

**Minutes of the 1st Meeting of
the 7th Term Kowloon City District Council**

Date: 4 January 2024 (Thursday)
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Kowloon City District Office

Present:

Chairman: Miss CHOI Man-kwan, Alice, JP

Members: Mr TING Kin-wa
Mr CHO Wui-hung, MH
Mr LEE Chiu-yu
Mr NG Fan-kam, MH
Mr NG Po-keung, MH
Dr Rizwan ULLAH, MH
Mr HE Huahan
Mr LAM Pok
Mr LAM Tak-shing, MH
Ms LEUNG Yuen-ting
Mr CHAN Chi-wah
Mr CHEUNG King-fan
Ms WONG Man-lei, Vivian
Mr WONG Man-kong
Mr WONG Chi
Ms FUNG Mo-kwan
Ms LAU Yuen-yin
Mr PUN Kwok-wah, JP
Mr LAI Yin-chung
Mr KWAN Ho-yeung

Secretary: Ms LAU Sau-man, Betty Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Kowloon City District Office

In Attendance:

Mr CHAN Tsz-fung, Arthur Assistant District Officer (Kowloon City)
Mr LEE Chi-leung, Humphrey Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Kowloon City District Office

Miss MAK Wai-man, Sandy	Senior Liaison Officer (Building Management), Kowloon City District Office
Mr CHAN Yat-kin, Kaiser	Senior Liaison Officer (District Liaison) 1, Kowloon City District Office
Miss LIU Suk-fun, Connie	Senior Liaison Officer (District Liaison) 2, Kowloon City District Office
Ms SO Lai-yee, Ivy	Senior Liaison Officer (District Liaison) 3, Kowloon City District Office
Mr LIU Kin-wai, Rick	Chief Transport Officer / Kowloon 2, Transport Department
Ms LAI Sau-yan, Carol	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kowloon City), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHAN Wai-wa	Senior Housing Manager / KWS1, Housing Department
Ms CHEUNG Yee-mei, May	Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr FUNG Yiu-cheung, Dennis	Chief Engineer / E4, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms CHAN Ka-yi, Ada	District Commander (Kowloon City) (Acting), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms LAU Ching-nam, Rachel	Police Community Relations Officer (Kowloon City District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms TSE Tsui-yan	District Commander (Sau Mau Ping), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr TAM Man-hoi	Police Community Relations Officer (Sau Mau Ping), Hong Kong Police Force

Item 1**Welcome Message from the Chairman and Appointment of the Secretary of the KCDC**

1. **The Chairman** welcomed all Members and departmental representatives to the first meeting of the 7th term Kowloon City District Council (KCDC).
2. **The Chairman** stated that in accordance with Order 32 of the Kowloon City District Council Standing Orders (the Standing Orders), the quorum of the KCDC was no less than half the number of Members. If the quorum was not present at the commencement of or in the course of the meeting, she would direct the Secretary to summon the absentees. If the quorum was still not present 15 minutes thereafter, she would adjourn the meeting. According to Order 13 of the Standing Orders, she set out that each attendee was allowed to make a maximum of three speeches during a discussion or debate on an agenda item and the time limit for each speech was two minutes. She also reminded the attendees to turn off the ringers on their mobile phones or to switch the phones to vibration mode to avoid causing disturbances.
3. According to Section 69 of the District Councils Ordinance, **the Chairman** appointed Ms Betty LAU, Senior Executive Officer of the Kowloon City District Office (KCDO), as the Secretary of the KCDC.

Item 2**Registration and Declaration of Interests by Members**

4. **The Chairman** reminded Members to register their interests in accordance with Part B of the Standing Orders and stated that the registrable interests were set out in the Performance Monitoring Guidelines for Members of the District Councils (the Guidelines). Members should furnish the Secretary in writing with particulars of any change in such registrable interests within 14 clear working days. The completed registration form would be uploaded onto the KCDC website for public access.
5. **The Chairman** reminded Members that if the matters to be discussed had any connection or conflict of interests with their property rights, profession or investment, they should make a declaration at the meeting so that she could make a decision in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Item 3

Committees and Working Groups under the 7th Term KCDC

(KCDC Paper No. 1/2024)

6. In accordance with Order 69 of the Standing Orders, **the Chairman** appointed the following four specified committees, namely (a) the District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC); (b) the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC); (c) the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC); and (d) the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC) and, having regard to the situation of the district, the Social Services, Housing and Development Planning Committee (SSHDPC). She also appointed two working groups (WGs) under Order 84 of the Standing Orders, namely (a) the WG on Boosting Local Economy; and (b) the WG on Planning Community Activities and Promoting District Council. She stated that the terms of reference of the committees and WGs were detailed in Annex 1 to 7 of the paper.

