

**Brief Summary of the 58th Meeting of the
Yau Tsim Mong District Management Committee on 8 December 2004**

The Yau Tsim Mong District Management Committee (YTMDMC) held its 58th meeting on 8 December 2004. Members noted the contents of the committee papers presented at the meeting. Key issues discussed at the meeting are summarized below.

(I) Matters Arising

Clearance of the Illegal Structures in Fuk Lee Street, Tai Kok Tsui

2. Members were informed that the tentative clearance date would be 25 May 2005 in order to provide sufficient notice period to the affected persons.

Pavement Obstruction in Kok Cheung Street and Ka Shin Street in Tai Kok Tsui

3. Members noted the enforcement actions taken and to be taken by government departments concerned.

(II) Items which the government departments anticipate to consult the Yau Tsim Mong District Council (YTMDC) and its Committees in the coming 3 months

4. Members were briefed of the following agenda items of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council meeting to be held on 16 December 2004 in which government departments would need to respond:

- (a) Area Improvement Strategy Plan for Tsim Sha Tsui - Proposed Planning Framework;
- (b) Greening Master Plan for Tsim Shui Tsui; and

- (c) Alignment and Construction Methods along Salisbury Road for the Kowloon Southern Link.

5. Regarding para 4(a) above, Members were briefed that the proposed planning framework set out the ideas to be studied further and the three improvement projects for early implementation. Public views were welcome on the planning framework and priority projects during the consultation period until 31 January 2005. As a related issue, the Chairman informed the representative of the Planning Department that under Home Affairs Department's Urban Minor Works Programme, 26 benches would be installed along Park Lane Shopper's Boulevard by the end of 2004/05.

6. Regarding para 4(b) above, Members were informed that the Civil Engineering & Development Department would draw up Greening Master Plan for the urban areas in line with the central greening policy. Development of the Greening Master Plan for Tsim Sha Tsui area (south of Jordan Road), which was started in September 2004, was the first of such plan. The Master Plan would set out greening framework to which any planning development or engineering works could make reference.

7. The Chairman stated that there would be a special meeting of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council on 28 January 2005 on the West Kowloon Cultural District project. The Secretary for Home Affairs and other relevant government department representatives would attend the meeting to collect views and answer questions. In addition, the exhibition of the models and proposals of the 3 short-listed developers would start on 16 December 2004 and a community forum for Kowloon Region would be held on 20 December 2004.

(III) Team Clean Initiatives and Progress Report on Clean Hong Kong District Action Plan for YTM District from October to November 2004

8. Members noted the contents of the Progress Report on Clean Hong Kong District Action Plan for Yau Tsim Mong District from October to November 2004.

9. The Chairman mentioned that the latest Community Cleanliness Index of Yau Tsim Mong rose to 101 which reflected good improvement. An Unofficial Member supported the present system that the Index only compared cleanliness of the same district over a period of time.

10. Members noted that FEHD would implement special cleansing arrangements in Tsim Sha Tsui area for both Christmas Eve and New Year Eve 2004 with a view to coping with the increased workload arising from the conglomeration of a large number of visitors. In addition, stringent enforcement actions against illegal hawking and littering offences would be taken with the support of Police.

11. The Chairman added that with the endorsement of Yau Tsim Mong Clean Hong Kong District Committee, Area Committee and District Councilors, the Hygiene Community Promotion Scheme would be expanded to other zones in Yau Tsim Mong district in January 2005.

(IV) Report on measures taken by government departments to prevent flooding in the Yau Tsim Mong District (October and November 2004)

12. Members noted the contents of the report. The Chairman also informed that the open nullah in Mong Kok Road/Canton Road would be decked over next year. Drainage Services Department would seek project funds and prepare the design.

(V) Progress Reports on the work of the YTMDC and its Committees and the Area Committees

13. Members noted the contents of the reports.

(VI) New Item**Crowd Control in Tsim Sha Tusi on Christmas Eve and New Year Eve in 2004**

14. The meeting noted and supported the comments of the Police and Yau Tsim Mong District Office that in light of the construction works along Nathan Road, it would not be desirable to hold any New Year Eve count-down event on Nathan Road for the sake of public safety.

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