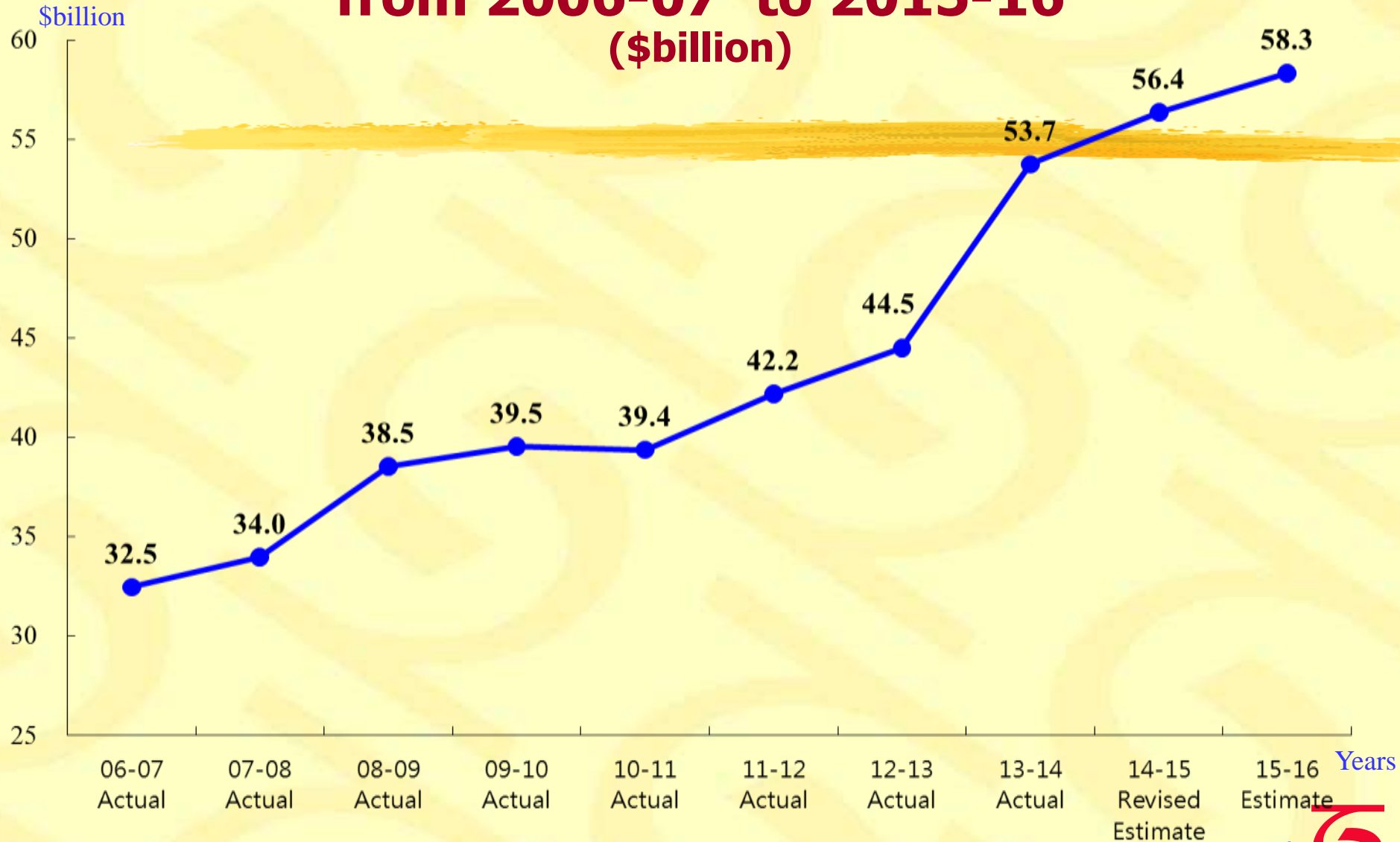
Age Group	2014*		2018		2022		2035		2041	
	No <sup>@</sup>	(%)#	No <sup>@</sup>	(%)#	No <sup>@</sup>	(%)#	No <sup>@</sup>	(%)#	No <sup>@</sup>	(%)#
65 – 69	345 700	4.8	429 700	6.0	507 400	6.9	546 300	7.0	521 600	6.5
70 – 74	213 400	2.9	282 100	4.0	398 800	5.4	590 500	7.5	530 300	6.6
75 – 79	210 100	2.9	193 000	2.7	232 000	3.2	521 300	6.6	548 900	6.9
80 – 84	168 600	2.3	172 700	2.4	165 600	2.3	360 800	4.6	466 400	5.8
85+	161 400	2.2	187 700	2.6	216 400	3.0	335 900	4.3	490 400	6.1
<b>65+</b>	<b>1 099 200</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>1 265 300</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>1 520 100</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>2 354 700</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>2 557 600</b>	<b>32.0</b>

