

**Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the  
Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (2024-2025) of  
the Seventh Term of Central and Western District Council**

**Date** : 3 October 2024 (Thursday)  
**Time** : 10:00 am  
**Venue** : Conference Room  
14/F, Harbour Building  
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

**Present:**

Chairman

Mr LAW Kam-fai

Vice-chairman

Mr LEE Chi-hang, Sidney, MH

Members

Dr WONG Sin-man, Mandy  
Mr NG Yin  
Mr LUI Hung-pan  
Mr QIU Song-qing, MH  
Ms JIN Ling, MH  
Mr SHIH Jan Noel  
Mr WU Man-hin  
Ms CHEUNG Ka-yan  
Dr CHAN Kin-keung, Eugene, SBS, BBS, JP  
Dr FUNG Kar-leung  
Mr YEUNG Hoi-wing  
Mr YEUNG Hok-ming, MH  
Mr YIP Wing-shing, SBS, BBS, MH, JP  
Mr IP Yik-nam, JP  
Ms CHIU Wah-kuen, MH  
Mr LAU Tin-ching

Co-opted Member

Mr CHIM Hon-ming, MH

**Guests:****Item 4**

Miss TANG Chui-kwan, Constance Executive Officer I (District Council), Central and Western District Office

Miss CHING Wei-see, Raina Executive Officer (District Council)2, Central and Western District Office

**Item 5**

Mr CHENG Pak-chung, Johnny Senior School Development Officer (CWS)2, Education Bureau

**In Attendance:**

Miss YU Mei-yu, Melinder Senior Liaison Officer (Building Management)3, Central and Western District Office

Ms LO Man-nin, Patty District Leisure Manager (Central & Western), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms HUNG Yik-man, Fiona Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Central & Western, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms SAM Fung-mei, Esther Senior Manager (Hong Kong West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms CHAU Kwan-wai, Yvonne Manager (Hong Kong West) Marketing, Programme and District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms CHAN Suk-ha Senior Librarian (Central and Western), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr LI Yiu-kwan Librarian (City Hall Public Library) Lending, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr WAN Tai-hei, Gabriel Executive Officer (District Council)5 (designate), Central and Western District Office

**Secretary:**

Mr YEUNG Lok-san, Rio

**Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed the attendees to the fifth meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC) (2024-2025) under the Central and Western District Council (C&WDC). In order to identify the attendees, staff of the Secretariat would check the staff cards of every person entering the Conference Room and obtain their respective business cards. Media reporters and assistants to Members should register their real names and phone numbers for the Secretariat's record. In addition, the Chairman suggested that each agenda item should be proceeded in the format of "four-minute-question-and-answer inclusive" for a more effective discussion. Representatives present were also reminded to deliver speeches and give responses as concise as possible. Besides, Members were reminded to make appropriate declarations of interest where necessary.

### **Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of CICRC (2024-2025)**

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(10:05 am)

2. As Members did not have any comments on the minutes, the Chairman announced that the minutes were confirmed.

### **Item 2: Chairman's report**

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(10:05 am – 10:06 am)

3. The Chairman said that there were no items to report.

### **Item 3: Request for reprovisioning or marking the missing City of Victoria Boundary Stone at Magazine Gap Road (C&W CICRC Paper No. 28/2024)**

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(10:06 am – 10:10 am)

4. The Chairman said that an invitation had been sent by the Secretariat to the Lands Department (LandsD) and the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) before the meeting, but the departments were unable to send a representative to attend the meeting owing to commitments. A written reply would be provided after the meeting.

5. The Vice-chairman said that the City of Victoria Boundary Stone was a precious historical monument and was concerned about its disappearance from the slope concerned. He enquired about the progress of the AMO's investigation and asked whether the relevant boundary stone had been removed. It was also suggested that an interpretation plate should be set up nearby to introduce the City of Victoria Boundary Stone and serve as a commemorative sign. He suggested checking the archives for records of the relevant boundary stone to explore the possibility of locating additional monuments. Meanwhile, he stressed that it was pivotal to attach great importance to the preservation of historical monuments and asked the relevant departments to review and follow up on the matter.

