

Progress Report of Age-Friendly City Working Group
under Sai Kung District Council Social Services & Healthy and Safe City Committee

The second meeting (2017) of the Age-Friendly City Working Group (the Working Group) under Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) Social Services & Healthy and Safe City Committee (SSHSCC) was held on 26 April 2017. The main issues discussed at the meeting were summarised as follows:

The Follow-up related to Age-Friendly Facilities and Transportation Issues

2. Members noted the written replies on the follow-up related to age-friendly facilities and transportation issues from different organisations, and suggested the Working Group to keep in view the progress of the follow-up work in future meetings.

Introduction to the “Dementia Community Support Scheme”

3. The representatives of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Tseung Kwan O Aged Care Complex - Jockey Club District Elderly Community Centre cum Day Care Unit, and the Haven of Hope Christian Service - Haven of Hope District Elderly Community Service introduced the “Dementia Community Support Scheme” to Members respectively, and listened to the views of Members.

Discussions on the Issues about “Improving Community Support and Health Services in the District to Encourage Ageing in Place”

4. The representatives of the SWD responded to issues including the Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), improvement to the meal delivery, escort and home cleaning services, as well as the provision of additional human resources for community care services, and listened to the views of Members. Members agreed to write to the SWD to enquire about the implementation of the pilot schemes on service vouchers and the relevant figures, and to reflect the views of the Members on the eligible age for elderly CSSA. Members also asked the representative of the SWD to provide the Secretariat with the number of elderly on the waiting list and the waiting time for the escort, meal delivery and home cleaning services after the meeting.

5. Regarding the issues of Health Care Voucher and dental service, Members suggested writing to the Department of Health and the Community Care Fund to enquire about the latest situation.
6. In addition, Members suggested writing to the Drainage Services Department (DSD) to enquire about the time in which the DSD would replace the existing covers of storm-water drains with new ones in the Sai Kung District, and to reflect the views that the new covers of storm-water drains might pose potential hazards to the elderly and other people.
7. As for the issues of the lack of doctors who accepted the Health Care Vouchers and banking services in Tsui Lam Estate, the Working Group would continue following up on them because the convener of the Working Group was the DC Member of the concerned constituency.
8. Concerning the lack of fitness equipment in Kin Ming Estate, Members suggested referring the issue to the Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee (HEHC) under the SKDC for following up, and invited representative of the Housing Department to attend the meeting of HEHC to respond, and then reported the progress at the meeting of the Working Group.
9. Regarding the issues of the stone on the Little Hawaii Trail and the rain shelter and notice board on Duckling Hill, Members suggested referring them to the District Facilities Management Committee under the SKDC for following up.
10. Other issues such as the airport bus route No. A29, etc., had been discussed at previous meetings of the Working Group, and the relevant departments and organisations had responded to them.

Others

11. The next meeting of the Working Group was tentatively scheduled for mid-July.