

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of
the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee
Eastern District

Date: 26 July 2016 (Tuesday)
Time: 2:30 pm
Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u> <u>(pm)</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u> <u>(pm)</u>
Mr TING Kong-ho, Eddie	2:30	end of meeting
Mr WONG Chi-chung, Dominic	2:30	end of meeting
Mr WONG Chun-sing, Patrick	5:40	end of meeting
Mr WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH	2:30	2:45
Mr KU Kwai-yiu	2:30	end of meeting
Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley (Vice-chairperson)	2:30	end of meeting
Ms LI Chun-chau (Chairperson)	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LEE Chun-keung	2:40	end of meeting
Mr LAM Sum-lim	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LAM Kei-tung, George	2:30	end of meeting
Mr SHIU Ka-fai	2:30	end of meeting
Mr HUNG Lin-cham	2:30	3:00
Mr CHUI Chi-kin	2:30	4:45
Mr CHEUNG Kwok-cheong, Howard	2:30	5:40
Mr LEUNG Siu-sun, Patrick	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung, David	2:30	end of meeting
Ms LEUNG Wing-man, Bonnie	2:30	end of meeting
Mr HUI Lam-hing	2:30	5:30
Mr KWOK Wai-keung, Aron	2:40	4:45
Mr MAK Tak-ching	2:31	end of meeting
Mr WONG Kin-pan, MH, JP	2:30	end of meeting
Mr WONG Kin-hing	2:30	5:45
Mr YEUNG Sze-chun	2:30	5:40
Mr CHIU Ka-yin, Andrew	3:00	5:40
Mr CHIU Chi-keung	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LAU Hing-yeung	2:30	4:00
Ms CHOY So-yuk, BBS, JP	2:30	4:00
Mr CHENG Chi-sing	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LAI Chi-keong, Joseph	2:30	end of meeting

Mr NGAN Chun-lim, MH	2:30	5:30
Mr LO Wing-kwan, Frankie, MH	2:40	end of meeting
Mr KUNG Pak-cheung, MH	2:30	end of meeting
Ms TSANG Cheuk-yi (Co-opted Member)	2:30	end of meeting
Mr SO Ka-lok (Co-opted Member)	2:30	end of meeting

Absent with Apologies

Mr CHENG Tat-hung

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Ms TENG Yu-yan, Anne, JP	District Officer (Eastern), Eastern District Office
Ms KONG Kei-kei, Hayley	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Eastern District Office
Mr LEUNG Kin-tak, Kenneth	Executive Officer (District Management), Eastern District Office
Miss LEE Suk-han, Yvonne	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Eastern)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr HUI Wing-tak	District Engineer / North East, Highways Department
Mr CHOW Chung-fat	Acting Senior Environmental Protection Officer, Environmental Protection Department
Mr TONG Pak-yu, Simon	Chief Estate Officer (District Lands Office, Hong Kong East, West and South), Lands Department
Miss LING Yau-han	Assistant Housing Manager / Tenancy (Kowloon West and Hong Kong 8)(1), Housing Department
Mr LAM Kang-fuk	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr WONG Wai-leung	Chief Health Inspector 1 (Eastern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms LAU Hau-chi	Acting Assistant Police Communication Relations Officer (Eastern District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms LEE Shuk-han, Phoebe (Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council)2, Eastern District Office

In Attendance by Invitation (Representatives from the Government and Organisations)

Mr LAM Kin-tat	Police Communication Relations Officer (Eastern District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr MA Chi-wai, Alan	Assistant Divisional Commander (Operations) (Chai Wan Division), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms LO Hoi-shan	Operations Support Sub-unit Commander (Chai Wan Division) Hong Kong Police Force
Ms POON Wei-kei	Team Leader of North Point Patrol Sub-unit 2, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr TONG Tat-man, Alexander	Sub-Unit Commander (Patrol 3)(Chai Wan Division), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHO Chun-hung, Frederick	Engineer, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
Mr CHAN Kwok-leung	Senior Inspector, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
Mr YU Wai-shun, Wilson	Inspector, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
Mr FONG Chun-kwong	Assistant Inspector, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

Miss CHAU Suet-mui, Fiona	Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Health)1, Food and Health Bureau
Mr HO Tze-tao, Ronald	Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Health)1, Food and Health Bureau
Dr NG Chi-cheung, Henry	Head, Programme Management and Professional Development Branch, Department of Health
Dr KWAN See-lai , Janet	Senior Medical and Health Officer (Programme Management), Department of Health
Mr MOK Siu-kin	Senior Project Manager, Architectural Services Department
Mr LAW Sin-hang, Billy	Senior Architect, Architectural Services Department
Mr CHAN Siu-yuen, Allan	Acting Manager (Lei Yue Mun Park), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr TSE Ying-wai	Ranger 1/Avian Influenza Surveillance Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr AU Wang-tat, Raymond	Engineer/Hong Kong East and Wan Chai 3, Drainage Services Department
Ms TSANG Yin-mei	Social Work Officer, Social Welfare Department
Ms PUK Siu-lai, Maria	Officer i/c (Quarry Bay Integrated Family Service Centre), Social Welfare Department
Mr TO Kam-fai, Tony	Building Surveyor/ B5-1 Buildings Department
Mr CHAN Ho-fun, Barkley	Liaison Officer i/c (Shau Kei Wan), Eastern District Office

Opening Remarks

The Chairperson welcomed all Members and Government representatives to the meeting.

I. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 4th Meeting of FEHC

2. The Committee confirmed the above draft minutes without any amendment.

II. Report of Working Group

(FEHC Paper No. 14/16)

3. Members noted the funding application and report of the Working Group on Environmental Protection, Greening and Street Management.

III. Anti-mosquito Campaign 2016 (Phase III) in Eastern District

(FEHC Paper No. 23/16)

4. The Chairperson welcomed Mr LAM Kang-fuk, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern) and Mr WONG Wai-leung, Chief Health Inspector 1 (Eastern) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to the meeting. Mr WONG Wai-leung of the FEHD introduced Paper No. 23/16.

