

**Brief Summary of the 61st Meeting of the
Yau Tsim Mong District Management Committee on 21 June 2005**

The Yau Tsim Mong District Management Committee (YTMDMC) held its 61st meeting on 21 June 2005. Members noted the contents of the committee papers presented at the meeting. Key issues discussed at the meeting are summarized below.

(I) Falling Objects from Buildings

2. Buildings Department (BD) would closely monitor and expedite action on all repair works by owners of the buildings in question. The Housing Society was also publicizing the importance of building maintenance and their assistance schemes through the mass media.

3. The Yau Tsim Mong District Council's (YTMDC) Building Management Promotion Campaign Organizing Committee would launch a series of publicity campaigns on building maintenance.

(II) Shopfront and Pavement Obstructions

4. Enforcement actions by government departments continued on this persistent problem. Examples of blackspots were mentioned at the meeting for the attention of the Police and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD).

5. With the Committee's support, the Chairman would issue an advisory letter to private companies and non-governmental organizations reminding their salespersons/volunteers not to commit any offences of causing nuisance and obstruction to the public in their promotional or fund-raising activities.

6. The YTMDC's "Working Group on Pavement Encroachment by Shops" would also mount publicity banners in the appropriate locations against the nuisance caused by touting and promotional activities.

(III) Illegal Structures on Pavement of Fuk Lee Street Tai Kok Tsui

7. One remaining illegal structure would be demolished in July if there was no appeal to the court by the occupant.

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

8. The Chairman reiterated the role and code of practice of the government department representatives at meetings of the YTMDC and its Committees.

9. FEHD would seek the views of the YTMDC's Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee on 28 July 2005 about the leasing arrangements for the stalls in the new Tai Kok Tsui Market.

10. The YTMDC's Housing and Building Management Committee (HBMC) would examine the potential risks of abandoned signboards on the external walls of buildings and possible solutions. Financial assistance to OCs/MACs etc for removal of abandoned signs not actionable by BD might be provided by the YTMDC through its Environmental Improvement Campaign Organizing Committee, HBMC or Minor Environmental Improvement Vote.

(V) Team Clean Initiatives and Progress Report on Clean Hong Kong District Action Plan for YTM District (April to May 2005)

11. Noted. In response to the ovitrap index of Yau Ma Tei reaching 17.3 % in May 2005, FEHD had taken necessary follow-up actions with the management of the affected areas.

(VI) Report on measures taken by government departments to prevent flooding in the Yau Tsim Mong District (April to May 2005)

12. Noted.

(VII) Progress Report on the work of the YTMDC and its Committees and the Area Committees

13. Noted.

(VIII) New Item

Nuisance by newspaper distributor in Public Square Street near Prosperous Garden

14. The Police and FEHD would look into the problems of noise nuisance and obstruction of carriageway posed by newspaper distributors in the early morning on Public Square Street.

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