

Progress Report of the Meeting of the  
Wong Tai Sin District Management Committee held on 15.2.2008

Removal of Used Clothing Collection Cages in the Streets

Members noted that only 5 illegal used clothing collection cages could be found on the street in the 13 operations jointly carried out by the Wong Tai Sin District Office (WTSDO) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) since November last year, showing a substantial improvement to the illegal placing of used clothing collection cages in the district.

Team Clean and Clean Hong Kong Programme

2. Members noted that the Ovitrap Indices in Wong Tai Sin were 0.2 % and 0 % respectively in December last year and January this year. To strengthen anti-mosquito action and encourage residents in the district to participate in it, FEHD would plan to hold large-scale anti-mosquito campaign in three stages in February, April and August this year. On the other hand, relatively small scale focused anti-mosquito campaign would also be conducted continuously after each phase of anti-mosquito campaign to strengthen prevention and control of mosquitoes in the squatters, old buildings and other mosquitoes breeding spots. WTSDO would continue to hold Cleanest Estate Programme and Anti-mosquito Pioneers Scheme jointly with FEHD.

3. Some Members were concerned with the potential mosquitoes breeding spots at vacant/undeveloped Crown Land. The Chairman urged that the District Lands Office (DLO) strengthened the patrol and stepped up grass cutting work. FEHD was willing to provide professional advice. On the other hand, some Members were concerned with the cessation of operation of Clean Hong Kong Committee of Wong Tai Sin District this year, and urged FEHD to distribute posters to all estates when launching the first phase of anti-mosquito campaign, thus arousing the awareness of residents towards anti-mosquito at an earlier

stage.

### Illegal Shop Extension in Ngau Chi Wan Village and Environmental Hygiene Problem

4. Members noted that FEHD carried out five raids from 2007 to January 2008, issued more than 300 oral warnings and 130 written warnings and carried out 16 prosecutions to shop tenants that caused obstruction to roads. On the other hand, there were 10 successful prosecutions against illegal hawking in the Village and 14 cases involving the seizure of goods left by hawkers. Last year, Wong Tai Sin District Management Committee (WTSDMC) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee (FEHC) of the Wong Tai Sin District Council (WTSDC) had reviewed the arrangement by which “a tolerable zone of no more than 5 feet in front of the shop and no more than 3 feet beside the shop” would be set up. DMC decided to carry out the related arrangement for the time being. The Architectural Services Department (ASD) had repaved most of the alleys in the Village last year which could improve the environmental hygiene greatly. Owing to the consideration for public health and environmental hygiene, FEHD would continue to enforce the policy prohibiting the handling of food in the alleys with strong determination.

5. Some Members were concerned with the obstruction caused by the cages placed by illegal waste paper recyclers at the access of Ngau Chi Wan Village recently. On the other hand, two Members pointed out that in Wang Tau Hom, Lok Fu and Sam Chuk Street in San Po Kong, recyclers operated recycling business on goods vehicles at the parking space. FEHD would firstly grasp the situation and then adopt appropriate actions.

### The Pilot Scheme of District Councils

6. Members noted that the pilot scheme for the participation of the District Council in management of some district facilities had been successfully carried out in Wong Tai Sin in 2007. The pilot scheme would be implemented in 18 districts since 1 January 2008. WTSDC

agreed to continue setting up District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) in the first meeting held on 4 January 2008, the function of which would be the same as that of the last term. DFMC would continue to follow up all district facilities management affairs in the new term of WTSDC and implement community involvement projects and district minor works projects. The Evaluation Team of the Hong Kong University had completed the assessment report of the pilot scheme and the compilation of cases of outstanding projects. The successful experience of the four pilot areas, including the way to better participate in management of district facilities and strengthen the partnership with district organizations and stakeholders, would be summarized for sharing with 18 districts.

### Idling Works Sites in Wong Tai Sin

7. Members noted WTSDMC paper 1/2008.
8. Some Members were concerned with the delay of works caused by the lack of information given to the contractors about the underground utilities, or the technical inadequacy for commencing the works after the excavation. Members considered that it was related to the difference in the qualities of contractors and the updating and accuracy of the plan.
9. Owing to the commercial considerations, the existing utilities companies made and updated their plans on their own. Holders of excavation permit were required to collect information from the related public utilities companies. As some public utilities were laid nearly twenty years ago without accurate record, while there were some deviations made when the imperial unit was converted to metric meter, the accuracy of the plan was affected. Utilities Technical Liaison Committee resolved to request road excavators to notify the said public utilities companies when discovering that there was deviation between the plan and practical situation. Some public utilities companies hoped to improve the accuracy of the plan through continuous updating of information.
10. On the other hand, road excavators were required to carry out non-destructive exploration before excavation and small-scale

investigation procedures. The Highways Department (HyD) examined each application for delay in works. If the delay was caused by the applicants, HyD would punish the applicants. Last year, HyD had issued more than 30000 excavation permits and inspected the site once every seven days. In Wong Tai Sin, the inspection was conducted more than 300 times every month.

### 2008 Olympic Games

11. Members noted that WTSDC endorsed the establishment of Wong Tai Sin Olympics Organising Committee (WTSOOC) on 4 January this year and four working groups were set up under it: Healthy Olympic, Green Olympic, Humanistic Olympic and City Dress-up. WTSOCC held its first meeting on 29 January, and the four working groups had summoned all related department and partnership organizations to hold meetings.

### Carriageway Linking Up with the Exterior Part of Lion Rock Park

12. Members noted that the related departments had agreed to let HyD and the Transport Department (TD) to take over the section of road. TD was preparing the plan to enhance the section of road to the level of public roads, which would then be followed up by HyD.

### Progress Reports on Public Works Projects in Wong Tai Sin District (WTSDMC Paper 2/2008)

13. Members noted the said progress report.

### Improvement Works in Wong Tai Sin Road

14. Members noted that WTSDO summoned a meeting in July last year and requested the related departments to implement a series of measures to improve the pedestrian and traffic safety in Wong Tai Sin Road, near Upper Wong Tai Sin Estate and Lung Cheung Office Block, including dismantling railings to facilitate the boarding and alighting of passengers, removing the safety island on the road linking with Lung Cheung Office Block, replacing the plants on the roundabout at Ma Chai

Hang Road and dismantling the road signs at the sharp bends.

Proposed Agenda for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Term of Wong Tai Sin District Council to be held on 11.3.2008

15. Members noted the proposed agenda.

Any Other Business

(i) Lunar New Year Fair 2008 in Morse Park

16. Members noted that there were more than 90,000 persons going to the Lunar New Year Fair in 2008, the result was satisfactory. Ramps were also provided this year in the Lunar New Year Fair to facilitate the public.

(ii) Land Use Plan for San Po Kong Factory Building

17. Some Members wanted to know if the site of San Po Kong Factory Building could be converted to short term parking space for goods vehicles to alleviate the inadequacy of parking space in the district. On the other hand, after the relocation of stone pillars from the pavement outside the works site, people were lured to park their vehicles on the pavement illegally, that affected the safety of passengers. They also wanted to know if a path turning to Prince Edward Road East could be resumed for the use of heavier goods vehicles. The said views had been relayed to the relevant departments and the matter would be followed up in the Traffic and Transport Committee

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