7. **The Chairman** stated that the term of office of all the committees and the WG on Planning Community Activities and Promoting District Council was four years until 31 December 2027, while the term of office of the WG on Boosting Local Economy was tentatively set at one year until 31 December 2024.

8. In accordance with Order 71 and 72, **the Chairman** appointed the following Members as Chairman or Vice-chairman of the committees or WGs:

Mr PUN Kwok-wah	Chairman of the DFWC
Mr LAM Pok	Vice-chairman of the DFWC
Mr LAM Tak-shing	Chairman of the FEHC
Mr WONG Man-kong	Vice-chairman of the FEHC
Mr TING Kin-wa	Chairman of the CICRC
Mr KWAN Ho-yeung	Vice-chairman of the CICRC
Mr CHO Wui-hung	Chairman of the TTC
Mr HE Huahan	Vice-chairman of the TTC
Mr NG Po-keung	Chairman of the SSHDPC
Ms FUNG Mo-kwan	Vice-chairman of the SSHDPC

Ms Vivian WONG	Chairman of the WG on Boosting Local Economy
Dr Rizwan ULLAH	Chairman of the WG on Planning Community Activities and Promoting District Council

9. **The Chairman** advised that the term of office of the Chairmen or Vice-chairmen of the aforementioned committees and WGs was two years until 31 December 2025 except that for the WG on Boosting Local Economy.

Item 4

Schedule of Meetings for the KCDC and its Committees in 2024

(KCDC Paper No. 2/2024)

10. **The Chairman** asked Members to take note of the paper. He reminded them to pay attention to the following points, in particular to the compliance with attendance requirements for meetings:

- (i) the annual attendance rate of Members at meetings of the KCDC or its committees/working groups should not be lower than 80%;
- (ii) Members were obliged to attend meetings punctually and avoid leaving while a meeting was being conducted; and
- (iii) details of members' attendance would be made available for perusal of the public.

Item 5

Meet-the-Public Scheme

(KCDC Paper No. 3/2024)

11. **The Chairman** stated that in accordance with paragraph 18 of the Guidelines, Members should take part in the Meet-the-Public Scheme and be on duty at the KCDC office. The KCDC's Meet-the-Public Scheme would be held at Kai Tak Community Hall and Hung Hom Community Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. starting 11 January 2024. The Chairman asked Members to refer to the roster for 2024 drawn up by the Secretariat. Members might swap their duty days between themselves under the coordination of the Secretariat as necessary.

Item 6**Discussion on Issues of Concern in the District and Collection of Public Opinion**
(KCDC Paper No. 4/2024)

12. **The Secretary** introduced the paper, stating that the advisory and service functions of the revamped District Councils (DCs) would be enhanced by collecting local views on issues specified by the DC Chairmen and relaying them to the Government as well as proposing corresponding measures. A preparatory meeting was held by the KCDC to discuss issues of concern in the district, and two of them were singled out, namely (a) Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Charging; and (b) transport facilities. The agenda item was aimed at seeking Members' suggestions on how to collect public views on the two issues.

13. **The Chairman** solicited Members' opinions on the aforementioned two issues and instructed them to focus on collecting opinions and suggestions from members of the public and organisations in the district after the initial discussion as well as to relay them to the Chairman for consideration and then to the relevant departments for follow-up.

14. **Mr HE Huahan's** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) the Government announced that designated bags for MSW Charging would be provided free of charge to households in public rental housing (PRH) estates at the initial stage for one year. He enquired about the Department's subsequent arrangements, such as whether the charge would be included in the rent or management fee; and
- (ii) in the Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address, it was announced that a smart and green mass transit system would be built in Kai Tak and relevant preparatory work would commence, including planning, investigation and design. He enquired whether the Transport Department (TD) had any preliminary proposal at present and about the relevant consultation procedures.

15. **Mr NG Po-keung's** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) to assist the Government in implementing MSW Charging, Members should consult members of owners' corporations (OCs) and property management companies (PMCs) on the policy; and

- (ii) there were many old buildings and three nil buildings in the district. To evade MSW charges, some people might fly-tip on the streets or in buildings' stairwells or yards at night. He was worried whether the policy would give rise to serious environmental hygiene problems and enquired whether the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) had formulated corresponding measures.

16. **Dr Rizwan ULLAH** requested the relevant departments to provide details of the publicity for MSW Charging targeting ethnic minorities so that he could determine the entry point for future work.

17. **Mr LAM Tak-shing's** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) the relevant departments should step up the publicity for MSW Charging in three nil buildings of the district, where more subdivided unit (SDU) and ethnic minorities households lived. For example, they might produce pamphlets in English for ethnic minorities and pay them home visits; and
- (ii) the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and the FEHD should make more use of posters and banners to publicise MSW Charging as well as launch a one-stop service hotline for the public in need.

