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**Minutes of Meeting of Islands District Council**

Date : 24 June 2019 (Monday)  
Time : 2:00 p.m.  
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,  
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong.

**Present**

**Chairman**

Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS

**Vice-Chairman**

Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, JP

**Members**

Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS  
Mr CHAN Lin-wai  
Mr Ho Chun-fai  
Mr Ho Siu-kei  
Ms WONG Chau-ping  
Ms YU Lai-fan  
Ms LEE Kwai-chun  
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy  
Mr TANG Ka-piu, Bill, JP  
Mr KWONG Koon-wan  
Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden  
Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine  
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric  
Ms FU Hiu-lam, Sammi

**Attendance by Invitation**

Mr WAN Chi-kin	District Engineer/Islands, Highways Department
Mr WONG Chung-nam, Edmund	Assistant Leisure Manager I(Tree)New Territories West 2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms SZETO Hau-yan, Esther	Property Service Manager/Service (Hong Kong Island & Islands 3), Housing Department
Mr HAU Chi-leung, Arnold	Property Service Manager/Service (Hong Kong Island & Islands 4), Housing Department
Mr AU Tik-hon	Senior Land Executive/Lantau (District Lands Office, Islands), Lands Department

Mr KWAN Kin-keung	Head of Intellectual Property Investigation Bureau, Customs and Excise Department
Ms CHIK Shun-kwan	Head of Trade Descriptions Investigation Bureau, Customs and Excise Department
Ms IP Tung-ching, Suzette	Group Head (Unfair Trade Practice Investigation), Customs and Excise Department
Mr MA Kwong-cho	Deputy Head, (Trade Descriptions Division 2), Trade Descriptions Investigation Bureau, Customs and Excise Department
Dr LUI Siu-yun	Medical & Health Officer (Community Liaison)1, Department of Health
Dr Michael WONG	Chief Manager, Kowloon West Cluster/Princess Margaret Hospital Deputy Hospital Chief Executive (Operations)/ North Lantau Hospital Deputy Hospital Chief Executive, Hospital Authority
Mr KAN Yat-chung, Thomas	Senior Hospital Administrator, North Lantau Hospital
Mr LAW Yiu-wah, Rayson	Planning and Support Officer I, Long Win Bus Company Ltd.
Mr CHAN Tin-lung	Deputy General Manager, New Lantao Bus Co. (1973) Limited

**In Attendance**

Mr LI Ping-wai, Anthony, JP	District Officer (Islands), Islands District Office
Mr AU Sheung-man, Benjamin	Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office
Ms YEUNG Cin-man, Winnie	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
Mr MOK Sui-hung	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Islands District Office
Mr CHAN Yat-kin, Kaiser	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Islands District Office
Mr HO Hei-ming, Bryan	Senior Engineer/1 (Lantau), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms TAM Yin-ping, Donna	District Planning Officer/Sai Kung & Islands, Planning Department
Ms IP Siu-ming	District Social Welfare Officer (Central Western, Southern & Islands), Social Welfare Department
Mr TONG Ping-tat	Senior Property Service Manager/HK Island & Islands Region, Housing Department
Mr LING Ka-fai	District Lands Officer/Islands, Lands Department
Mr KWOK Chi-hang	Administrative Assistant/Lands (Islands), Lands Department
Ms TAM Nga-ching	District Commander (Lantau), New Territories South Regional Headquarters Lantau District, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr LAU Cheng-fung	District Commander (Marine Port District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr WU Sai-yiu	Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr LEONG Seong-iam	Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms CHOW Pui-sze, Alice	Chief Transport Officer/Boundary, Transport Department

Ms LAI Wing-sau, Winsy District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands),  
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department  
Ms HO Sau-fan, Fanny Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Mr CHAU Chun-wing, Tomy District Leisure Manager (Islands),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

**Secretary**

Ms Dora CHENG Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Islands District Office

**Absent with Apology**

Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken  
Mr WONG Man-hon



**Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives of the government departments to the meeting and introduced the following representatives of the government departments who attended the meeting:

- (a) Mr LEONG Seong-iam, Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District) of Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF);
- (b) Mr TONG Ping-tat, Senior Property Service Manager/HK Island & Islands Region of Housing Department (HD) who attended the meeting in place of Mrs CHEUNG LO Pik-yuk, Helen;
- (c) Mr HO Hei-ming, Bryan, Senior Engineer/1 (Lantau) of Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) who attended the meeting in place of Mr WONG Kwok-fai, Alfred; and
- (d) Mr CHAN Yat-kin, Kaiser, Senior Liaison Officer (2) of Islands District Office (IsDO).

2. Members noted that Mr Ken WONG and Mr WONG Man-hon were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. **Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting held on 15 April 2019**

3. The Chairman said that the captioned minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by the government departments and Members, and had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

4. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendment.

II. Annual Plan 2019/20 of North Lantau Hospital  
(Paper IDC 55/2019)

5. The Chairman welcomed Dr Michael WONG, Chief Manager, Kowloon West Cluster/Princess Margaret Hospital Deputy Hospital Chief Executive (Operations)/North Lantau Hospital (NLTH) Deputy Hospital Chief Executive of Hospital Authority (HA) and Mr KAN Yat-chung, Thomas, Senior Hospital Administrator of NLTH to the meeting to present the paper.

6. Dr Michael WONG thanked the Chairman and Members present for offering him an opportunity to introduce the work of Kowloon West Cluster, including the work plan of NLTH for 2019/20. He presented the plan with the aid of PowerPoint presentation

7. Mr Eric KWOK was pleased to note that gynecology out-patient clinic would be operational by the end of this year. At the previous meetings, he had mentioned that the telephone line of the out-patient clinic was always engaged and many elderly people could not make appointment despite having called many times. Given that the HA report stated that there was an increase in manpower, he asked whether there was an increase in outpatient clinic quota and if yes, extent of the increase

8. Dr Michael WONG said that on the whole, Kowloon West Cluster had been given 16 500 additional out-patient quotas in the year. However, the actual number of quota, especially for night sessions, might be constrained by the medical manpower. HA planned to develop a mobile application for people to help the seniors make advance appointments by mobile phone to avoid getting the busy signal. Some quotas had been reserved for the elderly people to boost their chance in appointment booking.

9. Ms Josephine TSANG said that according to HA, paediatric and gynecology services, etc. would be introduced in 2019/20 and asked whether there would be sufficient healthcare manpower in NLTH.

10. Dr Michael WONG said HA would strengthen the manpower of NLTH proportionally according to the annual plan, and the hospital would introduce new services accordingly depending on the healthcare manpower allocated this year. Following an increase of 7 or 8 medical officers and several ten nursing staff last year, NLTH would have a further boost to manpower this year in light of the new services.

11. Mr Eric KWOK did not think there was any actual improvement in the telephone booking service. He asked about the number of quota increase in NLTH and if the problem persisted, what measures the hospital would take in the short term. He opined that the residents would continue to complain of unsuccessful in appointment booking if the number of quotas remained unchanged.

