

## Existing and Planned Measure On the Promotion of Racial Equality

## **Guardianship Board**

The Guardianship Board (GB) is a legal quasi-judicial tribunal of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and operates under Part IVB of Mental Health Ordinance, Cap. 136.. Its central statutory role is to conduct hearings in order to make guardianship orders for people aged 18 years and over with decision-making incapacities.

Services Concerned	• GB puts in place measures which enable person of different races to have equal access to the service of the GB. Members of public can make enquiries to GB Secretariat regarding applications for guardianship and related issues.
Existing Measures	<ul> <li>GB uses Chinese and/or English in the provision of its service.</li> <li>GB will arrange interpretation/translation service where necessary and appropriate in eight languages, namely Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Punjabi, Urdu, Tagalog, Thai and Vietnamese through the Centre for Harmony and Enhancement of Ethnic Minority Residents (CHEER) under Hong Kong Christian Service or other service providers.</li> </ul>
Assessment of future work	GB will review its service from time to time and make changes where necessary.
Additional measure to be taken	• GB will collect data and statistics on the needs and use of interpretation services by people of different races to gauge the effect of measures taken.

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