

**Brief Summary of the 63rd Meeting of the
Yau Tsim Mong District Management Committee on 18 October 2005**

The Yau Tsim Mong District Management Committee [YTMDMC] held its 63rd meeting on 18 October 2005. Members noted the contents of the committee papers presented at the meeting. Key issues discussed at the meeting are summarized below.

(I) Illegal Structure in the sidelane of Fuk Lee Street, Tai Kok Tsui

2. Members noted that the Legal Aid Department was re-considering the application by the illegal structure owner for legal aid to institute legal proceedings against the government demolition. Planning for the demolition by the District Lands Office/Kowloon West would be reactivated if the legal aid application was unsuccessful or any legal proceeding was cleared. No demolition could be undertaken in the interim despite the illegal structure might have obstructed the maintenance of the adjacent building.

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

3. Members were briefed of the agenda of the YTMDC meeting to be held on 27 October 2005.

4. Representatives of Planning Department and Transport Department explained to Members the gist of the "Area Improvement Plan for Tsim Sha Tsui – Priority Projects". Planning Department responded to the Chairman that no roadside seating benches would be proposed under the current project design, but the project design including the street furniture to be provided could be revised to take into account the public views received.

(III) Team Clean Initiatives and Progress Report on Clean Hong Kong District Action Plan for YTM District (August to September 2005)

5. Noted.

(IV) Report on measures taken by government departments to prevent flooding in the Yau Tsim Mong District (August and September 2005)

6. Noted.

(V) Progress Report on the work of the YTMDC and its Committees and the Area Committees (August and September 2005)

7. Noted.

(VI) New Items

Healthy Community

8. On invitation of the YTMDC, a representative of Caritas Hong Kong gave a briefing on the "Healthy Community Campaign" implemented in 5 other districts between October 2003 and September 2005. In reply to a Member's enquiry, the Caritas Hong Kong representative explained that their project did not cover the process of obtaining accreditation by the World Health Organisation for the 5 districts.

Social and Cultural Change

9. Members were briefed of the background leading to the inclusion of this topic as a regular agenda item of the DMC meetings.

10. Police representatives briefed Members on the work by the Police on ethnic minorities in Yau Tsim and Mong Kok districts.

11. Social Welfare Department [SWD] representative added that SWD had already convened an inter-departmental working group meeting on the welfare services for ethnic minorities once every four months. SWD would give a brief to Members in the next YTMDMC meeting.
12. The meeting decided that SWD could present a regular report by the inter-departmental working group to the YTMDMC.
13. Members noted that an NGO would be appointed by the Home Affairs Bureau to run a 2-year project to provide community services for ethnic minority residents from South East Asia in Yau Tsim Mong district.
14. Education and Manpower Bureau would also give a presentation on the topic within its purview in a future DMC meeting.
15. Members recognized that the present multi-agency approach should be strengthened to facilitate the integration of the ethnic minorities into the community life.
16. The Chairman suggested that the government department representatives draw reference from the practice of the Yau Tsim Police District, in that the languages of the relevant ethnic minorities could be added to the directory signs of the public places often visited by these groups to enhance communication.

Yu Lan Festival Rice Distribution

17. The Chairman briefed Members that in light of accidents involving the elderly in the previous rice distribution events, the Government had devised new guidelines. Yau Tsim Mong District Office would convene a meeting on 28 October 2005 with the relevant government departments and the four local rice distribution organizations to discuss the new guidelines.

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