18. **Ms LAU Yuen-yin's** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) the Government should step up efforts in waste recycling when implementing MSW Charging. As there had been much fewer three-coloured recycling bins in public places, the EPD should implement the Pilot Programme on Smart Recycling Systems in Kowloon City District to help the public recycle better;
- (ii) Citybus Route A20 was suspended during the pandemic and had not yet been reinstated, inconveniencing residents along Waterloo Road who needed to travel to the airport; and
- (iii) KMB Route 41 had been cancelled earlier due to insufficient patronage, and there was a lack of bus routes plying between Ho Man

Tin and Tsuen Wan in the district. The public could only travel between Ho Man Tin and Kwai Tsing by taking KMB Route 45 or 241X, both of which ran every half hour. She suggested exploring the provision of a new bus route or the extension of one of the two bus routes to Tsuen Wan as well as raising the number of runs.

19. **Mr LAM Pok**'s views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) at the earlier meetings with residents and OCs, the majority of people supported MSW Charging but were concerned about the challenges of adjusting to the policy in the early stages of implementation. Therefore, more buildings should be included under the pilot scheme;
- (ii) since three nil buildings had no OC while housing many SDU residents, the relevant departments should step up publicity by organising residents' meetings and conducting door-to-door publicity;
- (iii) as the roofs of three nil buildings were highly accessible, he asked if the relevant departments would install surveillance systems in such buildings with a view to prosecuting fly-tippers;
- (iv) as some shop operators might fly-tip on the streets, he enquired how the relevant departments handled the problem; and
- (v) a bus route plying between To Kwa Wan and Tsuen Wan via Queen Elizabeth Hospital should be relaunched to make it easy for the elderly in the district to attend medical appointments.

20. **Mr WONG Chi**'s views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) following the implementation of MSW Charging, the public would expect the Government to improve the waste treatment process. Thus, the Government should step up publicity to familiarise citizens with the effectiveness of MSW Charging, thus increasing support for the policy; and

- (ii) as some members of the public would reduce waste through separation and recycling, the Government should take additional measures to assist the public in source separation.

21. **Mr LAI Yin-chung's** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) in his view, the public did not have a clear understanding of MSW Charging. Therefore, he suggested stepping up publicity in the next two months prior to implementation as well as setting a longer grace period; and
- (ii) as the objective of MSW Charging was to reduce waste, the Government should incentivise public participation in waste separation and recycling.

22. **Mr LEE Chiu-yu's** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) the Government relied excessively on GREEN@COMMUNITY. Due to limitations on opening hours and space, recyclables piled up outside GREEN@HUNG HOM during the Christmas season; and
- (ii) the lack of recycling bins in Ho Man Tin Area had hindered waste separation and recycling. Therefore, the Government should enhance efficiency of GREEN@COMMUNITY in recycling by, for example, adjusting the opening hours, reinstalling recycling bins and, at the same time, entrusting GREEN@COMMUNITY to clear the recycling bins in the area.

23. **Ms FUNG Mo-kwan's** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) although there were many PRH estates in Kowloon City District, the EPD had only launched a pilot scheme (e.g. GREEN\$ Electronic Participation Incentive Scheme) in Tak Long Estate. Thus, she enquired whether the EPD would extend the scheme to other PRH and large-scale residential estates in the district;
- (ii) considering that Ho Man Tin Area was not covered by GREEN@COMMUNITY, and that recycling efforts were inadequate as reflected in the GREEN@HUNG HOM incident, the Government

should expedite the implementation of the Pilot Programme on Smart Recycling Systems; and

- (iii) she requested the Government to impose a monitoring and enforcement regime upon implementation of MSW Charging to allay public concerns.

24. **Mr CHAN Chi-wah**'s views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) as MSW Charging was about reducing waste at source, the Government should step up publicity and offer more recycling facilities. Since there was a lack of recycling facilities in Ho Man Tin, the Government should provide more to enable residents to reduce waste at source;
- (ii) since KMB/Citybus Route 109, which terminated at Hong Kong Island West, was the only bus route plying between Ho Man Tin and Hong Kong Island, it was suggested that an additional bus route from Ho Man Tin to Hong Kong Island East be provided to facilitate locals in travelling between the two places; and
- (iii) since the elderly chose to take feeder minibuses between Ho Man Tin Estate and Ho Man Tin MTR Station due to the long distance, he requested the Department to step up the monitoring of lost minibus trips in the area and offer more interchange concessions.

25. **Mr CHEUNG King-fan**'s views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) he requested the EPD to set a longer grace period to allow the public to adapt to the impact of MSW Charging on their daily life; and
- (ii) as some OCs or PMCs were concerned that it would not be convenient for the public to purchase the designated plastic bags and labels, the Government should put them on sale through self-service vending machines in all housing estates throughout the territory.

