

Minutes of the Continuation of the Twelfth Meeting of the Eastern District Council

Date : 27 March 2018 (Tuesday)
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : Eastern District Council Conference Room

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u> <u>(p.m.)</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u> <u>(p.m.)</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	2:50	end of meeting
Mr WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH	2:34	end of meeting
Mr KU Kwai-yiu	2:30	end of meeting
Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley	2:30	end of meeting
Ms LI Chun-chau	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LEE Chun-keung	2:35	end of meeting
Mr LAM Sum-lim	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LAM Kei-tung, George	2:30	3:00
Mr SHIU Ka-fai	3:00	end of meeting
Mr HUNG Lin-cham	2:30	end of meeting
Mr CHUI Chi-kin	2:40	end of meeting
Mr CHEUNG Kwok-cheong, Howard	2:35	end of meeting
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	3:31	end of meeting
Mr HUI Lam-hing	2:30	end of meeting
Mr HUI Ching-on	2:35	end of meeting
Mr MAK Tak-ching	2:30	end of meeting
Mr WONG Kin-pan, BBS, MH, JP (Chairman)	2:30	end of meeting
Mr WONG Kin-hing	2:30	end of meeting
Mr YEUNG Sze-chun	2:30	end of meeting
Dr CHIU Ka-yin, Andrew	3:15	end of meeting
Mr CHIU Chi-keung, BBS (Vice-chairman)	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LAU Hing-yeung	2:30	end of meeting
Ms CHOY So-yuk, BBS, JP	2:30	2:40
Mr CHENG Chi-sing	2:30	end of meeting
Mr CHENG Tat-hung	2:35	end of meeting
Mr LAI Chi-keong, Joseph	2:35	end of meeting
Mr NGAN Chun-lim, MH	2:30	end of meeting
Mr KUNG Pak-cheung, MH	2:30	end of meeting

Absent with Apologies

Mr KWOK Wai-keung, Aron, JP (absent with consent)
Mr LO Wing-kwan, Frankie, MH

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Ms TENG Yu-yan, Anne, JP	District Officer (Eastern), Eastern District Office
Miss NGAI Lai-ying, Angora	Assistant District Officer (Eastern) 1, Eastern District Office
Mr Rupert Timothy Alan DOVER	District Commander (Eastern District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms LAU Tak-yi	Police Community Relations Officer (Eastern District), Hong Kong Police Force
Miss LEE Sin-man	Senior Housing Manager (Hong Kong Island and Islands 2), Housing Department
Mr LAU Kin-kwok	Chief Transport Officer/Hong Kong, Transport Department
Mr TSANG Wing-lok, Gabriel	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms TAM Shiu-mei	District Leisure Manager (Eastern), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LAU Wai-lun, Eddie	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Eastern District Office
Ms WONG Sze-man, Queenie	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Eastern District Office
Ms KONG Kei-kei, Hayley	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Eastern District Office

Secretary

Miss WAH Pui-ye, Vivian	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Eastern District Office
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman said that the Twelfth Eastern District Council (EDC) meeting was originally scheduled for 30 January 2018. The meeting was adjourned according to section 12(2) of the Eastern District Council Standing Orders as not enough EDC Members were present to form a quorum. This meeting was a continuation of the Twelfth meeting.

2. The Chairman welcomed Councillors and government representatives to the meeting, particularly Mr Gabriel TSANG Wing-lok, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, who had succeeded Mr SUM Siu-hin, and Mr LAU Kin-kwok, Chief Transport Officer/Hong Kong of the Transport Department, who had succeeded Mr HO Kwan-hang, Albert. He also extended his welcome to Ms TAM Shiu-mei, District Leisure Manager (Eastern) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and Miss LEE Sin-man, Senior Housing Manager (Hong Kong Island and Islands 2) of the Housing Department.