5. The views and queries of 16 Members about the issue are summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr Eddie TING thanked the FEHD for its efforts in implementing the anti-mosquito campaign. He said that there was stagnant water in some alleys of private housing estates, parks and public places, especially when it was raining and at dusk, which would easily cause the problem of mosquitos. He hoped that the FEHD could take special measures to strengthen the clean-up.
- (b) Mr Dominic WONG praised the FEHD for the systematic implementation of its anti-mosquito campaign. He was worried that rain would dilute the anti-mosquito spray during the rainy season, which would reduce its effectiveness. He asked whether the FEHD would take other corresponding preventative measures.
- (c) Mr WONG Kwok-hing suggested that the FEHD should work with other department(s) concerned, such as the Housing Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), and the Highways Department to tackle the problem of mosquitos, including removing stagnant water from mountainous areas especially near cemeteries, and

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studying the feasibility of planting species of plants that would reduce the number of mosquitos.

- (d) Mr KU Kwai-yiu thanked the FEHD for actively implementing the anti-mosquito campaign. He said that given the lushness and extensive coverage of trees in the vicinity of Tsui Wan Street, as well as the high flow of people, the FEHD should strengthen anti-mosquito work in this area.
- (e) Mr LAM Sum-lim supported the FEHD's implementation of the anti-mosquito campaign and hoped that the FEHD would continue to improve the Ovitrap Index. As it would soon be the typhoon season, he hoped that the FEHD would especially increase resources for the handling of mosquitos. In addition, he asked the FEHD how it would deal with the issue of stagnant water in private housing estates or construction sites.
- (f) Mr CHUI Chi-kin thanked the FEHD for its swift response to complaints and prompt handling of referral cases. He also pointed out that there were growing incidents of citizens being bitten by midges especially in parks, and asked the FEHD to take extra care to prevent a midge infestation. Also, he said that the problem of stagnant water in some private places could easily breed mosquitos, and asked how the FEHD would tackle this issue.
- (g) Mr Patrick LEUNG said that other than general education and prevention work, the FEHD should also step up actions against mosquitos in private places such as malls and housing estates, as well as allocate additional resources to enhance citizens' awareness of ways to prevent mosquitos at home. In addition, as it would soon be the rainy season, he suggested that the FEHD should ensure the effectiveness of mosquito preventive measures during the rainy season, as well as strengthen efforts against mosquitos at mountainside and forests in the vicinity of Sai Wan Terrace.
- (h) Mr Howard CHEUNG thanked the FEHD for its extensive anti-mosquito campaign efforts in the District. He said that works were currently in progress at a slope around Quarry Bay Street, and asked the FEHD to work with contractors to facilitate anti-mosquito measures. In addition, there was often stagnant water around the drains at the mountainside so he asked the FEHD to enhance cleaning

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efforts. He then pointed out that residents were often bitten by mosquitos and midges, so he hoped that the FEHD would strengthen measures against them. He also asked whether there was a midge infestation around the slope near Quarry Bay Street, and the ratio of midges to mosquitos.

- (i) Ms Bonnie LEUNG thanked the FEHD for strengthening measures against pests in the Kornhill areas. She believed that private housing estates also had the responsibility to take preventative measures, and asked whether the FEHD would, other than enhancing education, appoint officers to carry out inspection and take enforcement actions against illegal stagnant water.
- (j) Mr HUI Lam-hing supported the FEHD's anti-mosquito campaign. He also pointed out that there were more slopes in the vicinity of Yiu Hing Road, and reminded the FEHD to pay attention to the safety of frontline workers. He also asked the FEHD how it would ensure the effectiveness of anti-mosquito measures during the rainy season.
- (k) Mr LAU Hing-yeung thanked the FEHD for immediately following up the environmental hygiene issues of the District, and supported the FEHD's implementation of anti-mosquito campaign. In addition, as certain public housing estates of the District had higher population density, and was close to the mountainside, the problem of stagnant water was severe during the rainy season. He suggested that the FEHD should allocate additional resources and enhance cooperation with the Housing Department to handle the problem of mosquitos at similar public housing estates.
- (l) Mr LEE Chun-keung endorsed the principles and effectiveness of the anti-mosquito campaign. Besides mosquitos, citizens were also troubled by midges; therefore he asked whether the various anti-mosquito measures would kill midges at the same time, as well as whether the anti-mosquito measures would be effective during the rainy season. He hoped that the FEHD would strengthen its cooperation with the LCSD to tackle the problem of mosquitos at Chai Wan Park.
- (m) Mr MAK Tak-ching was aware that the Ovitrap Index at Shau Kei Wan and Sai Wan Ho had significantly dropped in July, and asked the

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FEHD the reasons behind.

- (n) Mr WONG Kin-pan believed that the FEHD's anti-mosquito campaign was rather effective. He suggested that the FEHD should consider renting publicity cars, and strengthen citizens' household anti-mosquito awareness through residents' organisations of public or private housing estates. He was also concerned about the effectiveness of anti-mosquito measures during the rainy season and hoped that more manpower would be assigned to follow up the work after rainy days.
- (o) Ms TSANG Cheuk-yi said that some residents had insufficient awareness of mosquito and midge prevention. She suggested that the FEHD should strengthen publicity in the District and increase the promotion of anti-mosquito awareness to residents of private housing estates.
- (p) The Vice-chairperson praised the FEHD's daily work. He then pointed out that the number of midge bite incidents had increased recently and that midges grew very quickly, so he hoped that the FEHD would increase prevention work. In addition, he suggested that the FEHD should improve its cooperation with the LCSD to resolve the problem of mosquitos in parks of the District.

6. Mr LAM Kang-fuk and Mr WONG Wai-leung of the FEHD responded to the views and queries of Members as follows:

- (a) In order to protect the health of citizens and maintain consistent results against mosquitos, the FEHD had further enhanced anti-mosquito measures and would regularly hold cross-departmental meetings with the department(s) concerned to discuss the local response to the latest risk assessment and preventive measures of Zika virus infection.
- (b) The FEHD's pest control staff regularly conducted anti-mosquito work at specified locations each week, including removing stagnant water, applying larvicidal oil or larvicide, and using pesticide spray to kill adult mosquitos. The effectiveness of anti-mosquito measures would not be affected during the rainy season.