26. **Mr PUN Kwok-wah**'s views were consolidated as follows:
- (i) it was necessary for the relevant departments to step up publicity to familiarise people with more implementation details of MSW Charging;
 - (ii) some members of the public enquired whether the FEHD would raise or lower the number of rubbish bins on the streets upon implementation of MSW Charging. If on-street rubbish bins were removed, the public would have to take waste home for disposal; while if rubbish bins were available for dumping trash, people would do so and he was worried about the upcoming situation;
 - (iii) he enquired whether the public must affix cardboard boxes too large to be wrapped in designated plastic bags with purchased designated labels instead; and
 - (iv) the Transport Department (TD) should explore longer-term solutions to the problem of lost minibus trips due to the operators' failure to recruit enough drivers, as well as to the problem of road safety posed by elderly drivers, which had aroused public concern.
27. **Mr WONG Man-kong**'s views were consolidated as follows:
- (i) residents were concerned about the sales channels of designated bags and he enquired if the Government would launch a mobile app showing the locations where the 10 types of designated bags were available for sale; and
 - (ii) he supported the suggestion regarding the provision of vending machines and he proposed that they could be placed near refuse collection points.
28. **Mr CHO Wui-hung**'s views were consolidated as follows:
- (i) members of the public supported the implementation of the MSW Charging, but they still did not have a full grasp of the details until now;

- (ii) the Government should make full use of the support of different stakeholders and render them with more assistance, such as explaining the charging methods, the procedures and arrangements of refuse collection after the implementation of the above policy, the charging issues in case of violations, the handling of violation reports and the provision of training and guidelines of work; and
- (iii) he raised concerns about the capacity of the lifts connecting Chung Hau Street and Ho Man Tin MTR station. The waiting time during peak hours was about 15 minutes and it became longer during rainy days or when some lifts were out of service, making it inconvenient for users. He was also worried that the situation would deteriorate upon the completion of buildings and schools in the vicinity. Therefore, he urged the MTR Corporation Limited and relevant departments to contemplate solutions at the soonest.

29. **Mr KWAN Ho-yeung's** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) currently, stakeholders such as PMCs, OCs and the frontline staff responsible for refuse collection had yet to receive the guidelines of work regarding the implementation of the MSW Charging. If they were not allowed to collect refuse placed in non-designated bags or without designated labels next to refuse bins, there might be a risk of refuse accumulation in the community;
- (ii) the Government should step up publicity of the relevant service hotlines to address public enquiries;
- (iii) the aim of the MSW Charging was waste reduction at source. Thus, he recommended that the publicity on various recycling facilities should be conducted concurrently so that the policy would be carried out with wider acceptance; and
- (iv) with regard to transportation facilities, the Transport and Logistics Bureau (TLB) earlier stated that the Smart and Green Mass Transit System in the Hong Kong Transport Infrastructure Blueprint would take at least ten years to complete. Residents hoped that the Government would launch significant infrastructure projects with

improving the traffic flow in Kai Tak Area as the main goal as soon as possible.

30. **Mr TING Kin-wa** believed that the community needed to have more access to publicity materials related to refuse size reduction. He proposed that the EPD should strengthen publicity and education, as well as increase the number of recycling points and facilities in order to minimise the impact of the policy on members of the public.

31. **Ms LEUNG Yuen-ting** suggested that the EPD should promote the wider use of Smart Food Waste Recycling Bins. She also indicated that the utilisation rate of the two recycling bins installed by the KCDO and the Housing Department (HD) in Kai Ching Estate earlier was not high. She opined that the Government should strengthen publicity on the use of recycling bins with a view to alleviating the channel blockage problem caused by the disposal of food waste into the drainage system by residents.

32. **Mr NG Fan-kam's** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) many members of the public were still very concerned about the MSW Charging, such as the handling of oversized waste and the sales network of designated bags and designated labels. Hence, he proposed strengthening relevant publicity, such as distributing promotional leaflets in mailboxes of housing estates; and
- (ii) he believed that the traffic issues in Ho Man Tin was mainly caused by a large number of learner drivers and individuals taking driving tests in Ho Man Tin Driving Test Centre. Thus, he suggested that the TD should study the possibility of relocating some driving schools or setting limits on the period allowed for driving learning.

33. **The Chairman** requested the Members to continue to collect public views with respect to the above two issues and asked the relevant departments to send the supplementary information requested by Members to the Secretariat after the meeting in order to facilitate Members to collect public views and make proposals. She also welcomed the Members to have more detailed discussions in the relevant committees.

[Post-meeting note: the Secretariat furnished the Members with the supplementary information provided by the HD and the FEHD on 24 January 2024.]

