

Memorandum of Sai Kung District Council
Annual Report of Sai Kung District Council
Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee (2009)

Six meetings (2009) of the Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee (HEHC) under Sai Kung District Council were held on 3 February, 31 March, 2 June, 29 July, 29 September and 1 December 2009 respectively. The major issues discussed at the meetings were summarized as follows:

The Programme on Source Separation of Waste

2. Members noted the content of “Programme on Source Separation of Waste” launched by Environmental Protection Department (EPD). Members were invited to express their views on the proposed public locations where additional 3-coloured waste separation bins would be placed. Members agreed to the proposal.

Progress of the Biodiesel Plant Development Plan at Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate

3. Members noted the briefing conducted by ASB Biodiesel Hong Kong Company Limited in respect of the development progress of a biodiesel plant at Tseung Kwan O industrial estate.

Request for Solving Malodor Problem from Kin Ming Estate Refuse Depot

4. Housing Department (HD) said that a new neutralizing agent for improving garbage odor had been used in mid-January and it was in trial period. EPD said that no complaint of odour in that area was received recently.

Request HD for Instant Examination on Lifts at all Public Housing Estates in Hong Kong and

Enquiry on Repair and Maintenance of Lifts in Sai Kung District under the Supervision of Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD)

5. HD said that the department in collaboration with EMSD conducted a thorough examination to lifts installed in 39 estates under the “Tenants Purchase Scheme” in the territory. In response to members’ request, the department would consider disclosing tender procedures and document of lift repair and maintenance work bidders to owners’ corporations and housing estates management advisory committees for their reference.

Request the Link for Improving Ticket Barrier Arrangement

6. Members noted the reply made by Fire Services Department (FSD) in relation to emergency vehicles navigating in and out an emergency vehicular access with a vehicle control barrier.

The Lunar Year-end Cleanliness Activities in Sai Kung in the Year of 2009

7. Members noted the report prepared by Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) in relation to the lunar year-end cleanliness activities in Sai Kung in early 2009.

Action and Result of Anti-rodent Campaign (Enhancement Phase)

8. Members noted the details and the result of FEHD’s Anti-rodent Campaign (Enhancement Phase) in 2008, and also noted the work of Anti-rodent Campaign (Promotion Phase) in Sai Kung in 2009.

Brief Introduction of Lunar New Year Fair at Sai Kung District in 2009

9. Members noted FEHD’s report in relation to Lunar New Year Fair at Sai Kung District in 2009.

Strong Concern about Rental Matters of Choi Ming Street Market Handled by The Link

10. The Chairman quoted the remarks made by the Link at district interflow by saying that the rental matters of Choi Ming Street Market was cared by a new contractor. The contractor would sign new contracts with tenants gradually.

Request for Solving Congestion Problem to Access between Choi Ming Shopping Centre and Kin Ming Estate As Soon As Possible

11. HD adopted short-term, interim and long-term options to deal with congestion problem to access between Choi Ming Shopping Centre and Kin Ming Estate. The short-term pedestrian control measure was enforced between the end of January and the end of March. The congestion was eased. HD would adjust daily routine management and contingency plan gradually. The hygiene and air circulation of back stairway would be observed while the locations for school buses to pickup/drop off passengers would be improved too. As for the study result on long-term option, it showed that there was no need to increase another access at that stage. Members noted the HD's statistics of pedestrian flow at the access between Choi Ming Shopping Centre and Kin Ming Estate during rush hours. Members also urged HD that it would need to build another access when the escalator users reached 5000 during rush hours.

Traffic Noise along Tseung Kwan O Tunnel Road

12. Members noted that Highways Department (HyD) had conducted road works of paving noise insulation material along Tseung Kwan O Tunnel Road uphill section by about 200 metres during the Christmas holiday in December 2008. The Committee would send a letter to HyD for seeking the schedule of road works for paving noise insulation material along downhill section of the road.