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- (c) The FEHD would remind the LCSD to pay attention to anti-mosquito work in parks and would improve its public promotion to increase citizens' alertness of mosquito prevention.
- (d) The FEHD had strengthened inspection of private housing estates in the District and enhanced publicity and education work. The FEHD also would investigate complaints against stagnant water and would prosecute offenders if necessary. The FEHD had filed prosecution against two housing estates in June.
- (e) As the Ovitrap Index for Shau Kei Wan and Sai Wan Ho had gone beyond the alert level in June, the FEHD had particularly increased anti-mosquito efforts and used additional resources from the Home Affairs Department's "District-led Actions Scheme" to hire a pest control team to further strengthen anti-mosquito work in the District. As a result, the Ovitrap Index of July had dropped significantly.
- (f) After each anti-mosquito campaign, the FEHD would implement thematic special operations of mosquito prevention to maintain the effectiveness of the anti-mosquito campaign.
- (g) The FEHD would cooperate with the Home Affairs Department and follow up the use of publicity cars to increase promotion for greater effectiveness.
- (h) In addition to using the resources of the Home Affairs Department, the FEHD had also actively sought out additional resources for handling the problem of mosquitos in the District, and had arranged for an additional pest control team in the new contract for the next year. The FEHD would closely monitor the growth data of *Aedes albopictus*, as well as take appropriate mosquito preventive measures to ensure the health of citizens.
- (i) The FEHD was also concerned about the impact of midges on the health of citizens, and paid attention to anti-midge work during the anti-mosquito campaign. The midge species found in Hong Kong did not have any record of transmitting diseases to humans and were not considered vectors of vector-borne diseases, so their impact was mainly

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of a nuisance nature. Midge infestation was seasonal and localised, and the peak season for midge activities usually occurred in the humid and warmer months of each year. Targeting these environments with environmental prevention work would effectively control the midge infestation. The FEHD had conducted ongoing anti-mosquito work which included the use of sprays and environmental improvement measures, which to some degree helped prevent the occurrence of midges.

- (j) The FEHD attached great importance to the work safety of its frontline staff, but certain slope sections were outside the scope of the FEHD's work. The FEHD would remind frontline staff to pay attention to safety.

7. The District Officer (Eastern) added that the Eastern District Office (EDO) would continue to coordinate the department(s) concerned via the "District-led Actions Scheme", so as to further enhance anti-mosquito work in the District and improve the environment.

FEHD

8. The Chairperson concluded by thanking the FEHD for its anti-mosquito efforts, and asked the FEHD to note and follow up Members' comments.

IV. Fixed Penalty System to Tackle Shopfront Extensions

(FEHC Paper No. 24/16)

9. The Chairperson welcomed Ms Hayley KONG, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) and Mr Kenneth LEUNG, Executive Officer (District Management) of the EDO; Mr LAM Kang-fuk, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern) and Mr WONG Wai-leung, Chief Health Inspector 1 (Eastern) of the FEHD; and Mr LAM Kin-tat, Police Communication Relations Officer (Eastern District), Mr Alan MA, Assistant Divisional Commander (Operations) (Chai Wan Division), Ms LO Hoi-shan, Operations Support Sub-unit Commander (Chai Wan Division), Ms LAU Hau-chi, Acting Assistant Police Communication Relations Officer (Eastern District), Ms POON Wei-kei, Team Leader of North Point Patrol Sub-unit 2, and Mr Alexander TONG, Sub-Unit Commander (Patrol 3) (Chai Wan Division) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) to the meeting. Ms Hayley KONG of the EDO introduced Paper No. 24/16.

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10. The views and queries of 12 Members about the issue are summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr Eddie TING welcomed that the Government established a new system in order to tackle the rampant problem of shopfront extensions in the District. As the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (the Ordinance) would take effect soon, he hoped that the department(s) concerned would strengthen promotion work as soon as possible so that store operators would be able to learn the contents of the Ordinance and make appropriate adjustments. He also believed that the frontline staff of the FEHD should not shift the responsibility onto District Councillors when taking enforcement actions, and hoped that the department(s) concerned would make improvements.
- (b) Mr KU Kwai-yiu agreed that to protect complainants, the frontline staff of the FEHD should not reveal the identities of complainants to store operators. In addition, he pointed out that some store operators of the District did not know when the Ordinance took effect, so he suggested that the Government should strengthen promotion. For safety reasons, he also suggested that the FEHD should carry out a joint operation with the HKPF on the first day that the Ordinance took effect, so as to effectively handle any potential violent behaviour of store operators. He also advised the department(s) concerned to strengthen enforcement operations in the vicinity of the side alleys of Walton Estate.
- (c) Mr Patrick LEUNG believed that the new enforcement system would be able to tackle the storefront extensions more swiftly and effectively. Other than posting posters and banners, he suggested that the department(s) concerned could make arrangements to personally visit black spots of the District to strengthen promotion efforts. He also asked the law enforcement department(s) whether it had determined a maximum number of times that the Fixed Penalty Notice could be issued to store operators every day.
- (d) Mr Howard CHEUNG said that a number of stores temporarily placed their goods outside their stores or intentionally denied ownership of those goods, which made enforcement difficult for the department(s) concerned. He hoped that the department(s) concerned would give a

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detailed explanation of the conditions for evidence collection and law enforcement, as well as the targets of prosecution.

- (e) Mr CHUI Chi-kin welcomed the Government's establishment of a new set of measures to mitigate the storefront extensions. He pointed out that the situation was particularly severe in the vicinity of Winner Centre and Walton Estate in Chai Wan. Some stores frequently occupied the areas outside the stores with foam boxes and sundries on trolleys, and logistics companies would also unload goods next to the road, to which the department(s) concerned should pay attention. He also asked the law enforcement departments to explain the conditions of evidence collection and enforcement, so as to prevent store operators from exploiting loopholes to get off the criminal charges.
- (f) Mr LAM Sum-lim was aware that the FEHD had strengthened enforcement in the District recently, but a number of store operators still did not know the official commencement date of the Ordinance. He suggested that the department(s) concerned should strengthen promotion work one month before the Ordinance took effect to avoid future disputes.
- (g) Mr HUI Lam-hing said that some recyclers at Sai Wan Ho often placed iron cages next to the road and stained the pavement. The situation had not improved despite repeated complaints, which constituted a serious impact on residents and kindergarten students nearby, so he asked the FEHD and the HKPF to strengthen enforcement. He also asked the law enforcement department(s) whether they issued warnings to stores before taking actions.
- (q) Mr Aron KWOK suggested that the Government should strengthen promotion efforts to help citizens gain a better understanding of the contents of the Ordinance. He asked whether the department(s) concerned would allow a "grace period" for stores to make adjustments and adapt after the Ordinance took effect. Other than the problem of iron cages, he also wanted the department(s) concerned to strengthen enforcement against frequent unloading of goods by the stores of Chun Yeung Street, as well as road occupation by the dawn market at the flyover of Tong Shui Road.