12. Dr Michael WONG understood that the general out-patient clinic service of the hospital was unable to meet the demand, and owing to manpower constraints, the number of medical and nursing staff deployed to each hospital was inadequate to fully cope with the service demand. It was hoped that there would be more medical graduates in the coming years for expansion of the quota of outpatient clinic.

(Ms Sammi FU joined the meeting at about 2:05 p.m. and Mr Bill TANG left at around this juncture.)

III. Question on Tung Wan Road Plaza, Cheung Chau  
(Paper IDC 56/2019)

13. The Chairman welcomed Mr WONG Chung-nam, Edmund, Assistant Leisure Manager I (Tree) New Territories West 2 of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), Mr WAN Chi-kin, District Engineer/Islands of Highways Department (HyD) and Ms YEUNG Cin-man, Winnie, Assistant District Officer (Islands)2 of Islands District Office (IsDO) to the meeting to respond to the question.

14. Ms LEE Kwai-chun presented the question briefly.

15. Mr WAN Chi-kin said that Tung Wan Road in Cheung Chau was maintained by HyD, HyD's contractor carried out regular site inspections to the roads under maintenance of HyD and provided maintenance works when necessary. Based on the recent site inspection, uneven paving slabs were observed at Tung Wan Road, maintenance works had been arranged to rectify the defects. Our contractor would lay cement sand mixture under the paving slabs to enhance the durability of the paving slabs. The works was in progress.

16. Mr WONG Chung-nam said he and Ms LEE Kwan-chun and relevant personnel went there for inspection before the meeting and found tree branches stretched to the nearby buildings. LCSD would make arrangement for trimming the trees and those in the vicinity of Tung Wan Road plaza, Cheung Chau. The trimming work was expected to fully complete in mid-July this year.

(Post-meeting note: The trimming work was completed on 15 July this year.)

17. Ms Winnie YEUNG said IsDO had conducted site visit with LCSD and Ms LEE Kwai-chun on 20 June this year and noticed the slabs were uneven. If the lot was Government land not under the purview of HyD, maintenance work would be provided by IsDO.

18. Mr YUNG Chi-ming said that the road paving by HyD with cement was more satisfactory. The sand laid under the slabs would be washed away during torrential rain, causing the ground surface uneven. Moreover, there were always heavy vehicles or lorries driving past the road section, causing damage to the road surface. He said the situation had been much improved after the use of cement for maintenance on most

of the roads. The swelling of tree roots, not a common phenomenon, was also difficult to handle. He suggested laying bricks around the tree roots to avoid the risks of tripping passers-by.

19. Ms LEE Kwai-chun did not have strong opinions in respect to the department's reply but she would do her best to relay residents' opinions. She appreciated that HyD took actions immediately after receiving the request for slab maintenance though she believed some slabs would fall off even using cement for maintenance. She hoped HyD would conduct repairs as best as possible.

IV. Motion on converting the cycle parking area adjoining Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch of Mun Tung Estate into children's playground  
(Paper IDC 57/2019)

20. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHAU Chun-wing, Tomy District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD, Mr HAU Chi-leung, Arnold, Property Service Manager/Service (Hong Kong Island & Islands 4) of HD, Mr AU Tik-hon, Senior Land Executive/Lantau (District Lands Office, Islands) (DLO) and Ms TAM Yin-ping, Donna, District Planning Officer/Sai Kung & Islands of Planning Department (PlanD) to the meeting to respond to the paper. He said written replies had been provided by PlanD and Transport Department for Members' perusal and that the motion was raised by Mr Eric KWOK and seconded by Ms Josephine TSANG.

21. Mr Eric KWOK presented the motion briefly.

22. Mr AU Tik-hon said DLO had not yet received from any government department the proposal to convert the land into a children's playground. If a department applied for land allocation to implement a proposal for children's playground, DLO would process the application according to the applicable procedures.

23. Mr Tomy CHAU said the land concerned was now used as a bicycle parking area. He said LCSD noted the proposal of Mr Eric KWOK and was open-minded towards it. Mr Eric KWOK could consider taking forward the project under the District Minor Works programme for the relevant departments to follow up.

24. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the motion by a show of hands and said that Ms Josephine TSANG was entrusted by Mr Ken WONG to vote on his behalf and Ms WONG Chau-ping entrusted by Mr WONG Man-hon to vote on his behalf. There were 16 voted for, no against and no abstaining. The motion was passed.

V. Motion on converting the bus pick-up/drop-off points at Mun Tung Estate into a standard bus terminus  
(Paper IDC 58/2019)

25. The Chairman welcomed Ms CHOW Pui-sze, Alice, Chief Transport

Officer/Boundary of Transport Department (TD), Mr Arnold HAU, Property Service Manager/Service (Hong Kong Island & Islands 4) of HD, Mr AU Tik-hon, Senior Land Executive/Lantau (DLO/Islands) and Ms Donna TAM, District Planning Officer/Sai Kung & Islands of PlanD to the meeting to respond to the paper. A written reply of PlanD had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

26. The Chairman said that the motion was raised by Mr Eric KWOK and seconded by Ms Josephine TSANG.

27. Mr Eric KWOK presented the motion briefly.

28. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the motion by a show of hands and said that Ms Josephine TSANG was entrusted by Mr Ken WONG to vote on his behalf and Ms WONG Chau-ping entrusted by Mr WONG Man-hon to vote on his behalf. There were 16 voted for, no against and no abstaining. The motion was passed.

(As Mr Holden CHOW had not yet arrived, the Chairman said item 9 would be discussed first.)

IX. Question on Implementation of Electronic Road Pricing Pilot Scheme in Central Core District  
(Paper IDC 62/2019)

29. The Chairman welcomed Ms Alice CHOW, Chief Transport Officer/Boundary of TD to the meeting to respond to the question. A written reply had been provided by TD for Members' perusal.

30. Ms Alice CHOW explained the written reply briefly.

31. Mr KWONG Koon-wan expressed his views as follows:

(a) The Government would implement electronic road pricing pilot scheme in Central and the Central & Western District Council was consulted last month. The residents of Islands District, especially those living in Cheung Chau, Peng Chau, Lamma and Discovery Bay would be affected since they changed for other transport in Central. However, Islands District Council (IDC) was not consulted. He hoped TD would report to IDC when it obtained further details.

(b) Some residents in Islands District agreed to require private vehicles to pay tolls upon entry to designated roads to relieve traffic congestion. For public transport such as taxis and mini-buses, they opined that the levy would aggravate the burden of transport on residents and hoped that TD would reconsider it carefully.

32. The Vice-Chairman Mr Randy YU said the residents mostly took the ferry bound for outlying islands in Central, so the implementation of traffic measures concerning the Central District would affect residents of Islands District. He hoped TD would report to IDC when it obtained further details.

VI. Question on request for service enhancement of Long Win bus route nos. E31 and E32A  
(Paper IDC 59/2019)

33. The Chairman welcomed Ms Alice CHOW, Chief Transport Officer/Boundary of TD and Mr LAW Yiu-wah, Rayson, Planning and Support Officer I of Long Win Bus Company Ltd. (Long Win) to the meeting to respond to the question. A written reply had been provided by Long Win for Members' perusal.

