

Sai Kung District Council
Progress Report of Sai Kung District Management Committee

The Sai Kung District Management Committee (SKDMC) held a meeting on 29 November 2023. The major issues discussed at the meeting were summarised as follows:

Inter-departmental evacuation exercise

2. SKDMC discussed the formulation of contingency measures for areas susceptible to prospective disaster risks such as the coastal low-lying or windy locations in Sai Kung District. It was noted by SKDMC that there has been increased occurrence of extreme weather conditions in Hong Kong in recent years. Despite the successive improvements to infrastructure by different departments, risks of flooding still should not be treated lightly. In this connection, the Sai Kung District Office drafted a response manual for temporary evacuation and at the SKDMC meeting, discussed the division of labour during temporary evacuation, in order to establish a rule-based approach as guidance in case of emergency. The relevant departments offered advice within their scope of management and indicated that they would provide information on corresponding emergency contacts to facilitate liaison. SKDMC would coordinate with the relevant departments to conduct an evacuation exercise where necessary, and further discuss specific details with them.

Mechanism for handling slope maintenance and landslide emergency works

3. SKDMC discussed problems associated with the mechanism for handling slope maintenance and landslide emergency works. In previous landslide cases under extreme weather conditions, SKDMC was aware of the need to spend time clarifying the responsibilities of various departments, when dealing with landslide cases or others requiring emergency works. In order to enhance communication, SKDMC invited various departments to provide relevant guidelines, and found that various guidelines and notices had been revised or supplemented. In this regard, SKDMC reminded the relevant departments to ensure that their guidelines and notices were in line with the updated circumstances and requirements. SKDMC also invited departments to strengthen communication on slope maintenance and emergency works, so as to develop a mutual understanding through prior communication to lessen unnecessary delays and disputes, such that the responsible departments can take over and handle similar incidents more swiftly.

Other district management issues

4. In addition, SKDMC also discussed issues such as obstruction caused by pitched tents, illegal immigrants, unauthorised vehicle parking and unlicensed cooked food hawkers in the district, etc. During the meeting, the relevant departments expressed their concerns over the above issues and reported on the follow-up actions taken in their respective scope of work. SKDMC would keep on following up the situation with a view to coordinating district management work with various departments for continuous improvement of the district environment.

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