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Islands District Council
Minutes of Meeting of the
Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee

Date : 29 January 2024 (Monday)
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Present

Chairman

Mr WONG Man-hon, MH

Vice-Chairman

Mr HUI Chun-lung, MH

Members

Mr NG Man-kit
Mr HO Siu-kei
Mr HO Chun-fai
Mr YU Hon-kwan, MH, JP
Mr CHOW Yuen-kuk, Jonathan
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH
Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken
Mr YIP Pui-kei
Ms LAU Shun-ting

Attendance by Invitation

Mr CHAN Ka-leong	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms CHEUNG Suk-man	Chief Health Inspector (Islands)2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

In Attendance

Ms TSE Yik-ting, Ellie	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
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Secretary

Ms CHAN Ying-tung, Shadow	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Islands District Office
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Absent with Apology

Ms LAU Suk-han

Absent

Mr LAU Chin-pang



Welcoming remarks

The Chairman welcomed representatives of the government departments and Members to the meeting.

2. Members agreed to accept Ms LAU Suk-han's application for absence from the meeting.

I. **Introduction on 2024 Lunar New Year Fair in Islands District**
(CICRC Paper No. 1/2024)

3. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHAN Ka-leong, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands) and Ms CHEUNG Suk-man, Chief Health Inspector (Islands)² of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to the meeting to present the paper.

4. Mr CHAN Ka-leong briefly presented the paper.

5. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Due to the inconvenient location of the Tung Chung Lunar New Year Fair (the Fair), the attendance figures were unsatisfactory in the past. Members suggested that the Department should place easy-mount frames at the entrances and exits of MTR stations and distribute leaflets to promote the Fair to the public. The Department could also step up online publicity (such as publishing posts on social media platforms) to enable more members of the public to obtain information about the Fair. In addition, Members considered that the Department could promote the Fair in conjunction with other Lunar New Year activities in the district to enhance the publicity effect.
- (b) Members enquired how the FEHD would apply technology to monitor the crowd density of people in the venue and control the vehicular flow.

- (c) Members commended the FEHD for the arrangement of prohibiting florists from destroying, damaging or abandoning any unsold flowers and plants within the permitted area and its vicinity, and suggested that the Department should arrange for the relevant organisations to collect unsold flowers and potted plants for re-distribution to people in need.
- (d) Members considered that the goods sold at the dry goods stalls were the key to attracting the public to the Fair, and enquired about the types of goods to be sold at the 18 dry goods stalls in the Fair this year.

6. Mr CHAN Ka-leong gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) With regard to publicity, the Fair this year would be different from previous years in that the Department would set up lightings, lanterns and backdrops at the venue to attract the public to take photos. In addition, the Department would explore the possibility of identifying suitable locations near MTR stations to put up additional banners and notices.
- (b) As for crowd control at the venue, the Department would work with the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department to set up artificial intelligence cameras at the venue to monitor the crowd flow in real-time and upload the relevant data onto the Department's webpage for public reference. A red, amber or green light would be displayed on the webpage to reflect the number of people in the venue at that time. The Department estimated that the venue of the Fair could accommodate a maximum of 2 360 people. The green, amber and red lights indicated that the actual number of people accounted for 50% or below, 51% to 81% and 81% or above of the maximum capacity respectively. The Department would also deploy staff to the venue to monitor the crowd flow, so that appropriate control measures could be taken in case of overcrowding.
- (c) The Department would maintain close liaison with the Hong Kong Police Force to make appropriate arrangements having regard to the traffic conditions at the scene.
- (d) Florists could hand over unsold flowers and plants to the collection points set up by the Department.
- (e) The Department did not have information on the types of goods to be sold at the dry goods stalls for the time being.

(Post-meeting note: The goods to be sold at the 18 dry goods stalls in the 2024 Lunar New Year Fair in Islands District would include festive items, household goods, groceries and woven handicrafts.)

7. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m on 19 February 2024 (Monday).

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