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- (h) Mr WONG Kin-hing said that enforcement actions in the past lacked a deterrent effect, which was why the storefront extensions had not been resolved completely; therefore he was happy to see that the Government proposed a new enforcement system to tackle the problem. However, he was worried that citizens would have different understandings of the Ordinance, so he suggested that the law enforcement department(s) must set clear and detailed guidelines to avoid unnecessary disputes during operations, which would increase the difficulty of law enforcement.
- (i) Mr Andrew CHIU thanked the Government for proposing new measures to tackle storefront extensions. However, in addition to enhancing promotion, he suggested that the department(s) concerned should set clear work guidelines and enforcement strategies, as well as increase drills for different situations and cases, so as to respond to public enquiries or complaints and resolve difficulties and challenges that would be faced during operations. He also asked whether the guidelines of the department(s) concerned would be for internal reference only, and said that such information should be marked on the guidelines accordingly.
- (j) Mr WONG Kin-pan said that since the FEHD started to strengthen enforcement at the start of the year, the situation at Chun Yang Street, Kam Wa Street and the Quarry Bay section of King's Road had improved significantly; the store operators had begun to exercise self-discipline, which proved that the relevant penalties had a deterrent effect. He suggested that the department(s) concerned should further enhance promotion at the black spots of the District before the commencement of the Ordinance, with a view to increasing its effectiveness.
- (k) Mr CHIU Chi-keung was happy to see that the Ordinance would take effect soon, and hoped that the department(s) concerned would further increase promotion at the current stage. He also cited several cases in which store operators had occupied the road for their operation at Shau Kei Wan Main Street East, Ngoi Man Street, and Sai Wan Ho Street,

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and asked whether the HKPF was responsible for enforcement.

11. Ms Hayley KONG of the EDO and Mr LAM Kang-fuk and Mr WONG Wai-leung of the FEHD responded to the views and queries of Members as follows:

EDO

- (a) The EDO had been distributing and posting posters/leaflets provided by the Home Affairs Department to District Councillors and other persons/organisations of the District since May 2016, with a view to promoting the implementation of the Ordinance.
- (b) Together with the relevant law enforcement department(s), the EDO was also planning to distribute leaflets and advisory letters to store operators and residents in the vicinity of the storefront extension black spots of the District before the implementation of the Ordinance, with a view to further enhancing promotion and education.
- (c) If Members had any views on the contents or promotion work of the Ordinance, they were welcome to propose them to the EDO.

FEHD

- (d) Based on the suggestions offered by the Office of the Ombudsman in the report “Direct Investigation into Regulatory Measures and Enforcement Actions against Street Obstruction by Shops”, the FEHD had stepped up enforcement actions since March last year to tackle storefront extensions in the District. The situations such as the areas of Chun Yang Street and Marble Road had improved significantly.
- (e) The Fixed Penalty System was only an additional measure against storefront extensions and would not replace other existing enforcement tools.
- (f) When carrying out daily enforcement routines, the FEHD would decide on the most appropriate legal tool (including the Fixed Penalty Notice) based on the actual situations. After the Ordinance took effect, when there was a serious breach (e.g. serious obstruction of pedestrian walkways or repeated violations, etc.) the FEHD would still be able to

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make a prosecution according to existing laws, as well as consider other enforcement tools, such as arrests or seizure of goods and so on.

- (g) The FEHD would also take joint actions with the HKPF. In addition to issuing summonses against store operators for illegal obstruction of public places, it would also be possible to issue them with a Fixed Penalty Notice. Frontline enforcement staff would decide on the most appropriate legal tool on spot based on the actual situations.
- (h) The FEHD was aware of the situations of several black spots in Chai Wan such as Walton Estate and Winner Centre, at which store operators would engage in unlicensed hawking and placement of goods, thereby causing an obstruction at public places. The FEHD would also take enforcement actions based on the situations and severity, and step up efforts to clean the streets.
- (i) The FEHD was currently formulating and implementing internal work guidelines, implementation details, enforcement strategies and so on for the relevant contents of the Ordinance, and had enhanced trainings for frontline staff.
- (j) The FEHD would cooperate with the promotion work of the EDO to strengthen the promotion of the Fixed Penalty System to store operators. It was predicted that there would be no difficulties with enforcement work after the Ordinance took effect.
- (k) If Members discovered that frontline officers were disclosing the identities of complaints to store operators, they should immediately contact the FEHD for follow-up actions.

HKPF

- (l) Storefront extensions were a kind of street management problems which fell within the terms of reference of many Government departments. If any criminal offences, destruction of public tranquillity, urgent danger to the public, or serious traffic congestion and so on were discovered, the HKPF would take corresponding enforcement actions.
- (m) The HKPF would be happy to cooperate with and participate in

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cross-departmental operations, to provide other departments such as the FEHD with assistance, and issue Fixed Penalty Notices based on the needs.

- (n) The Fixed Penalty System would simplify prosecution procedures and improve enforcement efficiency, while it maintained the overall enforcement system.

EDO, FEHD,
HKPF

12. The Chairperson concluded by asking the department(s) concerned to strengthen promotion so as to enhance the effectiveness of enforcement work and properly tackle the storefront extensions of the District.

(Post-meeting remarks: The EDO, together with the FEHD, HKPF and some District Councillors, visited store operators in the vicinity of six storefront extension black spots [i.e. the footpath outside Harmony Garden and Cheerful Garden, Siu Sai Wan; the open space outside Walton Estate, Chai Wan; Winner Centre, Chai Wan; Kam Wa Street, Shau Kei Wan; Chun Yang Street, and Marble Road, North Point] to distribute leaflets and advisory letters for further promotion on 14 and 19 September 2016 respectively. Since September, the EDO also displayed relevant publicity banners at many locations in the District. On the commencement date of the Ordinance, the EDO also released a new version of the TV promotional videos and radio audios to remind citizens that the Fixed Penalty System had been implemented and to urge store operators to exercise self-discipline, so as to keep the streets clear and smooth.)