6. A Member said that there were various successful examples of revitalisation in the Central and Western District, which possessed extensive resources of cultural heritage. She said that boundary stones were small historical objects that scattered in the forested mountains or cities and suggested the implementation of the relevant policies, such as "a measure for each cultural object" and "a revitalisation plan for each cultural object", with a view to preserving these small and scattered buildings or cultural objects. She also suggested co-operating with history or hiking enthusiasts by designing hiking routes dedicated to cultural objects on the basis of safety, thereby serving the purpose of exploring the nature, revisiting history and preserving cultural objects, such that the relevant historical objects could be fully revitalised.

7. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to relay Members' views and paper to the relevant departments and request a reply.

[Post-meeting note: On 18 November, the LandsD provided a written reply. On 7 November, the Secretariat made an enquiry with the AMO and a written reply was pending.]

**Item 4: Concern over the aesthetics and diversity of festive lighting in parks  
(C&W CICRC Paper No. 29/2024)**

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(10:10 am – 10:43 am)

8. The Chairman welcomed guests to the meeting and opened the floor for Members' discussion.

9. A Member said that a variety of festive luminaries and decorations were available in the Central and Western District during major festivals in the past. Nevertheless, it was found that there was, in a relative sense, a decrease in the number of luminaries for Mid-Autumn Festival in places managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), such as parks in the district, and that the situation was observed to be similar in places managed by other departments, such as the promenade. Noting a decrease in the departments' appropriations for the installation of festive luminaries this year, he suggested that the relevant departments, such as the Central and Western District Office (C&WDO), could co-ordinate and arrange for festive luminaries to ensure that residents of the Central and Western District could embrace themselves in a rich and festive atmosphere, such that there would not be insufficient luminaries in the district during the festivals.

10. A Member said that the situation of insufficient luminaries for Mid-Autumn Festival was relatively more obvious than that of last year, and that red lanterns had been hung along Belcher Bay Promenade last year, creating a spectacular environment. However, the number of lanterns and decorations decreased significantly this year. He quoted some feedback from local residents who believed that, to promote tourism in Hong Kong and having considered the low cost of installing red lanterns, the relevant departments should make sure that the scale of luminaries would be similar to that of last year. Not only should the luminaries be put up along Belcher Bay Promenade, they should also be installed in other parks in the district. He also suggested that additional decorations should be set up during other festivals to create a more festive atmosphere.

11. A Member suggested that additional festive luminaries should be installed in the parks and promenades to promote important historical events, such as the Victory Day of the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression, the National Security Education Day and the Sport For All Day. As next year would mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the victory in the War of Resistance, he suggested that the government should consider installing the relevant luminaries at locations with heavy pedestrian flow for members of the public to understand the hardship and importance behind the history of the War of Resistance.

12. A Member expressed some views by residents who believed that there was a lack of festive decorations and ambience in various small parks, such as Hollywood Road Park. She suggested that views of the community on the events, such as festive celebrations and the display of luminaries, should be taken on board to enhance participation by various stakeholders in the district, with a view to making sure that these events would meet residents' expectations. She believed that festive celebrations were important measures, through which joy and happiness would be shared with the public, therefore she encouraged local residents to take part in these events.

13. A Member said that publicity on festive luminaries should be stepped up and stressed that it was very important to install diversified and exquisite festive luminaries, thereby attracting the public and tourists. For instance, some luminaries were not fully displayed during the celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> National Day in Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park. She believed that publicity on festive luminaries should be carried out across the territory. In addition, she was concerned about the environmental issues associated with the luminaries, such as the materials used, the impact of the light on residents, the design and the recycling measures. She believed that the sustainability and eco-friendliness of the festive luminaries, such as approaches to handle and reuse these large-scale luminaries, should be explored, so as to minimise the wastage of resources and promote environmental awareness.

14. A Member said that festive luminaries should continue to be installed along the escalators in the Central and Western District, so that the public could enjoy the festive atmosphere without visiting the seaside. He was also concerned about power consumption and brightness of the luminaries and hoped that LED lights, which were more energy efficient and eco-friendly, could continue to be used. He said that the luminaries should bring fun to tourists and create a festive atmosphere to the public.