Item 7**Proposals on the Launch of (a) the Community Caring Campaign in 18 Districts with Care Teams; and (b) the District Clean-up Operation with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department before the Lunar New Year**

(KCDC Paper No. 5/2024)

34. **Ms Connie LIU, Senior Liaison Officer (District Liaison) 2 of the KCDO,** introduced the paper with the following main points:

- (i) the “Kowloon City Community Caring Campaign” aimed to deliver care to people in need, such as the elderly, single-parent families, children and people with disabilities before the Lunar New Year;
- (ii) in the community caring campaign, the KCDC, 25 Care Teams and three District Committees, including five Area Committees, District Fire Safety Committee and District Fight Crime Committee in Kowloon City District, would be mobilised and the two activities would be conducted with their joint efforts;
- (iii) the first activity was providing household cleaning and repair services to people in need in the district. The volunteer team under China Resources Property Management Limited (China Resources Ltd.) would arrange for volunteers and professional technicians to provide household cleaning and repair services to the elderly and people in need in the district. The service would be provided for one year at a frequency of twice a week, covering eight to ten families each time. It was expected that more than 1 000 families would be benefitted and the scheme would be launched in January 2024; and
- (iv) the second activity was “Shining Inclusive Wellness Programme”. A charity named MPE Sport Limited would arrange for hairstylists, Chinese medicine practitioners, healthcare professionals and volunteers to offer a wide range of caring services for grassroots citizens, including five free haircutting sessions before the Lunar New Year, talks on health preservation, health checks and free consultations with Chinese medicine practitioners. The scheme was scheduled to start in January 2024 and would have five activities to be completed

before 5 February. The KCDO, the Members, Care Teams and the members of the three District Committees, would identify suitable beneficiaries together.

35. **Mr Humphrey LI, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) of the KCDO**, presented the paper with the following main points:

- (i) to greet the Year of the Dragon, the KCDO and the FEHD would jointly conduct a clean-up operation named “Clean Our City: New Year Cleansing Programme” in late January 2024 in the hope of making the streets in Kowloon City District cleaner before and after the Lunar New Year so that residents could celebrate the Lunar New Year in a clean environment;
- (ii) the KCDO welcomed the KCDC and the Area Committees to offer suggestions with respect to the streets that required enhanced cleaning. The KCDO would study the relevant suggestions in detail and consider the actual conditions of the proposed locations to formulate the cleaning plan;
- (iii) the cleansing contractors of the FEHD would use high-pressure water trucks to carry out large-scale cleaning on selected streets during the operation. The KCDO would display promotional banners at prominent locations across the district and notify Members, the members of the Area Committees, Care Teams, the institutions and organisations of the Lung Shing network via instant messaging applications; and
- (iv) he invited Members to raise their opinions on the clean-up operation this year with reference to the cleaning locations of the previous year.

36. **Mr KWAN Ho-yeung** strongly supported the proposed clean-up operation and said that he would suggest suitable locations for cleaning.

37. **Mr LAM Pok**'s views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) he strongly supported the community caring campaign and proposed to render more caring services, such as installing handrails and lifts for wheelchairs in “three-nil” buildings, providing elderly escort

services for medical appointments and organising briefing sessions for ethnic minorities to assist them with form filling and job seeking; and

- (ii) he enquired if he could propose changes to the cleaning locations for the clean-up operation after the meeting.

38. **The Chairman** stated that with the advent of the Lunar New Year, she reminded Members to focus their discussions on the Lunar New Year-related activities instead of the regular services of Care Teams. Members could put forward opinions in regard to Care Teams in future meetings.

39. **Mr WONG Chi's** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) he would like to know more about the schedule for the clean-up operation and would express his views on the cleaning locations after the meeting; and
- (ii) in the previous Lunar New Year, recyclable materials such as cardboard boxes, aluminium cans and foam boxes would accumulate in public areas after celebrations. He suggested that the relevant departments should formulate measures in advance.

40. **Mr HE Huahan** proposed adding Muk Tak Street and Kai Tak Runway Area to the list of cleaning locations.

41. **Mr LAM Tak-shing's** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) the clean-up operation was highly welcomed by residents, and therefore, he suggested allowing the public to participate so that they could have a sense of achievement and happiness. He wished to know more about the schedule for the clean-up operation and suggested to carry out publicity work as soon as possible so that members of the public could get ready;
- (ii) he looked forward to discussing the list of cleaning locations and the frequency of cleaning services of different locations with the FEHD. He also proposed to conduct the clean-up operation just on the days before and after the Lunar New Year; and

- (iii) he suggested allowing residents to rate the cleanliness of the streets after the activities and select the cleanest street to enhance public engagement.

42. **The Chairman** noticed that various Members would put forward their opinions on the cleaning locations after the meeting. Thus, she had instructed the Secretariat to distribute forms to the Members after the meeting to collect their views. She further clarified that the cleaning locations of the previous year were only intended to initiate discussions. The KCDO would make a specific schedule for the clean-up operation with the FEHD after having the views collected.