Request for Solving Stray Dogs Problem in TKO and Asking the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) to Solve Stray Dogs Problem in TKO

13. Members noted the work of AFCD to catch stray dogs in Sai Kung.

Declaration of Feeling Sorry — “Narrow Alley” Design with the Connivance of Housing Department

14. The “Narrow Alley” case was completed. The accused actually was the Independent Checking Unit (ICU) in HD rather than HD itself. No further new development of the case would be found when it had been completed.

Request for Providing an Access at the Open Space Where has Been Fenced Outside the Main Entrance of West Wing of the Hau Tak Shopping Centre to Facilitate Residents Going between King Lam Estate and the Hau Tak Shopping Centre

15. Members noted that the access and entrance/exit had been opened for public use in early December.

Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service in Sai Kung District

16. Members noted the document about Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service in Sai Kung District.

Hong Kong Flower Show 2009

17. The organizing ad hoc group of the “Stall to Promote Greening” reported that the stall of Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) was opened for four days i.e. 14, 15, 21 and 22 of March during the flower show. The activity included games to promote the East Asian Games, distribution of small plants, souvenirs and pamphlets etc.

Buildings Energy Efficiency Funding Schemes

18. The representatives of Environment Bureau (ENB) and EMSD briefly introduced the two aspects of Buildings Energy Efficiency Funding Schemes namely subsidies to incentives building owners to conduct energy-cum-carbon audits and to upgrade energy efficiency projects for their buildings. Members supported the aforesaid schemes.

Anti-mosquito Campaign (Phase I) in Sai Kung District in 2009

19. Members noted FEHD's anti-mosquito campaign (Phase I) in Sai Kung district in 2009.

Request for Proper Handling of Noise Nuisance Caused by the Youth Loitering at Night in Kin Ming Estate

20. Members noted HD's report on handling of noise nuisance caused by the youth loitering at night in Kin Ming estate. HD said that the situation was seen to have improved and the department would keep on following it up.

Port Shelter Sewerage Works Stage 2 and Stage 3

21. Drainage Services Department (DSD) briefly introduced the progress of Port Shelter sewerage works stage 2 and stage 3. Members agreed to build sewerage and sewage treatment works at Po Toi O Village.

Improvement Project to Sai Kung Sewage Treatment Works (Phase II)

22. DSD briefly introduced improvement project to Sai Kung sewage treatment works (Phase II). Members supported the project.

Replacement of Some Village-type Dry Toilets to Flushing Public Toilets

23. FEHD briefly introduced the proposal and arrangement for the replacement works of dry toilets (Phase VI). Members supported the proposal and arrangement.

Improvement of Environmental Hygiene Strategy and Task

24. Members noted FEHD's regional operation plan for Sai Kung district in the year of 2009/2010 and also noted SKDO's progress in tailor-making its jobs to deal with the situation in Sai Kung district.

HEHC Urging the Government to Build a Cover on Pavement along Mau Yip Road, Po Fung Road, Yuk Nga Lane

25. Transport Department (TD) opined that as the pedestrian flow at that section of road could not meet the minimum requirement of building a cover on pavement, the Committee then referred the issue to the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) for taking follow-up action.

Request the Government to Lower the Height of a China Light and Power Company (CLP) Electric Substation to Below 15 Metres

26. Members opined that they supported to lower the height of the said electric substation to below 15 metres.

Request for Reviewing a Prolongation of Anderson Road Quarry and Increasing Portions of Land for Public Housing Estates to Meet the High Demand

27. HD said that the land use development would be studied by Planning Department (PD) and Civil Engineering Department (CED). Study on feasibility to public housing estate development was in progress at present stage.

Anti-mosquito Campaign (Phase II) in Sai Kung District in 2009

28. Members noted the anti-mosquito campaign (Phase I) in Sai Kung district in 2009 by FEHD.

Request for Installing Noise Barriers at Housing Estates in Tseung Kwan O adjacent to Busy Highways As Soon As Possible

29. HyD said that public works projects were filled with loads of installing noise barrier works. In accordance with present works schedule of EPD and HyD, it was expected that the noise barrier works at Po Ning Road and Po Lam Road north could not be put up to SKDC for consultation until the end of 2010. HyD would act correspondingly with EPD to review the section of road that of members' concern.