V. Request the Government to Pay Attention to the Hidden Safety Risks of Taishan Nuclear Power Station

(FEHC Paper No. 25/16)

13. Mr CHUI Chi-kin introduced Paper No. 25/16.

14. Members noted the written replies of the department(s) concerned.

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15. The views and queries of 3 Members about the issue are summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr KU Kwai-yiu said that the Taishan Nuclear Power Station was located near Hong Kong, but no safety certification had been obtained; therefore he was concerned that its operation would impact the safety of local citizens. In addition, he believed that the department(s) concerned should respect the Eastern District Council and appoint representatives to attend the meeting to answer Members' questions. He hoped that the Committee would relay the views to the department(s) concerned.
- (b) Mr CHUI Chi-kin said that although the said Nuclear Power Station was built and operated in China, and the Ministry of State Security was following up the safety standards of the Nuclear Power Station, the impact on Hong Kong's citizens would be significant in the event of any major incident. He was worried that the Nuclear Power Station had submitted false data and documents so as to obtain the certifications issued by the Chinese Government in a deceitful manner. He asked whether the Government had any countermeasures to stop the commissioning of the nuclear power station.
- (c) Mr Andrew CHIU believed that the written reply of the department(s) concerned failed to directly respond to Members' questions, and strongly reprimanded the department(s) concerned for failing to send representatives to attend the meeting. Although a communication mechanism has been set up between Hong Kong and China, the mechanism would be useless in the face of a serious incident. In addition, it was possible that the listed company would provide false information to mislead citizens, which meant there was no protection for Hong Kong's citizens. He wanted to continue to follow up the agenda item and asked the department(s) concerned to appoint representatives to attend the next meeting in order to answer Members' questions.

16. The Chairperson concluded by asking the department(s) concerned to note Members' views. After discussion, Members agreed to follow up the agenda item.

VI. Request to Repair the Street Lamps at Leaping Dragon Walk Thoroughly

(FEHC Paper No. 26/16)

17. The Chairperson welcomed Mr Frederick CHO, Engineer, Mr CHAN Kwok-leung, Senior Inspector, Mr Wilson YU, Inspector, and Mr FONG Chun-kwong, Assistant Inspector of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) to the meeting. Mr David LEUNG introduced Paper No. 26/16.

18. The views and queries of 9 Members about the issue are summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr KUNG Pak-cheung said that the protective covers of some lamp posts were loosened, which made it easier for small reptiles to crawl into the lighting system. He advised the EMSD to make improvements, such as by filling the gaps with inflated glue.
- (b) Mr CHEUNG Chi-sing was happy to see that the EMSD had installed independent leakage protection devices to avoid electricity leakages of a specific street lamp from affecting the normal operation of other street lamps. He asked the EMSD to provide relevant photographs for Members' reference.
- (c) Mr NGAN Chun-lim asked why street lamp No. 032 always had failures.
- (d) Mr HUI Lam-hing suggested that the EMSD should try to prevent small animals from entering the lighting system to resolve the problem in the long run.
- (e) Mr WONG Kin-hing suggested that the EMSD should install independent devices to prevent the short circuit of a specific street lamp from affecting the operation of the whole lighting system.
- (f) Mr Andrew CHIU praised the EMSD for providing a detailed and

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clear reply, which made it easy for Members to obtain a deep understanding of the frequency of failures and the reasons behind. He believed that the EMSD could explore an improvement method based on its past experience, so as to prevent small animals from entering the lighting system.

- (g) Mr Patrick LEUNG said that the actual number of failures was higher than that provided by the EMSD. He also criticised the EMSD for failing to try its best to understand the cause of the failures, and said that some staff had responded randomly to complaints and enquiries, the situation of which was unsatisfactory. Despite that, he was still happy to see that the EMSD had submitted a proposal of cable replacement works. He hoped that the EMSD would repair the system as soon as possible to ensure road safety.
- (h) Mr KU Kwai-yiu suggested that the EMSD should closely monitor the work of contractors, so as to ensure that protective covers and waterproof devices of the lamps were properly installed, and the gaps were filled with inflated glue to prevent small animals from entering the lighting system. He also supported the installation of independent leakage protection devices by the EMSD to prevent the short circuit of an individual street lamp from affecting the operation of the whole lighting system.
- (i) Mr CHIU Chi-keung asked the EMSD to consider Members' views on the installation of independent leakage protection devices and the adoption of appropriate measures to ensure that the lighting system was in compliance with installation specifications, so as to prevent it from being affected by pests and humid weather.

19. Mr Frederick CHO of the EMSD responded to the views and queries of Members as follows:

- (a) If the EMSD found that the ageing of fittings prevented street lamps from functioning properly, the EMSD would replace them. In addition, when the system was being improved, a number of street lamps would need to be turned off to tie in with the works. Therefore, the operation of individual street lamps may be affected and stopped many times; it was not a sign of malfunction.

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- (b) As some street lamps encountered repeated failures, the EMSD had arranged detailed inspection for the lighting system. To reduce the impact on the operation of street lamps due to adverse weather or invasion of insects, the EMSD would study relevant improvement proposals and submit the relevant proposals to the EDO for further exploration.
- (c) The EMSD would pay attention to the tactics and attitudes of staff in handling enquiries or complaints, and would make suitable improvements.
- (d) The EMSD would actively monitor the work of contractors to ensure the proper installation of the protective covers of lamp posts.
- (e) The EMSD would submit photos of the independent leakage protection devices and detailed information on the cable replacement works after the meeting.

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20. The Chairperson concluded by asking the EMSD to submit photos of the independent leakage protection devices and supplementary information on the cable replacement works to Members, as well as to clarify the number of failures of street lamps to certain Member(s). After discussion, the Committee agreed to list the agenda item as a follow-up item.

(Post-meeting remarks: The EMSD's supplementary information was sent to Members on 11 October 2016 for their reference.)

VII. Request to Study the Possibility of Setting up a Hawker Bazaar under the Flyover at Wing Tai Road in Chai Wan (Near Chai Wan Fire Station)

(FEHC Paper No. 27/16)

21. The Chairperson welcomed Mr LAM Kang-fuk, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern) and Mr WONG Wai-leung, Chief Health Inspector 1 (Eastern) of the FEHD; Mr HUI Wing-tak, District Engineer / North East of the Highways Department; and Mr Simon TONG, Chief Estate Officer (District Lands Office, Hong Know East, West and South) of the Lands Department to the meeting. Mr KU Kwai-yiu, on behalf of Mr CHUI Chi-kin, introduced Paper No. 27/16.