34. Ms LEE Kwai-chun was entrusted by Mr Holden CHOW to briefly present the question on his behalf.

35. Ms Alice CHOW responded as follows:

(a) Long Win implemented in February the settled items under Bus Route Planning Programme 2017-18 by re-organising route E32A to provide whole day service for Tung Chung North residents and re-routing route E31 to omit Tung Chung North and observe Mun Tung Estate, Tung Chung West with bus frequencies adjusted accordingly. Following the adjustment, bus service was further enhanced in April with increased frequency of route E32A at an interval of 12-15 minutes and one more departure of route E31 at morning peak hours to match with the change of passenger demand. Moreover, Long Win operated two additional special trips of route E42P from Tung Chung North to Tsing Yi direct to cater for the demand for direct bus service to Tsing Yi area with effect from mid-February. TD and Long Win would closely monitor the traveling pattern of Tung Chung residents and the demand for Tsuen Wan and Tsing Yi-bound service and adjust the frequency where appropriate.

(b) TD would take into account a number of factors when introducing green mini-bus route, e.g. the current and anticipated passenger demand and the existing and planned public transport services, etc. Given that the public transport services from Tung Chung to Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan were adequate, it had no plan to introduce green mini-bus route at this stage. TD and the bus operators would closely monitor the demand of Tung Chung residents for bus services and consider service adjustment where necessary.

36. Mr Rayson LAW explained the written reply briefly.



37. Mr Holden CHOW expressed his views as follows:
- (a) He opined that the replies of Long Win and TD could not reflect the real situation. Rapid population growth in Tung Chung and resident intake of Mun Tung Estate resulted in a significant increase in traffic demand. Residents of Tung Chung Town Centre said bus E31 was always packed, making passengers impossible to get aboard. Although the bus operator had increased bus frequency, it appeared that it could not meet the demand.
  - (b) Given that the bus operator could not fully meet the demand, he proposed TD introduce green mini-bus service to Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan. There had been no green mini-buses operating in Tung Chung. Although green mini-bus route 901 was introduced after the commissioning of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB), the demand for transport running to Tsuen Wan and Tsing Yi increased with continuous population growth and population intake of newly developed estates. He urged TD to consider the proposal.
38. Ms Alice CHOW said in view that bus and train services to Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan areas were available in Tung Chung, to avoid overlap of resources, the department had no plan to introduce Tsing Yi- and Tsuen Wan-bound green mini-bus service at the moment. TD and Long Win would continue to monitor the passenger demand for routes E31 and E32A, including the loading situation at Tung Chung Town Centre, and would arrange appropriate adjustment where necessary.
39. Mr Rayson LAW said Long Win noted the passenger flow of route E31 in Tung Chung Town Centre and that it would continue to monitor the situation and explore ways for service enhancement with TD where necessary.
40. Mr Eric KWOK expressed his views as follows:
- (a) He urged TD to adjust transport service according to actual situation. Route E31 was earlier split into E31 and E32A, with E31 omitting Tung Chung North which was well-received by residents of Tung Chung West. To his knowledge, E31 could not meet the demand of residents and he had raised the issue at the meeting of Traffic and Transport Committee on 20 May. As E31 did not call at Tung Chung North, many residents of Mun Tung Estate chose to ride on E31 which was almost full leaving the bus terminus in Yat Tung Estate, making the residents of Mun Tung Estate impossible to squeeze onboard. He urged Long Win to further increase frequency to a 5 minutes' interval during morning and evening peak hours to meet passenger demand.
  - (b) He queried why Long Win route E32A no longer traveled via Tsing Yi which was served during the trial period. He enquired whether Long Win could make trial arrangement for rerouting some E32A buses to run

via Tsing Yi during peak hours and collect the statistics for further review and study.

- (c) He concurred with Mr Holden CHOW's proposal for introducing green mini-bus service. The green mini-buses now running between HZMB Hong Kong Port and Artificial islands did not have a high level of patronage and the area was being served by a number of bus routes. He suggested introducing a circular mini-bus route traveling via Tung Chung Town Centre, Tung Chung West and Tung Chung East to make optimal use of resources and flexibility of mini-bus service, and that people would like to travel on green mini-buses to save travel time.

41. Ms Sammi FU said there was now only E42P plying between Tung Chung North and Tsing Yi, with four departures during the busy time from Monday to Friday and three departures on Saturday, which she considered insufficient and was puzzled why the statistics of the department indicated that the service could meet the demand. To her knowledge, many residents in Tung Chung North attended school in Tsing Yi and a new bus route to Tsing Yi direct was urgently needed. She urged the department to consider increasing bus frequency from Tung Chung North to Tsing Yi direct.

42. Mr Rayson LAW made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) For route E31, prior to route reorganisation on 2 February, it operated at 10-15 minutes' interval during morning peak hours and served both Yat Tung and Tung Chung North before splitting. The resident patronage was enough to support the operation of the route. After route reorganisation, the total number of departures from Tung Chung for route E31 and E32A has been increased by comparing with the situation before reorganisation. He noted the passenger flow of route E31 and stressed that Long Win would continue to discuss and explore with TD for the feasibility for service improvement.
- (b) Regarding the route arrangement of E32A, it was mainly to provide a fast route for Tung Chung North residents to travel to Tsuen Wan directly. Long Win noted that a majority of passengers of E32A alighted in Tsuen Wan and opined that the route arrangement would enable passengers to travel between Tung Chung North and Tsuen Wan conveniently. For travelling from Tung Chung North to Tsing Yi, passengers could now take route E42P to Tsing Yi direct in the morning. According to their observation and business record, very few passengers of E42P alighted in Tsing Yi, and also very few people taking E32A for changing bus to Tsing Yi from Tung Chung North outside the morning peak hours. Long Win would continue to monitor the passenger demand for bus service between Tung Chung North and Tsing Yi and review with TD for the feasibility of improving the existing service and bus network.

43. Mr Eric KWOK expressed his views as follows:
- (a) He asked TD whether it would adopt the proposal and introduce a green mini-bus route.
  - (b) Long Win pointed out that the statistics indicated very few passengers of E32A alighted in Tsuen Wan. Given that route E32A did not travel via Tsing Yi, he queried how the bus operator obtained statistics illustrating that there was just a small number of passengers alighting in Tsing Yi.
44. Mr Holden CHOW opined that the replies and statistics provided by Long Win and TD did not reflect the actual situation. He proposed that Long Win consider increasing bus frequency soonest during peak hours to cater for passenger demand, and urged TD to study the possibility for introducing a green mini-bus route.
45. Mr Rayson LAW clarified that he meant only a few passengers of E42P, not E32A alighting in Tsing Yi. Bus route E42P departed from Yat Tung Estate and travelled via Tung Chung North to Tsing Yi and Shatin, providing direct and speedy service from Tung Chung North to Tsing Yi.
46. Ms Alice CHOW said TD would review with the bus operator the demand for the above bus route at peak hours. The department noted the views of Members on introduction of a new green mini bus route and rerouting of mini-bus route 901, and would look into the issue.
- (Mr Holden CHOW joined the meeting during discussion of this item, i.e. at about 2:45 p.m.)