Ban on Trawling in Port Shelter

30. AFCD briefly reported the progress about fisheries protection areas proposed by Committee on Sustainable Fisheries. The Committee had sent a letter to Food and Health Bureau (HFB) to express its support for including Port Shelter as one of fisheries protection areas.

Problem of Waste Collection Station in Boon Kin Village

31. Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) conducted joint operations with FEHD, Land Department and Hong Kong Police Force at irregular intervals. SKDO would keep on liaising with relevant departments to monitor the situation.

Anti-rodent Campaign (Promotion Phase) in Sai Kung District in 2009

32. Members noted the work of Anti-rodent Campaign (Promotion Phase) in Sai Kung in 2009.

Tseung Kwan O Sewerage Works and Ma Yau Tong Sewerage Works

33. Members noted the details of Tseung Kwan O sewerage works and Ma Yau Tong sewerage works to be launched by DSD. They supported these two items of works.

Request Hong Kong Housing Authority to Bear the Responsibility for the Soakage Problem of External Wall at Tong Ming Court

34. The committee endorsed the above motion and generally did not agree to the external wall soakage report which was detected by observations. HD said that the Owners' Corporation of Tong Ming Court could contact HD when there was any disagreement over the report.

Strong Opposition to Establish a Karaoke Bar at Hau Tak Shopping Centre under the Management of The Link

35. The Chairman said that the karaoke bar operator had withdrawn his application to establish a karaoke bar at Hau Tak Shopping Centre.

Request FEHD to Conduct a Thorough Improvement on Public Toilet Facilities at Tseung Kwan O, Sai Kung

36. Members urged FEHD to enhance its management of public toilet facilities. As for toilet facilities in community halls, its management would be followed up by the District Management Committee (DMC).

Enhancement of Pest Control and Publicity Education in the District

37. Members noted that FEHD had enhanced pest control and public education in the district.

Anti-mosquito Campaign (Phase II) in Sai Kung District in 2009

38. Members noted the Anti-mosquito Campaign (Phase III) in Sai Kung District in 2009 by FEHD.

Public Consultation on Air Quality Objectives Review

39. The Committee noted the details of EPD's public consultation on air quality objectives review, and supported the item.

Request FEHD to Install a Mobile Public Toilet at Po Lam Road South

40. FEHD expected the mobile public toilet at Po Lam road south could come to service in March 2010.

Issue of License to Fixed Pitch Hawker

41. The Committee noted the details of issuing license to fixed pitch hawkers.

Request to Improve Smoking Problem in Public Places Outside Tiu Keng Leng MTR Station

42. The Committee endorsed the above motion and urged both MTR and Department of Health to keep on enhancing their patrols in order to improve smoking

problem in public places outside Tiu Keng Leng MTR Station.

Request EPD to Find Ways to Improve Noise Problem at Po Lam Road North (near King Ming Court, Hong Sing Garden) and Chiu Shun Road (near Ming Tak Estate, Hin Ming Court, Wo Ming Court and Yuk Ming Court)

43. The Committee endorsed the above motion and further requested HyD to provide the schedule for installing noise barrier works in Tseung Kwan O district.

Improve Reception of Radio Broadcast

44. The Committee endorsed the above motion and had sent a letter to Office of the Telecommunications Authority to express the Committee's views for making improvement on radio broadcast.

Opposition against Setting up a Temporary Explosive Depot at Area 137, Tseung Kwan O

45. The Committee endorsed the above motion, and would incorporate views of SKDC on the related matter before sending a letter to Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) to express their views.

Proposed Offshore Wind Farm Project

46. SKDC had formed a concern group in relation to the matter and invited the concerned institutions and environmental organizations to conduct an introduction with a view to giving more opportunities to the members and the public to understand the proposed offshore wind farm project.

Request FEHD to Follow up Hygienic and Cleaning Matters in Sheung Tak District

47. FEHD said that follow up actions had been taken to tackle hygienic and cleaning problems at Sheung Tak Estate within its jurisdiction. The situation was found to have been improved. The Committee urged FEHD to continue to follow it up.