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22. The views and queries of 5 Members about the issue are summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr KU Kwai-yiu said that the hawker bazaar would help promote economic development, as well as preserve local hawker characteristics and reinforce collective memories. The hawker bazaar adopted an open design with independent stalls, and would neither affect the structure of the flyover or the drainage system, nor be further expanded. He hoped that the Government would carefully consider the aforementioned proposal.
- (b) Mr KUNG Pak-cheung agreed with the design of the hawker bazaar, but as the aforementioned location was close to the highway and lights were dimmer in the area by nightfall, he was concerned about traffic safety. He hoped that the Government would review whether the aforementioned location would be suitable. He also asked Members if the Estate Management Advisory Committee of nearby public housing estates had been consulted.
- (c) Ms Bonnie LEUNG was happy to see that the Government had an open attitude towards the establishment of the hawker bazaar. Members were only proposing preliminary suggestions at this point and the detailed operation model had yet to be confirmed. At this stage, it was not possible to determine whether it would be necessary to use traffic lanes for loading or unloading activities. She suggested that the Committee should list this agenda item as a follow-up item, and conduct a field investigation to understand the environment.
- (d) Mr WONG Kin-pan cited the North Point Dawn Market as an example and pointed out that as the number of hawkers kept increasing, the problem of street obstruction was worsening and might become difficult to eradicate in the future. As the aforementioned location was at the entrance and exit of the highway, the traffic was extremely busy there. Therefore, he disagreed with the establishment of a hawker bazaar at the said location. If it was necessary to preserve the culture of hawker bazaar, he suggested that the feasibility of a more remote location should be studied.

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- (e) The Chairperson said that she was worried about the safety of citizens as the aforementioned location was close to multiple crossings and was quite narrow. She asked the ESMD to consider whether the aforementioned location was suitable, or whether a safer location should be sought out for the establishment of the hawker bazaar.

23. Mr HUI Wing-tak of the Highways Department added that as long as the hawker bazaar did not affect the repair and maintenance works of the flyover, the Highways Department held no objection to the proposal.

24. Mr LAM Kang-fuk of the FEHD and Mr Simon TONG of the Lands Department said that the responses of their departments were already written in the documents and they had nothing to add at this stage.

25. The Chairperson concluded by asking the department(s) concerned to note Members' views. After discussion, Members agreed to follow up the agenda item and agreed to perform on-site inspection.

(Post-meeting remarks: Members performed the on-site inspection on 11 October 2016.)

VIII. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous Meetings of FEHC

(FEHC Paper No. 28/16)

26. The Chairperson welcomed Miss Fiona CHAU, Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Health)1 and Mr Ronald HO, Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Health)1 of the Food and Health Bureau (FHB); Dr Henry NG, Head, Programme Management and Professional Development Branch and Dr Janet KWAN, Senior Medical and Health Officer (Programme Management) of the Department of Health; Mr MOK Siu-kin, Senior Project Manager and Mr Billy LAW, Senior Architect of the Architectural Services Department; Mr Allan CHAN, Acting Manager (Lei Yue Mun Park) of the LCSD; Mr LAM Kang-fuk, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern) and Mr WONG Wai-leung, Chief Health Inspector 1 (Eastern) of the FEHD; Ms LAU Hau-chi, Acting Assistant Police Communication Relations Officer (Eastern District) of the HKPF; Mr CHOW Chung-fat, Acting

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Senior Environment Protection Officer of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD); Mr HUI Wing-tak, District Engineer / North East of the Highways Department; Mr Simon TONG, Chief Estate Officer (District Lands Office, Hong Know East, West and South) of the Lands Department; Miss Yvonne LEE, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Eastern)² of the LCSD; Mr TSE Ying-wai, Ranger 1/Avian Influenza Surveillance of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD); Mr Raymond AU, Engineer/Hong Kong East and Wan Chai 3 of the Drainage Services Department; Ms TSANG Yin-mei, Social Work Officer, and Ms Maria PUK, Officer i/c (Quarry Bay Integrated Family Service Centre) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD); Mr Tony TO, Building Surveyor / B5-1 of the Buildings Department; Ms Hayley KONG, Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Mr Kenneth LEUNG, Executive Officer (District Management), and Mr Barkley CHAN, Liaison Officer i/c (Shau Kei Wan) of the EDO to the meeting.

(i) ***Request the Departments Concerned to Address the Problems Arising from the Gathering of Pigeons Seriously/ Request to Solve the Problems Arising from the Gathering of Pigeons at Tong Shui Road***

27. Mr WONG Wai-leung of the FEHD added that the FEHD had issued two fixed penalty notices and filed one prosecution against persons who had fouled public places due to feeding of pigeons between May and July at the above location.

28. Mr CHENG Chi-sing said that citizens often fed wild pigeons, which resulted in wild pigeons congregating at many locations in the District. He had received complaints from many citizens about the impact of the pigeon droppings on environmental hygiene. He hoped that the FEHD would take appropriate actions to change citizens' habit of feeding pigeons, so as to solve the problem at the root.

29. Mr WONG Wai-leung of the FEHD replied that the FEHD had already stepped up inspection and prosecution works, and would continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate actions to maintain a clean and hygienic environment.

30. After discussion, Members agreed to follow up the agenda item.

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(ii) Request to Follow up the Matters Concerning the Manhole at Leaping Dragon Walk in Siu Sai Wan

31. Mr David LEUNG thanked the Drainage Services Department for installing a grille for the manhole on grounds of public safety so as to prevent accidents. As the windy and rainy season was approaching, he was worried that the garbage and sundries in the manhole would block drains. He urged the Government to clarify the responsible department(s) as soon as possible.

32. The Chairperson concluded by asking the department(s) concerned to note Members' views. After discussion, Members agreed to stop following up the agenda item.

(iii) Proposal on Increasing the Number of Designated Spots Allocated to Each Elected Eastern District Councillor for Displaying Banners under the "Management Scheme for the Display of Roadside Non-commercial Publicity Materials"

33. The views and queries of 2 Members about the issue are summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr WONG Kin-pan said that the Lands Department so far had no plan to increase designated display spots, and suggested that Members should cancel the agenda item to avoid wasting the time of the meeting.
- (b) Ms Bonnie LEUNG said the Office of the Ombudsman had not capped the number of designated display spots, so she hoped that this agenda item would continue to be followed up.

34. The Chairperson concluded by saying that the relevant policies needed further review. After discussion, Members agreed to follow up this agenda item when it reported progress.