VII. Question on request for provision of pedestrian crossing on Wai Tung Road  
(Paper IDC 60/2019)

47. The Chairman welcomed Ms Alice CHOW, Chief Transport Officer/Boundary of TD to the meeting to respond to the question.
48. Mr Holden CHOW presented the question briefly.
49. Ms Alice CHOW said TD understood the concerns of Mr Holden CHOW. There were a pedestrian crossing at Wai Tung Road near Tung Chung Waterfront Road and a footbridge connecting Seaview Crescent and Coastal Skyline. Given that there were a number of entrances and exits for vehicles on Wai Tung Road, residents should use the existing two crossing facilities as much as possible to alleviate potential risks and traffic impacts during road crossing. The department had no plans to install other pedestrian crossing facilities on Wai Tung Road at the moment.

50. Mr Holden CHOW expressed his views as follows:
- (a) He pointed out that the bus stop at Wai Chung Road was far away from the crossing facility at Tung Chung Waterfront Road, so was the footbridge from Wai Tung Road linking to Seaview Crescent. Some residents said that after getting off the bus at Wai Tung Road, they had to walk quite far to reach the crossing facility or footbridge and it was very inconvenient. He hoped the department would consider installing a zebra crossing near the bus stop.
  - (b) He understood that TD had given consideration to the possible impacts of zebra crossing on vehicular flow, but the residents, especially those with impaired mobility, did not much enjoy walking such a long distance to use the existing crossing facility. He urged the department to consider the proposal further.
51. The Chairman asked TD to follow up on the proposal of Mr Holden CHOW.

VIII. Question on request for extension of the service of Tung Chung Dental Clinic  
(Paper IDC 61/2019)

52. The Chairman welcomed Dr LUI Siu-yun, Medical & Health Officer (Community Liaison)<sup>1</sup> of Department of Health (DH) to the meeting to respond to the question. A written reply of DH had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.
53. Mr Holden CHOW presented the question briefly.
54. Dr LUI Siu-yun explained the written reply briefly.
55. Mr Holden CHOW expressed his views as follows:
- (a) He had earlier raised his concerns over the service of Tung Chung Dental Clinic at the Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting. The Government provided free out-patient dental service at 11 clinics under DH but Tung Chung residents had to travel long distances to Tsuen Wan Dental Clinic for out-patient service. With rapid population growth in Tung Chung, its population was expected to exceed 200 000 in 10 years. He proposed that the Government expand the scope of services of Tung Chung Dental Clinic to assign out-patient time slots to Tung Chung residents and relieve the demand for Tsuen Wan Dental Clinic services.
  - (b) The department representative said just now that provision of comprehensive dental service for the general public required substantial amount of financial resources. However, to his understanding, financial resources were not the major reason. According to the Report of

Strategic Review on Healthcare Manpower Planning and Professional Development released two years ago, the ratio of public to private sector dentists was 26:74, and manpower shortage in the public sector was in fact the root of the matter. He hoped the Government would ditch its traditional mindset to look into ways to attract more dentists to serve in the public sector to address inadequate public dental services.

56. Mr Eric KWOK said that at the meeting last year and a meeting with Mr LAW Chi-kwong, Secretary for Labour and Welfare earlier on, he had raised the issue of inadequate dental service in Tung Chung and that the low-income residents of Yat Tung Estate could only rely on limited dental service provided by non-governmental organisations (Project Concern Hong Kong Dental Clinic opened from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday). Many elderly people, Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients and single-parent families had been placed on the waiting list for a long time but not yet been given treatment. With the population intake of Mun Tung Estate, the population would grow significantly to over 12 000 but there were no corresponding increases in community facilities and services in line with the population projection which were worrying. He hoped that mobile dental services could be provided in the area to cope with the demands of growing population and low-income residents.

57. Dr LUI Siu-yun made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) It was understood that there was a high demand for dental services from the public, but as provision of comprehensive dental service for the public would require substantial amount of financial resources, the Government focused the limited resources to provide emergency dental services for the public. At present, free emergency dental services were provided for the public through general public sessions in the 11 government dental clinics under the DH. As government dental clinics were operating at their full capacity, with a usage rate of almost 100% for all appointment time slots, it was therefore not possible for the DH to allocate more time slots for the general public sessions provided at government dental clinics.
- (b) For mobile dental services, the department had previously received requests for introducing mobile dental services by making use of well-equipped dental vehicles to provide dental services for people with limited access to such services (e.g. those living in remote areas). However, the services that could be provided in mobile dental clinics could be limited, and people in need were advised to seek treatment at the dental clinics. As to the elders residing in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) or using service of day care centres for the elderly who might find it difficult to access general public dental session services, the Outreach Dental Care Programme for the Elderly (ODCP) had been launched to deploy outreach teams to provide on-site oral checkup, on-site treatment and oral health education activities for the

elders at the RCHEs or day care centres and those residing in similar facilities to meet their demand for dental services.

- (c) The dental care services in the public sector was under considerable strain with manpower shortage, and DH would continue to recruit staff to fill the vacancies in a timely manner. The views on increase in resource allocation and expanding out-patient dental services would be relayed to the relevant unit for follow-up.

58. Mr Anthony LI said Members had mentioned just now that Tung Chung residents had to travel long distances to Tsuen Wan Dental Clinic. It was probable that some civil servants preferred to receive dental services in Tsuen Wan Dental Clinic instead of Tung Chung Dental Clinic. As such, he enquired while the consultation quotas of the dental clinics in Tung Chung and Tsuen Wan remained unchanged, whether the two dental clinics could allocate quotas flexibly to avoid people attending a dental clinic at a district other than the district of residence. Assuming that Tung Chung Dental Clinic and Tsuen Wan Dental Clinic each had 100 quotas a day, he asked whether Tsuen Wan Dental Clinic could have an increase of civil servant quotas by 20 and a corresponding decrease of out-patient quotas by 20 while Tung Chung Dental Clinic increased its out-patient quotas by 20 and reduced the civil servant quotas by 20.

59. Dr LUI Siu-yun said that Tsuen Wan Dental Clinic provided general public sessions on Tuesday and Friday mornings, each with 84 consultation discs quota. In Islands District, general public sessions were provided in the dental clinics in Tai O and Cheung Chau. Tai O Dental Clinic distributed 32 consultation discs quota on the second Thursday morning of each month, while Cheung Chau Dental Clinic distributed 32 consultation discs quota on the first Friday of each month. The major service targets of Government dental clinics were civil servants/pensioners and their eligible dependents. She would relay the views on flexible allocation of consultation quotas to the relevant unit for follow-up.

60. Mr Eric KWOK said that his proposal just now for introducing district mobile dental services to meet the needs of residents in Yat Tung Estate and Mun Tung Estate was dismissed by the department representative as infeasible. He suggested that the department provide or invite NGOs to provide basic dental services such as dental care services to meet the needs of residents in Yat Tung Estate and Mun Tung Estate.

61. Ms Josephine TSANG asked about the number of daily consultation discs that Tung Chung Dental Clinic reserved for civil servants/pensioners and their dependents as well as the usage rate.