\* Provisional

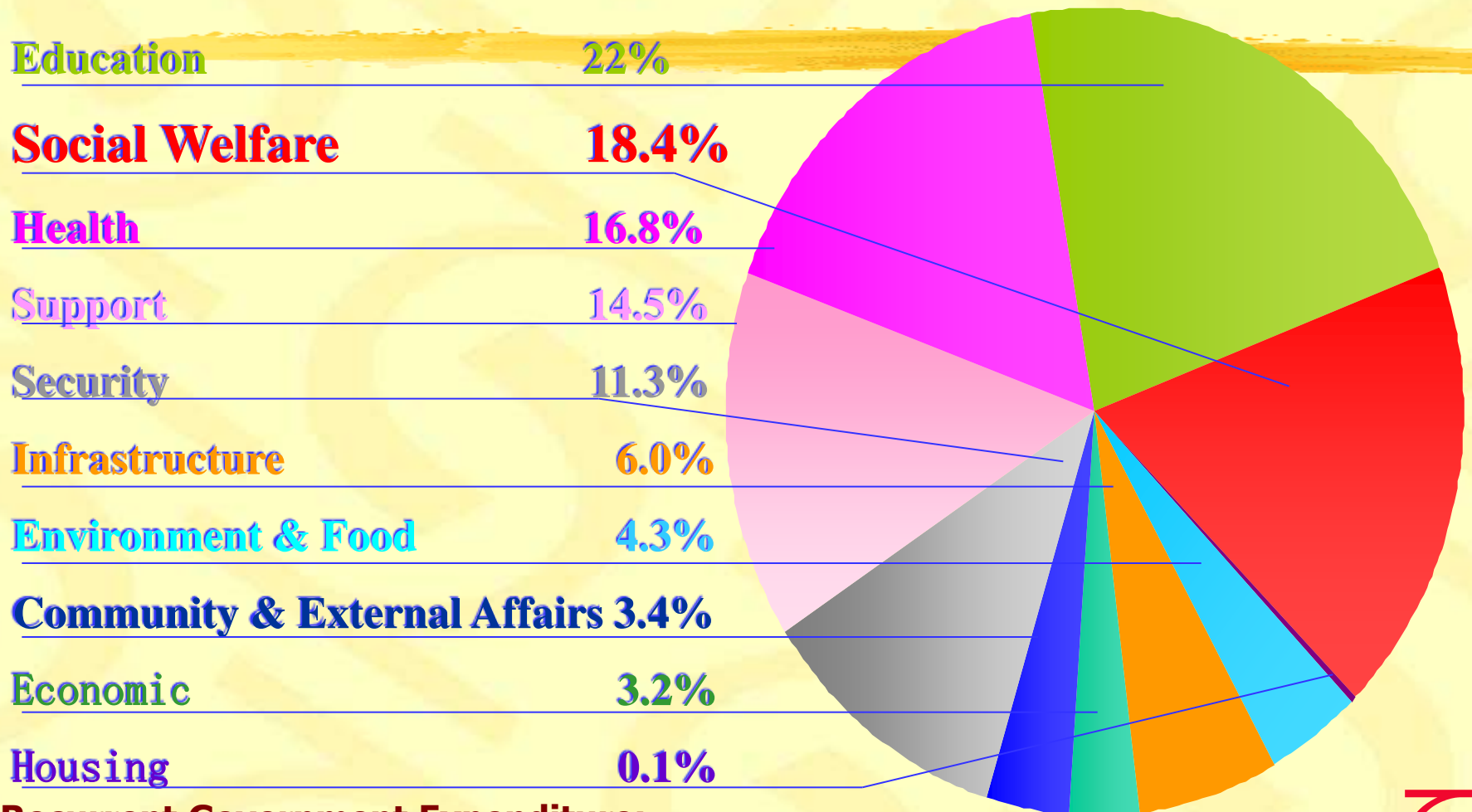
@ Excluding Foreign Domestic Helpers

# Percentage against total population

# SWD Expenditure over a Decade from 2006-07 to 2015-16 (\$billion)

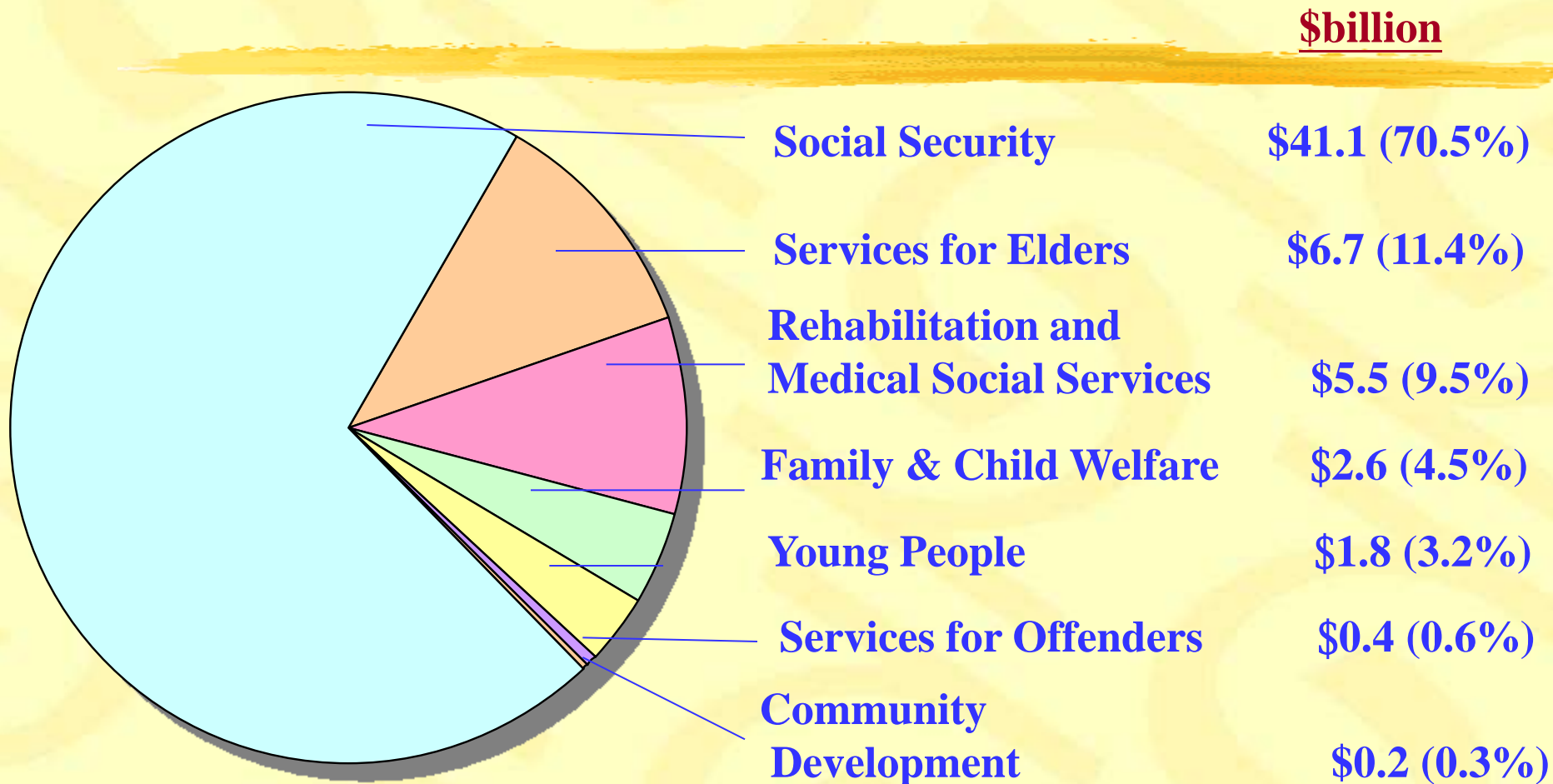


# Recurrent Government Expenditure: 2015-16 Estimate Percentage Share of Expenditure by Policy Area Group



Recurrent Government Expenditure:  
2015-16 Estimate: \$324.6 billion

# SWD - Allocation of provision to programmes 2015-16 Estimate



**Total expenditure in 2015-16: \$58.3 billion;**



# Policy Objectives on Care for Elderly Persons

## Basic principles

- To promote active ageing
- To encourage ageing in place
- To allocate resources to help those who are most in need



# Elderly Services

## Objectives

To promote the well-being of elderly persons in all aspects of their life through provision of a wide spectrum of services to **enable them to remain living in the community for as long as possible**; to provide residential care suited to their varying needs whenever necessary; to promote their sense of belonging, sense of security and sense of worthiness.