(iv) Tackling the Problem of Illegal Piling up of Refuse at the Hillside between Kam Ping Building and Ming Yuen Mansions (Phase 2) - Suggest Installing Closed-circuit Television and Warning Signs to Monitor the

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Situation

35. Mr CHIU Chi-keung said that similar cases often occurred in the District, but the feasibility of installing a closed-circuit television was not high. Therefore, he suggested cancelling this agenda item.

36. After discussion, Members agreed to stop following up the agenda item.

(v) ***Following-up the 2016 Policy Address: Implementation of the District-led Actions Scheme in Eastern District***

37. The Chairperson praised the effectiveness of the “District-led Actions Scheme” and added that the promotion activities held earlier in Chai Wan were also very successful. She hoped that the department(s) concerned would continue to work hard.

38. After discussion, Members agreed to continue following up the agenda item.

(vi) ***Renovation of Block 3, Lei Yue Man Park as a Dedicated Quarantine Facility***

39. The views and queries of 8 Members about the issue are summarised as follows:

(a) Mr Joseph LAI understood that the Government needed to set aside a place for temporary quarantine purposes, but he was also concerned about the regular maintenance and repair works, the quarantine measure arrangements, and disinfection work after the quarantine period of the facility. He hoped that the department(s) concerned would make good use of the facility for the benefit of citizens.

(b) Mr George LAM said that Block 3 was located on a slope which was rather remote and quiet, and that the facility would have enough space to accommodate persons to be quarantined after it was renovated; therefore he believed the site was appropriate. He had conducted a simple poll with nearby residents, the results of which showed that residents agreed with the need for the quarantine facility and did not object to the aforementioned proposal. He hoped that the Government would confirm the proposal as soon as possible. In addition to

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providing suitable medical equipment, the Government could also consider providing psychological support to quarantined persons.

- (c) Mr Patrick LEUNG welcomed the department(s) concerned to the meeting to provide supplementary information. He said the aforementioned proposal would make good use of the facility for quarantine services when necessary, so he supported the concept of the proposal. However, he hoped that the Government would try to preserve the facility's historical value as much as possible and adopt the principle of simplicity to keep the cost of the works within the budget.
- (d) Ms Bonnie LEUNG had complete confidence in the medical and quarantine facilities proposed by the Government. However, she was concerned about the use of public funds and asked the department(s) concerned the proportion of the cost arising from the monument preservation to the total construction cost.
- (e) Mr KU Kwai-yiu supported the aforementioned proposal. He asked how the quarantine centre would be divided into a "clean zone" and a "contaminated zone", as well as what measures were in place to protect schools and housing estates nearby from the epidemic.
- (f) Mr WONG Kin-pan supported the proposal in principle. He was concerned about the design of barrier-free ramps and the storage plan for dedicated medical equipment at the facility when it was open to the public as a resort facility.
- (g) The Vice-chairperson gave directional support for the aforementioned proposal, but was also concerned about whether public funds were well spent. He was worried that the department(s) concerned was spending public funds to refurbish the monument in the name of the establishment of the quarantine centre. He also hoped to find out the average cost of bed spaces in public hospitals in comparison with the bed spaces of the proposed facility.
- (h) The Chairperson agreed with the need for the dedicated quarantine facility. She supported the aforementioned proposal because it could cope with emergency cases. She supported the Government's

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renovation of the facility, which would be open to the public when no quarantine was required, thereby benefiting the general public.

40. Miss Fiona CHAU of the FHB, Dr Henry NG of the Department of Health, and Mr MOK Siu-kin of the Architectural Services Department responded to the views and queries of Members as follows:

FHB

- (a) The dedicated quarantine facility did not need a long-term operation; instead it would only be expropriated when Hong Kong was at the risk of an outbreak. After the renovation of existing facility, it could provide dedicated quarantine service when necessary, whereas during other times it could be used for alternative purposes for better utilisation of resources.
- (b) The quarantine facility would be designed for the quarantine of persons who had been in close contact with patients of infectious diseases but had no symptoms of infection, so as to effectively manage the risk of an outbreak of infectious diseases. Apart from separate toilets and medical facilities, the renovated quarantine facility would be no different from typical resort facilities.
- (c) After the relevant authorities conducted a detailed study on the feasibility of setting up a dedicated quarantine facility at the LCSD's various holiday camp sites, Block 3 of Lei Yue Mun Park was considered the most suitable site to be renovated into a dedicated quarantine facility. The relevant authorities would implement the renovation works based on the views of the Antiquities Advisory Board, and would not increase or reduce work items under the pretence of refurbishing the monument.
- (d) According to a very preliminary estimate, the relevant renovation project would cost about \$130 million and would not include the cost of relocating the film repository of Block 3 in the future. As the overall design would be submitted to the approval of the Town Planning Board and Antiquities Advisory Board later, the relevant design of the works might be revised in response to the requirements of the aforementioned institutions, and the estimated cost of the works would also be adjusted.

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Therefore, the Government would update the cost of the relevant project when it consulted the relevant committees of the Legislative Council.

Department of Health

- (e) Persons who had been in close contact with and displayed symptoms of an infectious disease would be arranged to receive examination and proper treatments at the hospital. Only those who had been in close contact with patients of infectious diseases but had not displayed any symptoms, such as family members who lived together, would be arranged to be quarantined in the quarantine centre.
- (f) The quarantine centre had a medical station where medical staff would continue to monitor the physical conditions of the quarantined persons and would prescribe drugs for quarantined persons if necessary. Quarantined persons would be able to notify medical staff immediately if they felt unwell. If a quarantined person showed symptoms of an infectious disease, the person would be transferred to the hospital as designated in the epidemic contingency plan as soon as possible to receive detailed examination and proper treatments.
- (g) In accordance with the guidelines on infection control, the quarantine centre would be divided into a “clean zone” and a “contaminated zone”. The two zones were clearly demarcated and did not overlap. The clean zone was the area that was not contaminated by the viruses, and the staff would access and use the clean zone through designated routes; while the contaminated zone was the area that was likely to be contaminated by the viruses, i.e. the passages and activity areas for the quarantined persons (including the medical post of the quarantine centre). Quarantined persons could only stay in the “contaminated zone” (including taking meals). The staff of the quarantine centre would wear appropriate personal protective gear and strictly adhere to the infection control guidelines before entering the contaminated zone. After finishing the work, they would also take off and dispose the personal protective gear in accordance with relevant guidelines, before leaving the contaminated zone.
- (h) The diseases that needed to be quarantined were mainly transmitted

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through contact, droplets or air over a short distance. The “contaminated zone” of the quarantine centre must maintain a certain distance from the passages and activity areas of the public, so as to prevent the spread of the disease. Infectious diseases transmitted by mosquitos were not included.

