

**Brief Summary of the 77th Meeting of the  
Yau Tsim Mong District Management Committee on 17 June 2008**

The Yau Tsim Mong District Management Committee held its 77<sup>th</sup> meeting on 17 June 2008. The following are the salient points discussed in the meeting.

**(I) Street Sleepers in Yau Tsim Mong**

2. Members noted the progress of street sleeper cases in Yau Tsim Mong (YTM), including two priority cases.
3. Regarding the case of two street sleepers on the pavement at the junction of Nathan Road and Gascoigne Road, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) had intensified the counselling to the mother and son. It was found that the mother strongly resisted living in their current public housing unit and preferred street sleeping. Social workers had been trying to persuade them to apply for external transfer and quit street sleeping. The departments concerned would adjust the time and frequency of the joint tidy-up operations to cope with the persuading work of the social workers as appropriate. Members were of the view that, in the long run, greening works under the bridge could reduce the area occupied by street sleepers. Government departments should also explore other measures to resolve the problem as necessary.
4. On the greening of the area underneath the Ferry Street Flyover to prevent street sleepers from gathering there, members noted that the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) was working on a detailed design and the project details would be finalized in September. After the completion of the detailed design, the Yau Tsim Mong District Office (YTMDO) would consult the Yau Tsim Mong District Council (YTMDC) and the departments concerned. During the interim, the Police and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) would step up patrol and cleansing service in the area to minimize the nuisance caused by street sleepers.
5. Members were of the view that, in addition to the counselling by social workers and the joint tidy-up operations, the Police should continue to

step up their patrol at the spots where suspected drug addicts were street sleeping, such as the area outside Man Cheong Street RCP, the footbridge near Waterloo Road and Yim Po Fong Street, and a side lane between Luen Wan Street and the Argyle Street Depot of the Water Supplies Department.

**(II) Focused enforcement actions against nuisances caused by recycling shops**

6. Members noted the contents of the paper and the proposed schedule of visiting recycling shops which caused environmental nuisance. They also agreed on the proposed arrangement. YTMDO, FEHD, the Police and YTMDC members would visit the recycling shops concerned and urge the shop operators to obey the law and be self-disciplined. If the nuisance persisted, the departments would take focused law enforcement actions within their respective ambit until improvement was seen.

**(III) Obstruction and environmental hygiene problems at Nelson Street Bazaar**

7. Members noted that representatives of YTMDO, FEHD, the Police and YTMDC members had visited the Nelson Street Bazaar. They had given advice to the shops and distributed an advisory letter jointly signed by the Chairman of YTMDC and District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong). FEHD had also explained the law enforcement standard to the shop operators.

8. Officers of FEHD and the Police had visited the bazaar on several occasions and reiterated that the shop operators had to strictly observe the law enforcement standard. In the past two weeks, FEHD had stepped up prosecution against shops that violated the enforcement standard. The condition of the bazaar had improved significantly and the number of complaints decreased drastically.

**(IV) Obstruction by easy display stands**

9. Members noted the nuisance caused by on-street commercial promotional activities and easy display stands (EDS) in YTM district. The problem was most acute at locations with high pedestrian flow in Tsim Sha Tsui (TST) and Mong Kok (MK).

10. In response to a recent complaint against EDS at Carnarvon Road in TST, YTMDO had arranged a joint operation with FEHD to remove the EDS which caused obstruction in that area. Besides, FEHD and the Police had also conducted monthly joint removal operations against on-street commercial promotional activities and EDS at the blackspots in MK district. During the operations, if the warnings proved to be futile, the departments concerned would take immediate law enforcement action and remove the obstructive EDS in accordance with the Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap 228) or the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap 132) as appropriate.

11. For serious obstruction or persistent cases, members were of the view that the departments concerned should step up law enforcement actions so that offenders would be prosecuted and the EDS removed immediately. The departments concerned should also take focused action against obstructive EDS blackspots in YTM district.

**(V) Items which Government departments plan to consult the Yau Tsim Mong District Council or its Committees (June to August 2008)**

12. Members noted that the YTMDC meeting was scheduled for 26 June 2008.

**(VI) Clean Hong Kong District Action Plan for Yau Tsim Mong District (April to May 2008)**

13. Members noted the contents of the report. FEHD reported that the ovitrap indices of Yau Tsim District and Mong Kok District in May 2008 were 15.5% and 1.8% respectively, which were comparable to the figures for the same period of last year. FEHD would step up their anti-mosquito efforts

in the rainy season.

**(VII) Report on measures taken by Government departments to prevent flooding in Yau Tsim Mong District (April to May 2008)**

14. Members noted the contents of the report. They hoped that government departments would sustain their effort in flooding prevention and enhance the drainage system in the district.

**(VIII) Progress reports on the work of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council and its Committees and the Area Committees (April to May 2008)**

15. Members noted the contents of the reports.