43. **Ms Vivian WONG** enquired about the details of the manpower allocation in household cleaning and repair services. For example, whether “twice a week” meant twice a week in each area.

44. **Ms Connie LIU of the KCDO** responded that the KCDO, together with Members, Care Teams and the members of the three district committees, would seek suitable beneficiaries in the five areas. China Resources Ltd. would arrange for volunteers to conduct household cleaning and repair services for the individuals concerned.

45. **The Chairman** added that the activities mentioned in the paper were organised by external organisations. The KCDO would discuss with Care Teams later on other proposed activities during the Lunar New Year.

46. **Mr CHEUNG King-fan’s** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) he suggested adding Kai Tak Runway Area, Muk On Street, Muk Ning Street, Muk Tai Street and Olympic Avenue to the list of cleaning locations; and
- (ii) he enquired if he could recommend external organisations to the KCDO so that more organisations could participate in the community caring campaign.

47. **The Chairman** said that Members were very welcome to recommend more external organisations as collaborative partners.

Item 8**Proposals on Organising Activities Aimed at Driving Economic Development in the District**

(KCDC Paper No. 6/2024)

48. **Mr Arthur CHAN, Assistant District Officer (Kowloon City) of the KCDO**, introduced the paper with the following main points:

- (i) to echo the “Night Vibes Hong Kong” Campaign, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) would proactively promote the “Day and Night Vibes” Campaign organised by 18 District Offices (DO) in the first half of this year so as to boost the local economy. In light of this, the KCDO planned to collaborate with the KCDC and the Hong Kong Kowloon City Industry and Commerce Association to organise “Kowloon City Colourful Songkran Festival 2024” in mid-April 2024 (Thai New Year) to attract residents, members of the public and tourists visiting Kowloon City with the aim of boosting the local economy;
- (ii) Kowloon City had long been known as “Little Bangkok” and it was a major settlement area for Thai people in Hong Kong. Every year, Thai people and local organisations chose Kowloon City as the place to organise activities of the Songkran Festival to celebrate the Thai New Year together. To better seize local opportunities and make good use of local resources, the KCDO proposed to organise the aforementioned event. By offering traditional Thai cuisine, singing and dancing performances, Muay Thai competitions and other cultural experiences, along with exciting activities and publicity, the KCDO aimed to promote the dining, shopping and entertainment experiences in Kowloon City District;
- (iii) with a view to boosting the economy of Kowloon City District, the Hong Kong Kowloon City Industry and Commerce Association planned to collaborate with local merchants to provide a variety of electronic consumption discounts and rewards to members of the public. Additionally, special offers for night markets would be introduced, striving to boost the vibrancy and vitality of the evenings in Kowloon City; and

- (iv) this event would be organised by the WG on Boosting Local Economy. He welcomed views from all Members.

49. **Mr LEE Chiu-yu** supported the idea of organising events such as the Songkran Festival as an entry point to boost the economy of Kowloon City District and gave the following opinions:

- (i) the effectiveness of the event lay in whether it could attract members of the public from other districts and tourists. As all 18 DOs were actively organising an array of activities, he suggested the Home Affairs Department (HAD) coordinate with the 18 DOs so as to avoid the clash in the schedule of the activities organised in different districts, and thus failing to achieve the anticipated benefits;
- (ii) if the past community activities were transformed into large-scale events, relevant departments should make appropriate arrangements for transportation, etc.; and
- (iii) the event would help develop Thai costume rental and photography services and further enhance the benefits brought by the economy boosting activities.

50. **Ms Vivian WONG** expressed that the flexibility and the fact that no setup work was needed made car boot sale a more suitable choice for Lung Shing District. On the other hand, this could also become a new photo spot.

51. **Mr HE Huahan's** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) after the resumption of normalcy in Hong Kong, the KCDO organised a one-day Songkran Festival last year. He proposed extending it to a multi-day event to alleviate burdens in all aspects during peak hours, so tourists would not be deterred because of overcrowding; and
- (ii) Thai culture was very popular among mainland Chinese tourists, and young people from the mainland often referred to recommendations on social media when choosing travel destinations. Therefore, he recommended using popular mainland Chinese social media platforms such as WeChat, Xiaohongshu and Douyin for promotional purposes.

52. **Mr NG Po-keung** believed that the Songkran Festival was a brand event and put forward the following opinions:

- (i) he supported the suggestion of organising a multi-day event, which would attract more merchants to participate and make them more willing to offer larger discounts, and thus drew more people to the event;
- (ii) he suggested holding lucky draws;
- (iii) since some merchants did not participate in last year's Songkran Festival, he suggested enhancing explanation to merchants so as to encourage them to participate; and
- (iv) he believed that the Songkran Festival was not just an event in Kowloon City, so he suggested to publicise the event by means of TV advertisements and promotional vehicles so that more citizens would know about and take part in the event.