3. The Chairman reminded Councillors to declare interests where necessary in accordance with Section 48 of the Standing Orders of the EDC.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Eleventh Eastern District Council Meeting

4. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

II. Information Items

Chairman's Report on the Discussion Items of the Regular Meeting

5. The Chairman reported that the reporting items had been set out in the report of the Chairman/Vice-chairman. The next regular meeting was scheduled for 19 April 2018. Councillors might forward their enquiries or views to the Chairman or Vice-chairman for discussion at the regular meeting in April.

III. Duty Visit of Eastern District Council (2016-19)

(EDC Paper No. 2/18)

6. The Chairman said that to enhance the quality of district administration, commencing from the current District Council (DC) term (2016-19), each Councillor would be provided with up to \$10,000 per term to cover expenses incurred for duty visits directly related to DC business. After the EDC meeting held in July 2017, a working group was then formed to discuss on the proposed duty visit. The working group met on 29 August 2017 and proposed a five-day duty visit to Qingdao. The details and arrangements were set out in paragraphs 3 to 11 of the paper and the annex to the paper. The proposed programme would mainly study Qingdao's town planning and facilities, waterfront development, built heritage conservation and sports development, etc. Councillors would also meet with local government authorities and exchange views with them. The duty visit was tentatively scheduled for 13 to 17 August 2018.

7. Ten Councillors expressed their views and raised enquiries as summarised below:

- (a) Mr KU Kwai-yiu said that Qingdao was among those Mainland cities with a rapid development and its city management and facilities had areas meriting studying. He hoped that the visit would focus on experience exchange relevant to district administration and should not be mere sightseeing.
- (b) Mr HUNG Lin-cham said that the proposed duty visit covered different areas, including heritage conservation and waterfront development in Qingdao that had its specific merits. He enquired whether the visit could be further extended to facilitate a more in-depth exchange.
- (c) Mr NGAN Chun-lim enquired whether the tentative schedule of the visit could be changed.
- (d) Mr KUNG Pak-cheung supported the duty visit. He suggested that the schedule for duty visit and matters to be studied should be confirmed the soonest possible to facilitate further follow-up, including finalising the programme with the receiving parties and carrying out the procurement work.

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- (e) Mr CHENG Tat-hung asked whether participants of the visit had to take part in the whole trip and whether they could depart earlier.
- (f) Mr LAM Sum-lim enquired whether the visit could be advanced to 6 August.
- (g) Ms LI Chun-chau agreed to the proposed duty visit and considered that the dates of the visit needed not be changed. Councillors could decide whether to join the visit having regard to their own circumstances.
- (h) Mr David LEUNG supported the proposed duty visit and enquired whether there would be a requirement set on the minimum number of participants for joining the visit.
- (i) Mr CHENG Chi-sing enquired about the arrangement for participant who had enrolled but was subsequently unable to join the visit due to other commitment.
- (j) Mr LEE Chun-keung enquired that if a Councillor was unable to join, whether the unspent provision of \$10,000 could be used for subsidising the duty visit.

8. In response, the Chairman said that the provision for duty visit was intended to enable the Councillors to gain experience and enhance the quality of district administration through visits and exchanges and the provision would be used to cover expenses incurred in the duty visit. After discussion by the working group, it was tentatively proposed to conduct a five-day visit to Qingdao from 13 to 17 August. The planning of the proposed visit had taken into account factors such as areas for study during the visit, the recess of DC and budget, etc. According to the guidelines promulgated by Home Affairs Department (HAD), each Councillor would be provided with a maximum provision of \$10,000 in each term to cover expenses incurred for duty visits. Any expenses incurred in excess of \$10,000 should be borne by the Councillor. The entitlement under the account of a Councillor was not transferable. In respect of the minimum number of participants for the duty visit, as some Councillors might not be able to join the visit on the above dates due to other commitment, it was considered that a requirement for having at least half of the Councillors to join the visit needed not be introduced for the time being. The issue of whether to introduce such a requirement might be further considered having regard to the actual participation. As the duty visit was an exchange programme for the EDC as a whole, all participants should take part in the whole trip and individual participants could not depart or return earlier.