62. Mr Holden CHOW enquired about the appointment booking made by civil servants/pensioners and their dependents at Tung Chung Dental Clinic and whether there were unused quotas.

63. Dr LUI Siu-yun made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Regarding the appointment booking made by civil servants/pensioners and their eligible dependents at Tung Chung Dental Clinic as well as the number of consultation discs reserved for them, she did not have relevant details for the time being and would provide the information after the meeting. She stressed that the government dental clinics were operating at their full capacity with a usage rate of almost 100% for all appointment time slots.

(Post-meeting note: The major service targets of the dental clinics of DH, including Tung Chung Dental Clinic, were civil servants/pensioners and their eligible dependents, who were required to make advance booking rather than attend the clinics for registration with discs issued. The usage rate of all appointment time slots of Tung Chung Dental Clinic was almost 100%.)

- (b) Regarding the basic dental services provided to residents in Mun Tung Estate, it was understood that there was eager demand of dental services from the public but provision of comprehensive dental services to the general public would require substantial amounts of financial resources. At present, the Government is focusing resources to provide emergency dental service for the public, including the general public dental session service and various schemes for persons with special needs, e.g. elders and persons with intellectual disability, and would help members of the public develop proper oral health habits through continuous health education and promotion.

X. Question on enhancement of transport facilities in Tung Chung West  
(Paper IDC 63/2019)

64. The Chairman welcomed Ms Alice CHOW, Chief Transport Officer/Boundary of TD, Ms Donna TAM, District Planning Officer/Sai Kung & Islands of PlanD, Mr AU Tik-hon, Senior Land Executive/Lantau (DLO/Islands), Mr Rayson LAW, Planning and Support Officer I of Long Win and Mr CHAN Tin-lung, Deputy General Manager of New Lantao Bus Co. (1973) Limited (NLB) to the meeting to respond to the question.

65. The written replies of PlanD, Long Win and NLB had been provided for Members' perusal.

66. Ms YU Lai-fan said Mr Bill TANG had to leave early due to other commitments and she would present Questions 10 to 12 on his behalf. She presented the questions briefly.

67. Ms Alice CHOW made a consolidated response as follows:
- (a) Long Win proposed to introduce route S65 under the Bus Route Planning Programme 2019-20. TD completed the relevant consultation and an option was formulated in mid-June. The department was working with the bus operator on the detailed arrangements and the new route S65 was expected to commence operation within the year.
  - (b) Regarding whether route B6 would implement section fares, the Government had all along been encouraging bus operators to provide various fare concession schemes, including section fares, as far as possible, taking into account their respective operating and financial conditions and passenger needs, etc., so as to alleviate the burden of travelling expenses on the public. However, it was the commercial decision of individual operators on whether such schemes would be introduced. It was noted that NLB was considering the implementation of a section fare on route B6 for the section from Tung Chung MTR Station to Mun Tung Estate, and an application was expected to be submitted to TD in the third quarter of this year for consideration. It was hoped that the above proposal made by NLB could help reducing the travel expenses of the residents of Mun Tung Estate.
  - (c) Regarding the bus stop at Yu Tung Road, Mun Tung Estate, TD said there were a total of 5 pick-up/drop-off points for use by 4 bus routes at the Mun Tung Estate Bus Terminus. The facilities provided therein could generally cater for the daily bus operation. To enhance the Mun Tung Estate Bus Terminus, TD intended to relocate the sewage facilities in the vicinity of the bus terminus so as to free up space for accommodating two additional pick-up/drop-off points. TD was studying the feasibility of the option with HyD and Drainage Services Department. In parallel, TD would examine the request for converting the open space at the entrance of Mun Tung Estate near Yu Tung Road into a bus terminus. It was in liaison with Lands Department (LandsD), PlanD and HyD to review the feasibility of the proposal. It would strike a balance among such factors as operation needs, passenger demand and cost-effectiveness, etc. in developing an appropriate enhancement option.
68. Ms Donna TAM said that PlanD had provided a written reply and she had nothing to supplement at the moment.
69. Mr AU Tik-hon said that the subject site was about 3 000 square metres in area and DLO/Islands had not received any formal proposal of the Government to use the subject site for development within the forthcoming five years.
70. Mr Rayson LAW explained the written reply of Long Win in detail.



71. Mr CHAN Tin-lung said NLB had provided a written reply and added that the bus operator noted the aspirations of residents for implementation of section fares and their request for overnight bus service. It would submit a proposal to TD for approval and early implementation the soonest possible.

72. Mr Eric KWOK expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He hoped the relevant department could provide the construction timeframe of the bus terminus in the open space of Mun Tung Estate upon completion of the feasibility study.
- (b) He appreciated that NLB had responded quickly to the proposal for implementing section fares on route B6 and replied in writing that section fares would be introduced in the third quarter. He asked NLB to state clearly in which month section fares would be introduced.
- (c) Regarding route S65, Long Win said it had to discuss with TD the facilities of the bus terminus and bus drivers' room. He asked the bus operator about the work progress and whether part of the area had been designated for Long Win's use or for the location of the bus terminus. He would like TD to provide supplementary papers after the meeting if no reply could be given at the meeting.

73. Ms Alice CHOW supplemented as follows:

- (a) TD was now exploring the feasibility with relevant departments for building a bus terminus at the open space at the entrance of Mun Tung Estate near Yu Tung Road and no implementation schedule was available at the moment.
- (b) TD had earlier received an application from Long Win for setting up bus terminus facilities at Mun Tung Estate bus terminus. Consultation had been completed and TD would discuss the implementation details with the bus operator as soon as possible.

74. Mr Eric KWOK enquired whether it was expected to be operational by the end of the year.

75. Ms Alice CHOW said the department aimed to have the service in operation by the end of the year.

76. Mr CHAN Tin-lung said the bus company could not say definitely for the time being in which month the scheme would be implemented but he pledged that the proposal would be submitted to TD for approval and early implementation as soon as possible.

77. Mr Eric KWOK requested NLB to formulate the schedule and inform District Council as early as possible.

XI. Question on Automatic Refuse Collection System at Yat Tung (II) Estate  
(Paper IDC 64/2019)

78. The Chairman welcomed Ms SZETO Hau-yan, Esther, Property Service Manager/Service (Hong Kong Island & Islands 3) of HD and Ms LAI Wing-sau, Winsy, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands) of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to the meeting to respond to the question. A written reply had been provided by FEHD for Members' perusal.

79. Ms YU Lai-fan presented the question briefly.

80. Ms Esther SZETO responded as follows:

- (a) The automated refuse collection system (ARCS) at Yat Tung (II) Estate ceased operation with effect from 31 May 2019, and the estate reverted to manual refuse collection. The cleansing staff disposed refuse through the refuse chute on each floor to the refuse room on the ground floor direct and then transported it to the Refuse Collection Point (RCP) for handling.
- (b) HD would alter the RCP of Yat Tung (II) Estate, including dismantling the ARCS (which comprised the refuse room on the ground floor of 12 blocks as well as refuse duct and machinery inside the central plant beside Sui Yat House in Yat Tung (II) Estate) and installation of a hopper and a compactor in the RCP. The alteration work would be carried out between July 2019 and March 2020 at an estimated cost of \$5 million.
- (c) HD had reserved funding to boost the cleansing manpower and ancillary facilities of Yat Tung (II) Estate to maintain environmental hygiene.
- (d) The residents and locals once reflected that the ARCS had generated low frequency noise and odour during operation, and the operation of the ARCS was then restricted to 5 p.m. to around 10 p.m. daily. Upon reversion to manual refuse collection, the cleansing staff could handle and collect refuse flexibly according to the situation of each floor. This could also avoid using elevator for transporting of refuse during system breakdown, thus minimizing nuisance and inconvenience. The hygiene of the estate was improved significantly since the above measures were adopted. The Estate Management Advisory Committee also gave its support for implementing the said measures.

