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**A Summary of the**  
**Second Southern District Council (2008-2011) Special Meeting held on 04.5.2009**

1. The Southern District Council (SDC) held its second special meeting on 4 May 2009. The major issues discussed were summarised as follows:

**Report of the Briefing Convened by the Secretary for Food and Health (SFH) on 30 April 2009 regarding the Prevention and Control of the Human Swine Influenza (HSI) in Hong Kong**

2. Mr. WONG Yin-fun, Alex, JP, District Officer of Southern District Office said that SFH had briefed the 18 District Councils on the preventive measures against HSI, including the allocation of \$500,000 to each District Council for implementation of promotional activities. He proposed that with that special funding, the amount of \$100,000 earmarked under SDC Fund for the same purpose was not required for the time being. To save administrative effort, the Home Affairs Department would coordinate the purchase of disinfectants and various flu prevention gears for the 18 District Councils. He asked SDC to propose the necessary items and quantities required.

3. Mr. WONG Yin-fun, Alex, JP added that in discussing how to implement the promotional activities in the district, Councillors should consider the following:

- (a) Emphasis should be put on frequent handwashing which was considered the most effective flu prevention measure, hence majority of the funding should be spent on alcohol-based handrub rather than masks;
- (b) the special funding might be used for recruitment of temporary manpower to assist in organizing promotional activities;
- (c) in implementing promotional activities, the needs of the ethnic minority groups should be noted to maintain community harmony; and
- (d) SDC and Southern District Healthy and Safe Association (SDHSA) might co-organize a large-scale promotional event in areas with high pedestrian flow.

4. Mr. CHU ching-hong supplemented that SFH had also urged the 18 District Councils to actively participate in promotional and preventive activities, and get prepared for the worst scenario. In addition, SFH proposed that the District Management Committee (DMC) should follow up the issue.

5. The Chairman said that the DMC meetings were not frequent enough to follow up the issue which required immediate attention. Besides, Councillors resolved in the previous special meeting that the activities were to be followed up by the District Development and Environment Committee but a Councillor later proposed that SDC itself should assume the role instead. She asked Councillors to reconsider the arrangement.

6. After discussion, it was resolved that the activities were to be followed up by SDC through special meetings and that the aforesaid \$100,000 would be used if the special funding from the Food and Health Bureau was insufficient.

#### **To Set Out the Work Plan for Prevention and Control of HSI**

7. The Chairman invited Councillors to give their views on how to utilize the special funding to implement the promotional activities in the district.

8. After discussion, SDC came up with the following resolutions:

- (a) To increase efficiency, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of SDC and the four committees might decide on details of the implementation with reference to the general direction and proposals resolved in the SDC special meeting;
- (b) A large-scale opening ceremony would be co-hosted by SDC and SDHSA followed by promotional activities and seminars run by Councillors;
- (c) Banners, posters and leaflets should be produced in both Chinese and English;
- (d) 20 000 flu prevention kits would be produced for distribution in the opening ceremony and promotional activities;
- (e) The spaces hitherto allocated by the Lands Department to 20 Councillors for putting up banners/billboards would be dedicated to the promotional banners of SDC for two weeks;
- (f) Inspection of hygiene blackspots would be arranged;
- (g) SDC would write to the owners' corporations and mutual aid committees in the district, reminding them to purchase additional alcohol-based handrub and

- enhance their environmental hygiene work; and
- (h) SDC to write to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, requesting them to pay close attention to the environmental hygiene condition of the tourist spots under their management and to consider installing sanitizer dispensers in the premises concerned.
9. In addition, the following recommendations were made:
- (a) To provide fast funding for the owners' corporations and mutual aid committees in the district for implementing cleansing and promotional activities. If funds were insufficient, single private residential buildings with no management organizations should be accorded with priority;
  - (b) To implement "handwashing Campaign" ;
  - (c) To publish the message of swine flu prevention and publicise the promotional activities in *Southern District News*; and
  - (d) To recruit temporary staff (Cleaning Ambassadors) to monitor the cleansing services of various government departments and promote the message of swine flu prevention in the district.

### **Post-meeting note**

The Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of SDC and various committees convened a meeting from 1:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. on 4 May 2009 and made the following resolutions:

- (a) Flu prevention kits would be distributed in the opening ceremony co-hosted by SDC and SDHSA on 16 May and in other small-scale promotional activities organized by Councillors in the district;
- (b) Two hundred banners would be put up in the district by 16 May to create a fight-against-pandemic atmosphere;
- (c) To produce or obtain from the Department of Health some 3 200 posters, 200 of which would be distributed to Councillors (10 for each) and the rest to be mailed to the owners' corporations and mutual aid committees in the district;
- (d) To engage social enterprises for provision of cleansing service for single residential buildings with no management organizations in the district. Due to resource restraints, Councillors would be asked to assist in recommending the target buildings; and

- (e) A certain number of ethnic minority youths should be recruited as Cleaning Ambassador as far as possible.

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