53. **Dr Rizwan Ullah** proposed to invite schools in Kowloon City District to participate in the activities in order to enhance the image of Kowloon City District and allow students to learn the true meaning of inclusion and upgrade their quality.

54. **Mr LAM Tak-shing** fully supported the activity and put forward the following opinions:

- (i) he suggested making good use of the space in Carpenter Road Park and adding more event programmes such as setting up cooked food stalls or mobile food trucks so as to make the event more diverse and attract more people;
- (ii) he suggested dividing the venue into different areas, such as cooked food area and handicraft area. In the latter, merchants could sell paper-cutting, embroidery and other items related to the culture of Kowloon City District. He also suggested adding a film show zone to let the public understand the changes in Kowloon City;

- (iii) he suggested arranging free tour buses to convey tourists to and from event venues and other tourist spots in Kowloon City; and
- (iv) he suggested promoting and passing on the temple culture in the region through activities, such as Tudi Festival, Guanyin Festival and Yulan Festival, etc.

55. **Ms FUNG Mo-kwan** fully supported the activity and put forward the following opinions:

- (i) in last year's Songkran Festival, most of the participants were Hong Kong citizens. If the Department planned to hold a large-scale event to attract more tourists, she was worried that Carpenter Road Park would be overwhelmed, and thus she suggested including Argyle Street Playground into the event venues;
- (ii) in the past Songkran Festival activities, discounts were mostly offered by merchants in Lung Shing area, so she suggested setting up an in-depth tour route in Kowloon City and extending the relevant discounts to other areas such as To Kwa Wan, Hung Hom and Whampoa; and
- (iii) she suggested setting up the above-mentioned film show area in the Cattle Depot Artist Village, and introducing feature spots such as Kowloon Walled City Park, Sung Wong Toi Garden and Guanyin Temple in promotional videos.

56. **Mr LAM Pok's** opinions were consolidated as follows:

- (i) he strongly supported using "Little Bangkok" to boost the regional economy and proposed setting up a main venue and a secondary venue to benefit the entire Kowloon City area. He also suggested that a charity run kick-off ceremony be held at the beginning of the event and the route should go through Whampoa Garden and To Kwa Wan Promenade to stimulate the economy of the relevant places;
- (ii) he believed that locations such as the Cattle Depot Artist Village, Kowloon Walled City Park and Kai Tak Cruise Terminal could attract high-quality tour groups and improve the image of the district being flooded with low-cost tour groups; and

- (iii) he suggested consulting local citizens, schools and art groups on the event programmes so as to make the event and future ones more distinctive.

57. **Mr CHO Wui-hung's** opinions were consolidated as follows:

- (i) Thailand impressed Hong Kong people with delicious food and the Erawan Shrine, so he suggested setting up a temporary Erawan Shrine in the district to add a Thai element to the event; and
- (ii) tourists could boost consumption in the area, so he suggested setting up a multi-day market carnival and providing facilities for enhancing parent-child relationship such as inflatable trampolines, children's play facilities, electric vehicles, bicycles and paintings to attract family tourists. In addition, the Fire Services Department, the Police and other departments would be invited to participate the event and competitions would be held to attract people of different age groups including children, students and their parents to participate.

58. **LAI Yin-chung's** opinions were consolidated as follows:

- (i) Kowloon City District was home to the third largest number of ethnic minorities in Hong Kong, so he suggested adding cultural features of other Southeast Asian regions to promote the inclusive culture of Kowloon City District. He also agreed with the suggestion to invite schools in the region to educate students on inclusive culture; and
- (ii) he cited the power shortage incident at the seaside night market as an example and asked the Department to resolve the problem of insufficient supporting facilities. He drew the Department's attention to two issues: (a) transportation facilities; and (b) the impact of excessive activities on local residents, and urged the Department to make prudent planning and arrangements.

59. **The Chairman** thanked the members for expressing opinions and stated that the Secretariat would convene a meeting of the task force to boost the regional economy as soon as possible after consolidating relevant opinions. She called on participants

to continue to think about suggestions and arrangements for the event to ensure that it would be held smoothly in a larger scale.