81. Ms Winsy LAI explained the written reply briefly.

XII. Question on request for monitoring delivery of orders by electrical appliance retailers and decoration contractors of newly completed public estates  
(Paper IDC 65 /2019)

82. The Chairman welcomed Mr Arnold HAU, Property Service Manager/Service (Hong Kong Island & Islands 4) of HD, Mr KWAN Kin-keung, Head of Intellectual Property Investigation Bureau, Ms CHIK Shun-kwan, Head of Trade Descriptions Investigation Bureau, Ms IP Tung-ching, Suzette, Group Head (Unfair Trade Practice Investigation) and Mr MA Kwong-cho, Deputy Head (Trade Descriptions Division 2), Trade Descriptions Investigation Bureau of Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) as well as Ms TAM Nga-ching, District Commander (Lantau), New Territories South Regional Headquarters Lantau District of HKPF to the meeting to respond to the question. A written reply had been provided by Consumer Council (CC) for Members' perusal.

83. Ms YU Lai-fan presented the question briefly.

84. Mr Arnold HAU stated that HD had no strong opinions in respect to Questions 1 to 3 and replies would be given by HKPF, CC and C&ED.

85. Ms CHIK Shun-kwan responded as follows:

- (a) Regarding Question 1, since 2016, C&ED had received a total of 152 reports on suspected wrongly accepting against electric appliance traders and decoration contractors, of which 89 cases were related to the supply of products and 63 cases involved decoration services. C&ED did not maintain statistical information specifically on "decoration contractors of HD".
- (b) Question 2 concerned complaints lodged by residents of Mun Tung Estate alleging that electrical companies failed to supply products after accepting payment. The total number of complaints from residents of Mun Tung Estate was 24 comprising 19 complaints referred by Mr Bill TANG and five complaints filed by members of public. All of them concerned electrical companies failed to supply products after accepting payment but none of them were related to decoration services. Follow-up actions were now taken and the informants were contacted for statement taking and adducing further information. The department would work closely and exchange information with other relevant departments (e.g. HKPF and HD) where necessary. As investigation was underway, details of these cases could not be provided for the time being.
- (c) Regarding the failure of electrical companies to supply products within a reasonable period after payment, the legislation did not specify the time of delivery. In practice, the date of delivery could be agreed upon by

the traders and consumers, e.g. some occupants did not yet move in upon purchase of electric appliances and might request a later date of delivery. The date of delivery could be agreed upon by the traders and consumers. In law, the term “reasonableness” was determined having regard to the nature of goods and services and to the actual circumstances of the case. Christmas gifts, for example, delivered after Christmas would likely be outside a reasonable time. Likewise, flowers for the Valentine’s Day delivered after Valentine’s Day would also not likely be supplied within a reasonable period. To determine whether the products were delivered within a reasonable time, C&ED would make reference to the facts and circumstances of individual cases.

86. Ms TAM Nga-ching responded as follows:

- (a) Regarding the complaints lodged by residents of Ying Tung Estate and Mun Tung Estate, Tung Chung about late delivery, Lantau Police District received a total of 24 complaints involving approximately \$250,000 worth of goods since 13 May 2019. Of the cases received, one was received from Ying Tung Estate and 23 from Mun Tung Estate. According to the police record, the traders concerned were not registered decoration contractors of HD.
- (b) Residents of Mun Tung Estate complained against electrical and decoration companies of late delivery. Police had begun taking statements from complainants. Investigation revealed that some complainants were either given a full refund or got some goods back, but some were still not getting the goods. Investigation was in progress. If the Police suspected the electric traders of obtaining property by deception after investigation, immediate actions would be taken to make arrest.
- (c) For other Police Districts, from 2016 to May 2019, Shatin Police Station received a total of 13 complaints about late delivery involving decoration contractors in Shui Chuen O Estate, Shatin. No complaints of late delivery were associated with decoration contractors or electric traders of HD. Over the past three months, seven complaints were lodged concerning decoration work in Yan Tin Estate, Tuen Mun. Meanwhile, no complaints were received from On Tai Estate, Kwun Tong.

87. The Vice-Chairman Mr Randy YU expressed his views as follows:

- (a) Similar incidents happened in two new developments, namely Ngan Ho Court and Ngan Wai Court under Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) in Mui Wo where over 10 units complained about repeated delay by decoration contractors after the signing of decoration contract and the second installment payment. Over 30% of work remained unfinished

and the decoration period extended from 3-4 months or half a year to one year and there were still outstanding items.

- (b) He had studied the cases with Mr Holden CHOW and found that grey areas existed in the legislation making prosecution difficult. He requested C&ED and CC to draw up standard contract documents and require the decoration contractors to provide business registration particulars and the contact particulars of the company (with clauses specifying payment of installments and penalties for delay of completion) etc. when entering into the contract for protection of the interest of individual house owners, especially the grassroots households of public housing flats and HOS flats. He hoped that CC and C&ED would work in collaboration to formulate the standard contractual documents for distribution to new house owners by HD to prevent occurrence of similar incidents and adverse impacts caused.
- (c) He understood that such incidents bound to happen in every public housing estate. He had dealt with these cases and understood the difficulties. As the house owners might suffer great losses as a result of unscrupulous decoration contractors exploiting legal loopholes, he hoped C&ED and CC would consider the proposal.

88. Mr Eric KWOK had requested HA to provide assistance in cases of decoration contractors in Mun Tung Estate exploiting legal loopholes and not performing the contract. He enquired whether the Police could hold publicity campaigns in Mun Tung Estate to raise public awareness and remind residents matters that they needed to pay attention to when engaging decoration contractors or the ways of complaining to the Police or CC, especially in the next few months when more people would move in, hoping that the decoration work would complete before the school term started.

89. Mr Holden CHOW expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He understood that C&ED had spared no efforts in investigation pursuant to the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (TDO) but the department establishment had no increase for the past three years. The number of complaints in contravention of TDO had been on a rise and the investigation and prosecution work was more complex than other cases. He hoped the Government would assign designated officers to handle and follow up on complaints and cases involving breaches of TDO.
- (b) He concurred with the suggestions of Vice-Chairman Mr Randy YU and Mr Eric KWOK about arranging seminars or publicity campaigns for new estates to raise residents' awareness.