15. Representative of the C&WDO gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) In recent years, the C&WDO was mainly responsible for managing festive luminaries during certain festivals, including the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Establishment Day, the National Day, Christmas and Chinese New Year. Subject to the availability of resources, the feasibility of installing additional festive luminaries during other festivals could be actively considered and explored.
- (ii) Programme previews and the information concerned were released on the website of the Home Affairs Department every month. Consideration would be given to step up publicity in the future by inviting the public and organisations to pay attention to the events through social media.
- (iii) As regards the luminaries along the Central-Mid-Levels Escalator, light chains were installed as a decoration during Christmas and Chinese New Year in the past. Publicity materials, such as stickers and bollard decorations, were also displayed at the location during the events for the National Day and the HKSAR Establishment Day.

- (iv) In the process of inviting tenders, the C&WDO would request the contractors to submit a green proposal, setting out the use of eco-friendly materials for the luminaries and a recycling proposal. Luminaries displayed in the past had become more eco-friendly as only eco-friendly LED models were used to reduce power consumption as far as possible. Also, there had been a trial run on the use of eco-friendly energy sources, such as solar power, to tie in with the government's initiatives on environmental protection.
- (v) When installing luminary devices in other parks of the district, the office would consider a mix of factors, such as the size, the power supply, the pedestrian flow and the budget. The office would continue to explore other suitable locations in the Central and Western District for the installation of festive luminaries.
- (vi) To safeguard the public, contractors of the luminaries were required to submit a safety report issued by a registered structural engineer and the Certificate of Completion issued by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department to the office before officially unveiling the luminaries to the public for exhibition.

16. Representative of the LCSD noted Members' views and said that the department would endeavour to tie in with the C&WDO's efforts in extending festive luminaries to its venues in the district.

17. The Vice-chairman said that as the preparation for luminaries for Christmas and Chinese New Year should be underway at present, he suggested that previous views should be taken into account during the design process, and that additional LED luminaries should be installed in various locations, such as the escalators, the parks, Queen's Road and Des Voeux Road.

18. A Member believed that many tourists from the Mainland and overseas were attracted by Christmas luminaries in Tsim Sha Tsui every year, making it a popular check-in spot. He suggested that this could be replicated in various places of the Central and Western District, such as the promenade. Meanwhile, more eco-friendly designs of the luminaries with the emphasis on sustainability and the use of green materials should be available. He suggested that the relevant certificates on environmental protection and the recycling policies of the contractors should be considered during the vetting process, thereby ensuring that the resources could be reused. He also suggested that the relevant departments should co-operate with the Hong Kong Tourism Board by promoting each other's festive events and luminaries, so as to attract more tourists.

19. A Member suggested that drones should be deployed to design the luminaries in Hong Kong and believed that the departments concerned should invest in the technologies for the application of drones. He suggested that the Central and Western District should be listed as a testing ground, so that other districts would be encouraged to follow the practice, thereby promoting Hong Kong's development.

20. A Member believed that the luminaries in Hong Kong had all along been full of unique features. While this traditional culture should be promoted, modern elements like fireworks and drone performances should also be included. As regards the publicity on luminaries, he suggested that the C&WDO could explore new publicity channels, such as expanding the scope of publicity in a cost-effective and efficient manner through making posters for distribution in Members' ward offices. In addition, he suggested that a one-of-a-kind and charismatic tourism brand should be created by exploring the possibility of organising more events with local characteristics in the Central and Western District, with a view to attracting more tourists to visit the district for exposure.

21. A Member believed that the luminaries could create a salubrious environment in the community and said that the luminaries and devices had usually been installed in Hollywood Road Park, Sen Yat Sen Memorial Park, Belcher Bay Park and Belcher Bay Promenade in the past. To reduce cost and protect the environment, he suggested keeping the frames of the luminaries whilst displaying them in different parks on a rotational basis as this could ensure that members of the public could view different luminaries in various locations, thereby making them more attractive and enhancing public participation.

22. The Chairman gave a suggestion involving the cooperation among the government, the business sector and the community and believed that various types of designs and arrangements of luminaries could be implemented under this mode, so as to design festive luminaries of a more diversified nature. He also believed that the primary means of publicity would be public participation because those taking part in the events would bring their family and friends, thereby enhancing the publicity results of the luminaries.

23. The Vice-chairman concurred with the principle involving the cooperation among the government, the business sector and the community. He suggested that business organisations in the Central and Western District, such as the commercial buildings and hotels, should be encouraged to install large-scale luminaries at the exterior of the buildings at their own expense during Christmas and Chinese New Year. Not only could this kind of collaboration enhance pedestrian flow and boost sales revenue, other districts could also be encouraged to follow the practice, thereby gradually upgrading the overall landscape of the luminaries in Hong Kong.