Item 9

Initiatives Related to District Councils in the Policy Address — Suggestions on Developing Photography Hotspots with Local Characteristics

(KCDC Paper No. 7/2024)

60. **Mr Humphrey LEE** introduced the paper, with the main points as follows:

- (i) the Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address stated that the District Youth Community Building Committees of the 18 districts had to make recommendations for the establishment of photo-taking landmarks with regional features in their respective districts to show local characteristics through different themes and design elements, and to attract citizens and tourists to take photos at the landmarks;
- (ii) the Home Affairs Department had issued guidelines on the establishment of photo-taking landmarks in various districts, and three requirements should be met, including (a) the theme and design of the photo-taking landmarks should highlight local characteristics as far as possible; (b) no restraints were set on the scale, form, style and design of the photo-taking landmarks, but such elements should not be in conflict with cultures, traditions or social customs; and (c) the setting-up of the photo-taking landmarks should be completed before October 2024;
- (iii) the Kowloon City District Youth Community Development Committee had held a committee meeting and a working group meeting on 29 November and 7 December 2023 respectively to discuss the preliminary concepts of the photo-taking landmarks in the district and it came up with three preliminary suggestions including (a) suggestion 1: choosing the old Kai Tak Airport and aviation as the theme and forging a photo-taking landmark in the Kai Tak Station Square, converting the ground into a runway and showing an aircraft taking off with the use of a three-dimensional painting as well as placing props which matched the themes (such as signs of boarding gates); (b) suggestion 2: using nostalgic neon signs as the theme and installing multiple LED neon signs on a wall or background at Kai

Tak Station Plaza or Kowloon Walled City Park to display contents such as the names, text and characteristic patterns of old shops (cinemas or supermarkets, etc.) in Kowloon City; and (c) suggestion 3: using the cattle depot or car ferry terminal as the theme, and putting on the white part of the outer wall of the Cattle Depot Artist Village 3D paintings depicting the outlook of the cattle depot and car ferry terminal in the past; and

- (iv) he invited Members to raise their opinions about the above preliminary suggestions for the photo-taking landmarks.

61. **Mr PUN Kwok-wah**'s opinions were consolidated as follows:

- (i) he enquired whether only one or more of the three suggestions could be chosen; and
- (ii) regarding the third suggestion, since the cattle depot had been renovated and converted into an art village, tourists could gain insight into the culture. At present, only the ruins of the pier remained at the car ferry terminal, so he thought it would be better to theme on the car ferry terminal than the cattle depot. It was also preferable to set up a photo-taking landmark at the remains of the terminal.

62. **The Chairman**, in reply, stated that the above three suggestions were preliminary, and Members could pick more than one suggestion, or may propose new ones. When finalising the plan, many factors such as resources, engineering and timing must be considered. This agenda item aimed to collect the views of Members and explore the feasibility of various suggestions.

63. **Mr CHEUNG King-fun**'s opinions were consolidated as follows:

- (i) he liked suggestion 1 most, pointing out that the old Kai Tak Airport and the aviation theme were more suitable for Kai Tak Station Plaza. Seeing that there was a display screen on the clock tower of Kai Tak Station Plaza, he suggested that special content, such as allowing citizens to express their love on Valentine's Day or sending blessings during festivals, should be displayed to make the photo-taking landmark more distinctive; and

- (ii) he suggested that the Department should adopt AR technology in the Kai Tak Sky Garden so that members of the public could take characteristic photos of aircraft flying overhead.

64. **Ms Vivian WONG**'s opinions were consolidated as follows:

- (i) she preferred suggestion 1, but doubted that traffic congestion problems would be caused due to the popularity of the photo-taking landmark. Therefore, she believed that suggestions 2 and 3, that is, displaying distinctive contents on the exterior walls, were more feasible;
- (ii) she suggested that when promoting night markets, contents related to Thai culture should be displayed on the exterior walls of the venue or particular areas to enhance the theme features and atmosphere of the markets;
- (iii) many major movies, such as "Transformers 4", had been filmed in Kowloon City, so she suggested displaying the content of relevant movies on the exterior walls near the filming locations so that tourists who liked these movies could take photos at the filming locations; and
- (iv) she suggested that the Department should work with the art department of universities to display new contents on the exterior walls regularly.

65. **Mr Roger KWAN** said that according to the search results of Xiaohongshu and Douyin, the Cattle Depot Artist Village was the most popular spot among mainland tourists, so he believed that using the Cattle Depot Artist Village as a photo-taking landmark was most cost-effective. He also suggested that after the completion of the photo-taking landmark, he would invite self-media to carry out publicity work.

66. **Mr LEE Chiu-yu** suggested that when the photo-taking landmarks featuring the characteristics of Kowloon City were completed, some popular IP could be used to heighten the appeal of the landmarks.

67. **Mr HE Huahan** said that a fixed-wing aircraft was currently placed at the end of the Kai Tak runway area for exhibition purposes. However, since the area was being used as a community quarantine facility, he enquired about the feasibility of

moving the fixed-wing aircraft to a photo-taking landmark to promote the theme of aviation.

Item 10

Any Other Business

Date of Next Meeting

68. **The Chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 21 March 2024 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 6 March 2024.

69. **The Chairman** announced that the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 20 February 2024.

The Chairman

The Secretary

KCDC Secretariat
February 2024