90. Mr Arnold HAU responded to Question 4 from Mr Bill TANG concerning whether HD required the deadline be set for work delivery when a contract was entered

into with decoration contractor. According to the agreement between HD and decoration contractors, the latter was required to issue works orders to the house owners for decoration items requested, with terms and conditions prescribed by HD printed on the back of works orders, and that the work would commence promptly and be completed within a month from the date of issue of the works orders.

91. Mr KWAN Kin-keung made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) C&ED was highly concerned about the complaints in relation to decoration services and would carry out vigorous investigation upon receiving every complaint. There were 14 complaints referred by Mr Bill TANG which mainly concerned failure to complete the works as scheduled. Twelve cases were eventually withdrawn by complainants, one was found unsubstantiated after review by Department of Justice and one was under investigation.
- (b) C&ED had been proactive in protecting the interests of consumers. TDO contained provisions relating to the conduct of wrongly accepting payment but a high threshold was imposed for prosecution. There must be strong evidence showing that the relevant contractor or trader at the time of accepting payment intended not to supply the service or did not have reason to believe that they would be able to supply the services. However, if the relevant terms were not expressly stated in the contract and a delay was subsequently caused, it might be considered as a contractual dispute. Members' proposal for the CC to carry out publicity and education might have a positive result. In a case of decoration works occurred two years ago involving misleading omission in which the trader did not inform the consumer of material payment items and subsequently charged the consumer over \$700,000 instead of \$170,000 as agreed at the beginning, C&ED successfully prosecuted the trader concerned. According to his observation, it was common that contracts were not clearly drawn in the decoration sector, rendering inadequate protection to consumers. He concurred with Mr Holden CHOW and other Members' views that education was of crucial importance. C&ED would continue to adopt a three-pronged approach including stringent enforcement actions, publicity and education as well as trade compliance promotion. While the CC was responsible for publicity work, C&ED would maintain good communication with the decoration industry or the relevant trade associations to remind them to be law-abiding. C&ED would continue to step up the work in this regard.

92. The Chairman agreed that publicity and education in this area should be stepped up.

93. Ms TAM Nga-ching thanked Members for their advice and said that the Police would consider launching publicity and education campaigns via different means to disseminate anti-crime messages to Lantau and the villages.

XIII. Anti-rodent operation and publicity by government departments  
(Paper IDC 66/2019)

94. The Chairman welcomed Mr AU Sheung-man, Benjamin, Assistant District Officer (Islands)1 of IsDO; Ms Winsy LAI, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands) of FEHD; Mr TONG Ping-tat, Senior Property Service Manager/HK Island & Islands Region of HD; Mr WAN Chi-kin, District Engineer/Islands of HyD; Mr Tomy CHAU Chun-wing, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD and Mr LING Ka-fai, District Lands Officer/Islands of DLO/Islands to the meeting to present the paper.

95. Mr Benjamin AU said that the Government was concerned about environmental hygiene and hoped that this would provide an opportunity for relevant departments to give a briefing on anti-rodent work and get the feedback from Members. The relevant department representatives met with the Chairman of Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee earlier to briefly introduce anti-rodent work. Cross-departmental publicity would be conducted on the morning of 30 July and Members would be invited to participate and voice their opinions. He invited representatives of various departments to briefly introduce the related work.

96. Ms Winsy LAI briefly introduced the work of FEHD set out in the paper.

97. Mr TONG Ping-tat briefly introduced the work of HD set out in the paper.

98. Mr WAN Chi-kin briefly introduced the work of HyD set out in the paper.

99. Mr Tomy CHAU briefly introduced the work of LCSD set out in the paper.

100. Mr KWOK Chi-hang briefly introduced the work of DLO/Islands set out in the paper.

101. Mr Benjamin AU briefly introduced the work of IsDO set out in the paper.

102. Mr Eric KWOK thanked IsDO, FEHD and HD for continuing with their efforts in conducting anti-rodent and anti-mosquito operations in Yat Tung Estate in the past few months. He said that the hygiene of the RCP next to Hong Yat House, Yat Tung Estate was poor and asked the departments to devote more resources and manpower to improve the hygiene. He also hoped that FEHD would discuss with Link Asset Management Limited (the Link) to address the hygiene problem of the Cooked Food Centre at Yat Tung Shopping Centre which operated till 2:00 a.m., and contact

and remind the owners of restaurants in Ma Wan Chung Village to clear up the food waste to improve the environment.

103. Ms Amy YUNG expressed gratitude to FEHD for performing inspection at Amalfi in Discovery Bay North with rodent control experts last month and pointed out that rodents were usually found at used clothes collection points and management offices where food waste was placed. She said that private housing estates relied heavily on the management offices for carry out cleaning work, and if the latter failed to do so satisfactorily, rodent problem would remain unresolved. She asked IsDO to step up publicity in private housing estates.

104. Ms LEE Kwai-chun reminded the parties concerned to pay attention to places where rodents usually hid, such as channels and rat holes, etc.

105. Mr Holden CHOW urged FEHD to collaborate with various stakeholders in the district to continuously monitor and keep the environment clean.

106. Ms Josephine TSANG was grateful that FEHD visited the restaurants in Peng Chau in May to share knowledge on rodent control, which she considered had achieved significant result. She said that some government sites on Peng Chau were enclosed by wire fences, such as the site of former health centre at Wing Lung Street, Tung Wan overgrown with weeds creating a hiding place for rodents and snakes. Since the government land was enclosed by wire fences, it was difficult for residents to clean it up. She asked DLO/Islands to take follow-up action.

107. Mr TONG Ping-tat said that the department would strengthen the management of the RCP next to Hong Yat House.

108. Ms Winsy LAI said that she would liaise with the Link for joining hands with HD in rodent control. FEHD would enhance the refuse collection service of Ma Wan Chung Village RCP and improve the hygiene condition therein. She thanked Ms YUNG for recognising the efforts of FEHD staff. She said that the department was also concerned about the hygiene condition of private housing estates and that education posters and leaflets were printed for distribution through IsDO to promote anti-rodent message. FEHD would step up publicity and education and, upon finalisation of the publicity plan, invite representatives of property management companies through IsDO to attend seminars to enhance their knowledge on pest control and environmental hygiene.

109. Mr Benjamin AU said that he would liaise with FEHD to step up publicity and education.

110. Ms Amy YUNG asked for the link to websites or the electronic version of publicity materials for dissemination.



111. Mr KWOK Chi-hang said that he would liaise with the Vegetation Contract Management Section to follow up on Ms TSANG's request for grass cutting at the fenced-off government land in Tung Wan, Peng Chau.

(Post-meeting note of FEHD:

FEHD would continue to step up cleaning and pest control in Ma Wan Chung Village, including the cleaning of RCPs, increasing the frequency of refuse collection, and imparting knowledge to persons-in-charge of restaurants on rodent control measures and keeping the premise clean. FEHD staff would continue to monitor the cleanliness and check the hygiene condition of food premises. To further enhance public awareness of rodent control, the department enlisted the help of IsDO to distribute anti-rodent publicity posters and leaflets to various stakeholders in the district for display and re-distribution.)