- (i) All waste generated from the independent accommodation units of the quarantine centre would be handled strictly according to the guidelines on infection control. For example, the waste dumped by the quarantined persons and the clinical waste generated from the medical post would be disposed and destructed every day by special-purpose vehicles arranged by the contractors which were responsible for handling clinical waste. The sewage would be discharged directly through the sewers, and no special treatment was needed.
- (j) When the quarantine period of the last quarantined person was over, the Department of Health would wait for about 10 to 15 days before returning the facility to the LCSD. After completing the quarantine work, the LCSD would appoint special cleansing service contractors to clean and disinfect the facility concerned in accordance with the guidelines, before making it available for public use.
- (k) The above infection control measures which were strictly implemented in the quarantine centre were established with reference to the international guidelines and the views of experts from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP), and were in line with the infection control standards.
- (l) Workers of the quarantine centre would provide appropriate psychological counselling for quarantined persons. If necessary, arrangements could be made for meetings with social workers of the SWD for professional counselling.
- (m) The medical station of the quarantine centre would be equipped with small medical devices and equipment which would be used for physical examination of quarantined persons. Staff of the Department of Health would remove the relevant devices and equipment after the end of the quarantine period, so that the LCAD can reopen the facility later

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to the public.

Architectural Services Department

- (n) In general, the maintenance works for the quarantine facility would be no different from those of other camp facilities.
- (o) The Architectural Services Department had arranged a consultancy company to perform a safety assessment. The results indicated that the renovation would not affect the safety of the slope.

41. The Chairperson concluded by saying that Members supported the proposal in principle, so she hoped the Government would make good use of public funds and maximise its effectiveness, as well as adopt adequate infection control measures in the facility to reduce its impact on other citizens. After discussion, Members agreed to stop following up the agenda item.

(vii) Requesting the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited to Retrofit a Noise Shelter for the Section between Heng Fa Chuen Station and Chai Wan Station to Reduce Noise Pollution

42. After discussion, Members agreed to follow up the agenda item every alternate meeting.

(viii) Prolonged Piling of Miscellaneous Things at the Roadside of the Junction of Mount Parker Road and Quarry Bay Street

43. The views and queries of 3 Members about the issue are summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr Howard CHEUNG thanked the various Government departments for actively dealing with the aforementioned problem. He was happy to see that the said woman changed her attitude towards social workers, but her habit of accumulating sundries had yet to be changed. He hoped that the SWD would continue to keep contact with her to convince her to change her scavenging habits.
- (b) Mr WONG Kin-pan said that the aforementioned accumulation of sundries impeded the repair and maintenance works that personnel of the Highways Department performed at the flyover, and that it would

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easily lead to the infestation of germs and unpleasant odours, which would increase the risk of an outbreak of infectious diseases. He suggested that the department(s) concerned should engage in more frequent joint clean-up operations to remove as many sundries as possible and avoid affecting the cityscape.

- (c) Mr Andrew CHIU thanked the department(s) concerned for following up this case all along. He suggested that the department(s) concerned should remove the sundries first to avoid affecting the daily work of the work groups. Separately, he asked whether the department(s) concerned could issue a fixed penalty notice to the said woman after the implementation of the Ordinance, so as to strengthen the deterrent effect.

44. Ms Maria PUK of the SWD, Mr WONG Wai-leung of the FEHD, and Mr Barkley CHAN of the EDO responded to the views and queries of Members as follows:

SWD

- (o) The attitude of the said woman towards social workers had improved recently, and she was willing to communicate with social worker to come up with a solution, as well as to learn about the services referred by the social workers. The SWD would continue to follow up the case to provide the woman with appropriate services.

FEHD

- (p) The Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance did not apply to the street sleepers.

EDO

- (q) The EDO would increase the number of joint clean-up operations to remove the sundries.

SWD, FEHD and EDO 45. The Chairperson said that the aforementioned problem posed a large nuisance to residents and hoped that the department(s) concerned would continue to strive to improve the situation. After discussion, Members agreed to follow up the agenda item every alternate meeting.

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(ix) Request to Step Up the Cleaning and Law Enforcement Efforts at the Footbridge at Siu Sai Wan Road Connected with Cheerful Garden and Fullview Garden

46. Mr David LEUNG hoped that the FEHD would continue to pay attention to the environmental hygiene of the footbridge and step up law enforcement efforts to prevent citizens from leaving behind dog faeces when they walked their dogs.

47. After discussion, Members agreed to stop following up the agenda item.

(x) Requesting the Departments Concerned to Address the Problem of Displaying Unauthorised Publicity Materials during Non-office Hours

48. The agenda item was open to discussion at every alternate meeting, and would be followed up at the next meeting.

(xi) Request to Settle the Problem of Dumping Refuse at North View Street

49. The agenda item was open to discussion at every alternate meeting, and would be followed up at the next meeting.

(xii) Requesting the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited to Improve the Railway Noise Problem inside its Train Compartments

50. Members noted the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL)'s written reply.

51. Mr Stanley HO noted that the MTRCL would replace its trains in phases, and hoped that this would improve the railway noise problem inside its train compartments.

52. After discussion, Members agreed to stop following up this agenda item.

*(xiii) Request for Eradication of the Sea Water Pollution and Reduction of Coliform Index at Aldrich Bay /
Request for Rooting out the Pollution Problem of the Aldrich Bay Typhoon Shelter*

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53. Mr LAM Sum-lim said that the typhoon shelter was close to the soon-to-be-completed Eastern District Cultural Square, so he hoped that the department(s) concerned would improve the water quality to tie in with the development of the Cultural Square. He also asked the EPD to give an account of the sea water pollution index every half year.

EPD

54. After discussion, Members agreed to follow up the agenda item in half a year, and asked the EPD to regularly submit the sea water pollution index to Members for their reference.

(xiv) Request to Improve the Noise Problem Arising from the Arrivals of Trains at and Their Departures from Heng Fa Chuen MTR Station

55. The agenda item was open to discussion every half a year, and would be followed up at the next meeting.

IX. Date of the Next Meeting

56. The meeting ended at 6:15 pm. The 6th meeting of FEHC would be held at 2:30 pm on 18 October 2016 (Tuesday).

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