Replacement of Some Village-type Dry Toilets with Flushing Public Toilets by FEHD

48. The Committee noted FEHD's plan of replacing some village-type dry toilets with flushing public toilets, and supported the item.

Progress Report of Provision of Services for Odour Study in Tseung Kwan O

49. The Committee noted the details of progress report submitted by EDMS Consulting Limited, which was the consultant of the "Provision of Services for Odour Study in Tseung Kwan O." As for the technical issues, discussion was made at the meeting of the Concern Group on Malodor Problem from South East New Territories Landfill Steering Committee.

HEHC under SKDC condemning The Link for its failure to tackle and improve environmental hygiene of Sheung Tak Shopping Centre and Car Park under its Administration

50. The committee endorsed the provisional motion and wrote to the Link to express the Committee's discontent.

Brief Introduction of Lunar New Year Fair at Sai Kung District in 2010

51. Members noted FEHD's report on the Lunar New Year Fair at Sai Kung District in 2010.

Request Housing Department (HD) to Install a Digital Monitoring System at Sheung Tak Estate to Monitor Object Drop from Height

Request HD to Enhance Its Control Measure Severely Against Object Drop from Height in Public Housing Estates to Ensure Residents' Safety

Request for HD and the Police to Solve Object Drop from Height at Kin Ming Estate TKO

52. The Committee endorsed the motion namely "Request for HD and the Police to

Solve Object Drop from 'Height at Kin Ming Estate TKO' and "Request HD to Install a Digital Monitoring System at Sheung Tak Estate to Monitor Object Drop from Height", which would be combined for discussion with another motion referred by SKDC namely "Request HD to Enhance Its Control Measure Severely Against Object Drop from Height in Public Housing Estates to Ensure Residents' Safety". HD stated that installation of "Sky Eye" would be made gradually. Moreover, HD was urged to strengthen its patrols and publicity campaigns and to consider enlarging canopy areas in its future building design.

Concern on Government's Plan to Make Partial Change in Land Use

53. Members noted Planning Department's written reply which stated that no plan to change land use in Tseung Kwan O district for proposed residential development yet.

Propose to Use Part of Suitable Area at Kin Ming Estate Public Transport Interchange as Temporary Sitting-out Area

54. The Committee endorsed the above motion and the issue was referred to the Traffic and Transport Committee for taking follow-up actions.

Request for Installing Noise Barrier along Clear Water Bay Road (With an Approximate Length of 30-40M Adjacent to Tseng Lan Shue Village House No.66)

55. The Committee would arrange a site inspection with EPD, TD and HyD with a view to studying possibilities of installing noise barrier or other noise mitigation measures.

Request Lands Office to Vigorously Dismantle Illegal Banners in Street

56. FEHD said that joint operations had been conducted all along to dismantle illegal banners. Lands Office also stated that close cooperation with FEHD would be maintained. The Committee also urged Lands Office to re-label the approved destinations for banner display.

Request HD to Fix Concrete Falling from External Wall at Kwong Ming Court As Soon As Possible and Conduct Comprehensive Exploration of External Wall

57. The Committee endorsed the above motion and would arrange a meeting with HD and the management company prior to the end of December with a view to studying maintenance work and comprehensive exploration.

Request HD to Equip with Defibrillators at All Public Housing Estate Offices

58. The Committee endorsed the above motion and urged HD to convey comments to its department so as to obtain resources for having defibrillators equipped at all public housing estate offices.

Anti-rodent Campaign (Promotion Phase) in Sai Kung District in 2010

59. Members noted the details of Anti-rodent Campaign (Promotion Phase) in Sai Kung in 2010.

Naming of Phase B Public Rental Housing Estate at Area 73B, Tseung Kwan O

60. Members noted that the phase B public rental housing estate at Area 73B, Tseung Kwan O was named as Shin Ming Estate.

Propose to Improve the Environmental Hygiene Situation in Sai Kung District

61. FEHD and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) said that they had followed up related environmental hygienic issues within their terms of reference.