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Month-long campaign to help build a more supportive community people with epilepsy

The location might seem odd, but Epilepsy Awareness Month was kicked off on Wednesday at the Fresh Fish Traders School in Tai Kok Tsui. As patron of the organisation Enlighten, which advocates on behalf of epilepsy patients, former chief secretary Anson Chan Fang On-sang was on hand to launch the campaign, which includes a month-long education programme in schools to raise awareness of the illness.

"Sponsored by the Kadoorie Charitable Foundation, the Sunflower Primary Schools Epilepsy Education Programme aims to plant the seeds within the new generation to learn more about epilepsy and to eliminate



discrimination," Chan told the assembled press. "(The programme's goal) is to improve knowledge and understanding of epilepsy

in Hong Kong schools to ensure that today's children become tomorrow's supportive society."

The charity's chief executive, Orla Gilroy, said the programme couldn't come at a more appropriate time. "As you read in the news, the bus driver that killed a woman last week appears to have had some kind of seizure while he was driving." For more information on the campaign, contact Enlighten on 2820 0111 or go to www.enlightenhk.org.