24. Representative of the C&WDO gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) The C&WDO might consider incorporating more modern elements into the designs of festive luminaries in the future. Meanwhile, more features of the Central and Western District would be included in the themes and locations of the luminaries.
- (ii) In the process of inviting tenders, the office would ask the contractors to reuse or donate the materials concerned.
- (iii) More interactive new technologies, such as projection, would be applied in the future, with a view to offering an immersive experience of the luminaries to the public.

- (iv) Owing to safety concerns caused by strong winds, it might not be possible for certain types of luminaries to be reused in the promenade. When the office installed the luminaries, priority would be given to their safety before balancing the demands of various stakeholders.

25. The Chairman announced that the discussion would come to a close and thanked the guests for attending the meeting.

**Item 5: Stepping up the promotional work on the Hong Kong National Security Law in the Central and Western District**  
**(C&W CICRC Paper No. 30/2024)**

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(10:43 am – 11:00 am)

26. The Vice-chairman welcomed guests to the meeting and opened the floor for Members' discussion.

27. A Member said that the government had all along organised various publicity campaigns on the National Security Law. For instance, some newspaper clippings and information boards were displayed by the Education Bureau (EDB) on 15 April, the National Security Education Day, which could enhance public understanding and awareness over the National Security Law. He believed that more information and newspaper clippings of the National Security Law could be displayed in the community, and that national security should be strengthened as a prerequisite of improving people's livelihood and developing the economy. He hoped that the relevant departments could keep up with their efforts in publicity in the future, through which the public would be aware of the importance of national security.

28. A Member noticed that in recent years, publicity on the National Security Law was focused on the fields involving national security, such as military security, homeland security and political security. Meanwhile, a small group of people were trying to stigmatise the Hong Kong National Security Law. He believed that other fields of security, such as economic security, financial security, technology security and food security, should be mentioned more frequently as well. Therefore, he said that the public could have a greater sense of crisis regarding national security if publicity on the new fields of national security could be enhanced. Through enhanced publicity and education on the softer issues, members of the public would understand the coverage and importance of the fields of national security at schools or at the community level.

29. A Member suggested that roving exhibitions on national security should be organised in all 18 districts across the territory. He believed that it was not sufficient to promote national security merely in the National Security Exhibition Gallery inside Hong Kong Museum of History in Tsim Sha Tsui, and that the exhibition concerned could be extended to cover schools, thereby enhancing student participation. In the meantime, similar events could also be organised in the Central and Western District, such that local residents would not be required to

travel across districts to Tsim Sha Tsui. He was of the view that the publicity results on the Hong Kong National Security Law could be enhanced by adopting the above measures.

30. A Member believed that motion games and virtual reality devices in the National Security Exhibition Gallery were interesting enough, such that youngsters and children could be attracted to pay attention to the Hong Kong National Security Law. He believed that this element could also be applied whilst promoting the National Security Law in the district, such as building a “Patriotic Corridor” in the garden of Statue Square of the Central and Western District, thereby developing a stronger sense of national identity among the general public. As the public were not fully familiar with the 20 major fields under the Holistic Approach to National Security, he said that the departments concerned could carry out some soft publicity work, such as introducing the developments of national aerospace technologies and the achievements in new energy vehicles, with a view to bringing out the message where national security was an important condition for economic development, such that the public would understand the National Security Law more effectively.

31. A Member believed that effective results had been achieved in enhanced publicity on national security in the Central and Western District in recent years and hoped that the relevant publications could be displayed on the stone walls and park railings in the district on a regular basis. In addition, he suggested that Members or the Care Teams could set up street counters and distribute pamphlets on a regular basis to tie in with and focus on the efforts in explaining various national security concepts, thereby enhancing the publicity results.

32. A Member emphasised the significance of the National Security Law in the Central and Western District, a centre of political, economic and cultural activities. She suggested that publicity targeting various age groups should be carried out. For youngsters, TV programmes similar to Police Magazine could be broadcast and promotional campaigns on “Juvenile National Security Law” should be launched in the district. Meanwhile, the EDB could make use of the resources in local schools and organise exchange tours to the Mainland of China with sister schools. For senior citizens, seminars or workshops could be organised in a timely manner, thereby disseminating important messages regarding the National Security Law to members of the public of various age groups, thereby enhancing public awareness and understanding over the National Security Law.

