

~~Aid eligibility~~

ANYONE involved in proceedings in the District or High Courts is eligible to apply for legal aid, regardless of where they live or their nationality, the Acting Chief Secretary, Sir Piers Jacobs, said.

"This is the normal practice elsewhere in the world and it is not unique to Hong-kong," he said.

He revealed that the total legal aid expenditure in 1989/90 was \$89.14 million, with the Government recovering \$38.9 million.