(Post-meeting note of DLO/Islands:

DLO/Islands had liaised with the Special Duties Task Force (formerly known as "Vegetation Contract Management Section") under LandsD to follow up on grass cutting work at the fenced-off government land in Tung Wan, Peng Chau. DLO noted that the Special Duties Task Force had completed grass cutting at the fenced-off government land on 9 July 2019.)

(Mr KWONG Koon-wan and Mr YUNG Chi-ming left the meeting at around 4:25 p.m.)

XIV. Annual District Plan 2019/2020 - Planning  
(Paper IDC 51/2019)

112. The Chairman welcomed Ms Donna TAM, District Planning Officer/Sai Kung & Islands of PlanD to the meeting to present the paper.

113. Ms Donna TAM briefly presented the paper.

114. Ms Amy YUNG enquired about the progress of a judicial review in the district.

115. Ms Donna TAM said that the decision of the judicial review was not yet handed down.

XV. Transport Department Traffic and Transport Working Plan 2019-2020  
(Paper IDC 52/2019)

116. The Chairman welcomed Ms Alice CHOW, Chief Transport Officer/Boundary of TD to the meeting to present the paper.

117. Ms Alice CHOW briefly presented the paper.

118. Mr Eric KWOK said that according to the Railway Development Strategy, the Tung Chung West Extension project would commence between 2020 and 2024, and the previous two Policy Addresses had underlined the importance of Tung Chung West Station; however, the Secretary for Transport and Housing (STH) indicated two months ago that there was no implementation timetable for Tung Chung West Station which was disappointing and infuriating. He opined that the bureau should not go back on its word and asked TD to relay the community's aspiration to the bureau.

119. Ms Amy YUNG was concerned about outlying island ferry services. The paper stated that the Government provided subsidy to six major outlying island ferry routes and would review whether subsidy would be provided to the eight other outlying island ferry routes. She enquired about the progress of the review.

120. Mr Holden CHOW was concerned about inadequate transport ancillary facilities in the district. STH had previously indicated that the MTR station would be completed in 2026 but he now said that there was no timetable, which was indeed disappointing. With the population growth in Tung Chung, the MTR station project yearned for by residents had yet to commence. He asked TD to convey the aspirations of Tung Chung residents to the bureau.

121. The Vice-Chairman Mr Randy YU concurred with other Members and opined that the annual work plan was just like a template without detailing the specific measures. For example, the paper stated that regular meeting would be conducted with project contractors in the district for approval of temporary traffic arrangement, yet the DC had time and again indicated that such traffic arrangement was unreasonable, such as temporary traffic arrangement was implemented in South Lantau due to road works which the department had yet to commence after months. The department seemed not to understand the traffic issues in Islands District, e.g. lack of standard roads in South Lantau; excessive road bends; roads were paved with cement instead of asphalt resulting in more time required for road excavation; and unsatisfactory arrangements regarding closed road permits, road maintenance and regular meetings with builders, etc. He hoped that Ms CHOW would attend the meetings of T&TC and its working group to listen to Members' views on the traffic situation in the district.

122. Ms Alice CHOW noted the concerns of Members and residents regarding Tung Chung East Station and Tung Chung West Station and said that she would relay the above to the bureau. As for the ferry route subsidy scheme, it was under review and whether the scheme would be extended to the other eight ferry routes was unknown for the time being. The result would be announced when it was available. She also noted the road conditions in South Lantau and would relay the views to the related engineers.

123. The Chairman said that the traffic problem was serious in the district but the department was ineffective in solving the problem. He asked TD to reflect the situation to the bureau.

124. Mr HO Chun-fai said that the problem of abandoned vehicles was serious in South Lantau with abandoned vehicles occupying the parking spaces. He asked TD and relevant departments to take follow-up action.

XVI. The Housing Department's Programme of Activities for Estate Management in the Islands District in 2019/20  
(Paper IDC 53/2019)

125. The Chairman welcomed Mr TONG Ping-tat, Senior Property Service Manager/HK Island & Islands Region of HD to the meeting to present the paper.

126. Mr TONG Ping-tat briefly presented the paper.

127. Members noted the paper.

XVII. Islands District Office 2019/20 Annual Work Plan  
(Paper IDC 54/2019)

128. The Chairman welcomed Mr Anthony LI, District Officer (Islands) of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

129. Mr Anthony LI briefly presented the paper. He supplemented that IsDO would join hands with FEHD, DC members, schools and major stakeholders in the district to step up rodent and mosquito control in the district. Moreover, drawing on the experience of Typhoon Mangkhut last year, IsDO would maintain close liaison with DC members and residents to provide more appropriate assistance in times of typhoon.

130. Members noted the paper.

XVIII. Progress on District-led Actions Scheme  
(Paper IDC 67/2019)

131. The Chairman welcomed Mr AU Sheung-man, Benjamin, Assistant District Officer (Islands)1 of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

132. Mr Benjamin AU briefly presented the paper.

133. Members noted and endorsed the proposals set out in the paper.

XIX. Report on the Work of the Islands District Management Committee (May 2019)  
(Paper IDC 68/2019)

134. Ms Amy YUNG said that having been an elected member for 20 years, she had never been invited to the meetings of the Islands District Management Committee (IDMC). She hoped that the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) would review the existing mechanism and invite elected members to sit on the committee to contribute to the community.

135. Mr Eric KWOK said that he received complaints from residents frequently about a serious shortage of kindergarten and primary school places in Tung Chung, and hoped that IsDO would reflect the situation to the Education Bureau (EDB) and explore ways to cater for the development of Tung Chung.

136. Mr Anthony LI responded that IsDO would convey Mr Eric KWOK's view to EDB. He said that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of IDC and the Chairmen of various committees were members of IDMC. Whether they were elected members was irrelevant.

137. Ms Amy YUNG said she understood and that it showed structural violence under the mechanism. She opined that such phenomenon would turn away competent persons, and she believed she was competent for the job. She was perplexed that the representative of Discovery Bay was not a member of the Fire Safety Committee. Regarding a recent proposal of terminating the Discovery Bay overnight ferry service, only the Area Committee and the Chairman of Owners' Committee were consulted, the process of which she considered improper and unfair and further deepened people's resentment. She hoped that HAB would not selectively listen to certain views only, but gauged public opinion and had a review of the mechanism.

138. Mr Anthony LI said that when considering the composition of the committees, IsDO would do its best to bring together people from different districts and sectors.

139. Members noted and endorsed the above paper.

XX. Reports on the Work of the IDC Committees and its Working Group  
(Papers IDC 69-73/2019)

140. Mr Eric KWOK said it was sad that suicide had become a serious problem in Yat Tung Estate but there was only one NGO therein providing assistance, which could not meet the demand. He hoped that the Social Welfare Department would devote more resources to enhance service.

141. Members noted and endorsed the above paper.

XXI. Allocation of DC funds

- (i) Up-to-date Financial Position on the Use of DC Funds  
(Paper IDC 74/2019)

142. Members noted and endorsed the above paper and proposal.

- (ii) Approval for Using DC Funds by circulation from 1 April to 31 May 2019  
(Paper IDC 75/2019)

143. Members noted the paper.

XXII. Date of Next Meeting

144. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next meeting would be held on 2 September 2019 (Monday) at 2:00 p.m.

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