33. A Member stressed that the National Security Law was closely related to everyday life of individuals and mentioned that more activities of an interactive nature should be organised during its implementation to engage local residents. He believed that it was necessary to listen to public opinion and the majority would agree that it was of paramount importance to safeguard our home and basic rights of the public. In this regard, community cohesion could be enhanced, thereby implementing the National Security Law effectively.

34. A Member believed that the C&WDC was duty-bound to promote the National Security Law and national education in the district and suggested promoting them on both a permanent and a tentative basis. Regarding the permanent aspect, the C&WDC should endeavour to identify a permanent location to display information on national education. He indicated that the details of publicity should be revised at any time to cater for different needs.

As regards the tentative aspect, it was suggested that bilingual exhibition boards in Chinese and English be set up, such that more foreigners would be attracted to learn about the National Security Law and national education. He stressed that exhibitions should be organised at schools to introduce the relevant legislation and knowledge of the National Security Law, so as to implement multi-pronged measures to promote the Hong Kong National Security Law.

35. Representative of the EDB gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) In 2021 and 2023, the bureau issued administrative and educational guidelines to schools where they were requested to, with respect to school-based circumstances and needs, formulate appropriate measures in various work aspects, such as school administration, personnel management, training of teaching staff, learning and teaching, student discipline and support, as well as home-school co-operation, with a view to fully implementing and safeguarding the work related to national security and national security education.
- (ii) The bureau also promulgated the Curriculum Framework of National Security Education. Covering 15 subjects, the relevant topics and learning points were set out in detail for the schools' reference and overall planning. Based on the cognitive abilities of students, the schools could implement national security education in various learning stages.
- (iii) Adopting a multi-pronged and collaborative approach, the bureau implemented diversified and concrete measures, such as providing curriculum guidelines, producing resources on learning and teaching, offering training to teachers and organising Life-wide Learning Activities for students (such as having exchange tours to the Mainland of China for teachers and students, as well as subsidising the activities of "sister schools"), with a view to fully supporting the schools to plan and implement national education and national security education in a comprehensive and systematic manner where everybody could participate both inside and outside the classroom.
- (iv) Suitable learning and teaching activities had been planned on important dates by the schools in the Central and Western District in accordance with the National Education – Event Planning Calendar, so as to enhance the awareness over safeguarding national security. For instance, some schools would organise four sessions of national security awareness courses, the content of which would tie in with the four important dates, namely 1 October (National Day), 4 December (Constitution Day), 15 April (National Security Education Day) and 1 July (HKSAR Establishment Day) whereby students could learn about their background, content and significance.

36. The Vice-chairman referred to a Member's suggestion on organising roving exhibitions in the Central and Western District and local schools to display information in the National Security Exhibition Gallery. He asked the Secretariat to relay the issue to the Security Bureau (SB) for a written reply after the meeting.

[Post-meeting note: The SB provided a written reply on 6 November.]

37. A Member added that information boards could be displayed in various check-in spots of the Central and Western District with heavy pedestrian flow, such as the promenade and Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park.

38. The Vice-chairman asked the representative of the LCSD to provide a written reply regarding a Member's suggestion on organising exhibitions in the parks or exploring possible locations to hold a permanent exhibition within the Central and Western District.

[Post-meeting note: On 25 October, the Secretariat made an enquiry with the LCSD and a written reply was pending.]

39. The Vice-chairman announced that the discussion would come to a close and thanked the guests for attending the meeting.

**Item 6: Arts and Cultural Activities in 2024-25 in the Central and Western District organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (C&W CICRC Paper No. 31/2024)**

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(11:01 am)

40. The Vice-chairman asked Members to note the paper concerned.

**Item 7: Any other business**

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(11:01 am)

41. The Vice-chairman said that there were no other business.

**Item 8: Date of the next meeting**

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(11:02 am)

42. The Vice-chairman said that the next meeting would be held on 28 November 2024. The paper submission deadline would be 13 November 2024.

43. The meeting ended at 11:02 am.

The minutes were confirmed on 28 November 2024

Chairman: Mr LAW Kam-fai

Secretary: Mr YEUNG Lok-san, Rio

Central and Western District Council Secretariat  
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