9. District Officer (Eastern) supplemented that the arrangement of the duty visit was set out in paragraph 7 of the paper, which read: "If participants have divergent views, the decision of the leader or the deputy leader of the delegation should be final. All participants should take part in the whole trip during the visit and cannot depart from or return to Hong Kong earlier, and should refrain from leaving the delegation. If Councillors need to leave the delegation, they should seek permission from the leader of the delegation." Moreover, subject to the EDC's approval of the duty visit, the Shandong Liaison Unit under the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai would assist in liaising with the receiving parties. The itinerary and programmes would be finalised upon confirmation of the local receiving parties. The Secretariat would follow the established practice for the conduct of the procurement exercise under the Government's Stores and Procurement Regulations. The Secretary said that according to the arrangements stated in paragraph 11 of the paper, Councillors who enrolled but was subsequently unable to join the visit for reasons such as

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sickness or not possessing valid travel documents, the actual expenses already incurred for the duty visit would have to be borne by the Councillors. The corresponding arrangement would depend on the specific circumstances, for example, whether the expenses could be offset by insurance compensation. The HAD might be consulted on specific circumstances as and when necessary.

10. After discussion, Councillors endorsed the proposed duty visit and related arrangement set out in the paper. The Chairman said that following the Shandong Liaison Unit's liaison with the receiving parties concerned and confirmation on the itinerary, the Secretariat would consult and invite Councillors to join the visit. As only one duty visit would be conducted in the current DC term, the Chairman also encouraged Councillors to actively join the visit with a view to gaining experience for better serving the Eastern District.

IV. Financial Position of Eastern District Council Funds

(EDC Paper No. 4/18)

11. The Secretary briefed the meeting on Paper No. 4/18.

12. Councillors noted the financial position of the above funds.

V. Reports on the First Meeting and Second Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee

(EDC Paper Nos. 5/18 and 6/18)

13. Councillors noted the above reports.

(Post-meeting note: The EDC endorsed the appointment of co-opted members, and the programmes and funding applications of district minor works by circulation of papers on 7 February and 1 March 2018 respectively.)

VI. Reports on the Eleventh Meeting (2016-17) and the First Meeting of Culture, Leisure, Community Building and Services Committee

(EDC Paper Nos. 7/8 and 8/18)

14. Councillors noted the above reports.

VII. Reports on the Eleventh Meeting (2016-17) and the First Meeting of Traffic and Transport Committee

(EDC Paper Nos. 9/18 and 10/18)

15. Councillors noted the above reports.

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VIII. Reports on the First Meeting and the Second Meeting of Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee

(EDC Paper Nos. 11/18 and 12/18)

16. Councillors noted the above reports.

(Post-meeting note: The EDC endorsed the appointment of co-opted members by circulation of paper on 8 February 2018.)

IX. Reports on the Eleventh Meeting (2016-17) and the First Meeting of the Planning, Works and Housing Committee

(EDC Paper Nos. 13/18 and 14/18)

17. Councillors noted the above reports.

X. Reports on the Eleventh Meeting (2016-17) and the First Meeting of the Vetting Committee

(EDC Paper Nos. 15/18 and 16/18)

18. Councillors noted the above reports.

XI. Reports on the Eleventh Meeting (2016-17), the First Meeting and the Second Meeting of Task Group on Festival Celebrations

(EDC Paper Nos. 17/18, 18/18 and 19/18)

19. Councillors noted the above reports.

XII. Report on the First Meeting of the Task Group on Publicity about the Work of Eastern District Council

(EDC Paper No. 20/18)

20. Councillors noted the above report.

XIII. Report on the First Meeting of the Steering Group on the Signature Project of Eastern District

(EDC Paper No. 21/18)

21. Councillors noted the above report.

XIV. Report on the 223rd Meeting of the Eastern District Management Committee

(EDC Paper No. 22/18)

22. Councillors noted the above report.

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XV. Date of the Next Meeting

23. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The Thirteenth EDC meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 24 April 2018 (Tuesday).

Eastern District Council Secretariat
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