# Active Ageing

## ● Elderly Academy 長者學苑

- To offer opportunities for elderly persons to pursue studies and participate in activities that foster their general well-being, both physically and mentally
- In the 2014/15 academic year, there are **125** elder academies in primary, secondary schools and tertiary institutions

## ● Opportunities for the Elderly Project (OEP) 老有所為計劃

- Promote lifelong learning and advancement among the elders
- Since OEP's launch in 1999, 3700 projects have been conducted which benefitted over **2.6** million elderly persons



# Community Support Services

- **Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities**
  - To enable elderly people and eligible persons with disabilities to travel on the general Mass Transit Railway (MTR) lines, franchised buses, green mini-bus and ferries at anytime at a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip.
  - The Scheme aims to help build a caring and inclusive society by encouraging the elderly persons to participate more in community activities

# Community Support Services

## ● Centre-based Support Services

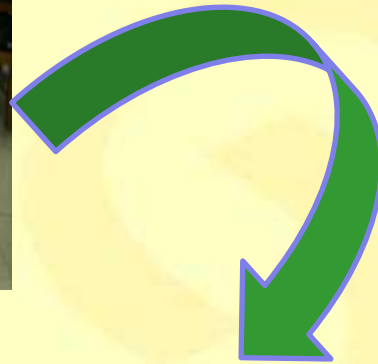
- Through some 210 subsidised Elderly Centres across the territory
- To provide a wide range of services to the elderly persons and their carers including community education, counselling service, carers' mutual-assistance groups, reaching out and networking, etc.

# Community Support Services

- Improvement Programme of Elderly Centres (IPEC)
  - In 2012-13, the Government allocated \$900 million under the Lotteries Fund to improve the physical setting and facilities for over 230 elderly centres across the territory in six years' time
- Jockey Club Elderly Facilities Modernization Scheme (JCEFMS)
  - Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust provided additional funding support of \$110 million to support IPEC for procurement of upgraded Furniture & Equipment



Drop-in area of the centre - a resources corner is newly set up



# IT corner



# Interactive Weight-Bearing Exercise Platform

## 互動負重運動儀



Body motion games, such as Wii, PlayStation Move, Xbox Kinect, would be used in motor skills training





# Service Enhancement in Elderly Centres in 2014-15

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- ⊕ Additional annual recurrent allocation of over \$160 million :
- ⊕ Upgrading of elderly centres
- ⊕ More manpower and carer support programmes
- ⊕ Some elderly centres with additional resources dedicated to enhance support services for elderly persons with dementia

# Community Care Services

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- Home-based Care Services
  - ⊕ Over 8300 home care places for elderly persons with moderate or severe level of impairment
  - ⊕ About 17000 home care places for elderly persons with no or mild level of impairment
- Centre-based Care Services
  - ⊕ Over 2900 day care places for elderly persons with moderate or severe level of impairment

# Ageing in Place

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- **Support the carers**

- ⊕ **Provision of support services in elderly centres**
- ⊕ **Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families**
- ⊕ **About 2000 cases, \$2000 per month**

# Ageing in Place

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- **Money-following-the-user funding mode**
  - ⊕ Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly
  - ⊕ \$380 million under Lotteries Fund for First Phase
  - ⊕ As at end-April 2015, 2185 elderly persons participated

# Benefits of CCS Voucher

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- ⊕ **Enhancing consumer choice**
- ⊕ **Co-payment and top-up payment**
- ⊕ **Those who could pay, pay more**
- ⊕ **Free up resources to those with less means**
- ⊕ **928 additional day care places**

# Residential Care Services

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- Over 26000 subsidised places
- Over 31000 elderly persons on the Central Waiting List [average waiting time : 32 – 37 months]
- In 2014 :
  - Of over 1500 NH offers, 15% rejected
  - Of over 8800 C&A offers, 22% rejected

# Residential Care Services

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- Multi-pronged approach to increase subsidised RCS places :
  - Purchase places, including in two RCHEs in Guangdong
  - Build new contract homes
  - Earmarked sites in development projects
  - Convert vacant building

# Pilot RCS Scheme in Guangdong

## HKSR Home





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# Residential Care Services

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- Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses
  - 7000 RCS places & 2000 CCS places in the coming 5 to 10 years

# Issues of Concern

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- Shortage of Manpower
  - How to attract young persons to enter the service
- Financial sustainability
  - Shared responsibility

# Major Tasks Ahead

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- The Government has tasked the Elderly Commission to :
  - Prepare an Elderly Services Programme Plan
  - Explore feasibility of introducing a RCS voucher

# Thank you

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