

# Children switch on to new tool

## Hong Kong

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One hundred youngsters received laptop computers under a project aimed at promoting information technology among underprivileged children in Hong Kong.

The beneficiaries, from Kwun Tong and Tin Shui Wai, received their laptops at a ceremony on February 6.

The project is organised by The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG), and supported by the Communication Association of Hong Kong and the non-profit organisation One Laptop Per Child.

HKFYG executive director Rosanna Wong Yick-ming said a large number of families could



UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN RECEIVED 100 LAPTOPS EARLIER THIS MONTH. PHOTO: HKFYG

not afford computers. And children from these families lacked a vital tool to enhance their knowledge, Dr Wong said.

Anthony Wong Sik-kei, president of One Laptop Per Child, Asia Pacific, said: "It will be great if these youngsters [with the laptops] can learn by

themselves [using the internet] and share their knowledge with others."

The young beneficiaries will also receive training on how to use the computer software in order to enhance their ability to make use of information technology in learning.