

Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Eastern District Council

Date : 24 April 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	2:30	end of meeting
Mr WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH	2:30	4:00
Mr KU Kwai-yiu	2:30	end of meeting
Ms LI Chun-chau	2:30	4:55
Mr LEE Chun-keung	2:30	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	end of meeting
Mr CHUI Chi-kin	2:40	end of meeting
Mr CHEUNG Kwok-cheong, Howard	2:30	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	2:41	end of meeting
Mr HUI Lam-hing	2:30	end of meeting
Mr HUI Ching-on	2:30	end of meeting
Mr KWOK Wai-keung, Aron, JP	2:30	4:45
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	3:00	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	4:15
Mr CHENG Chi-sing	2:30	end of meeting
Mr CHENG Tat-hung	2:30	4:10
Mr LAI Chi-keong, Joseph	2:30	4:35
Mr NGAN Chun-lim, MH	2:30	4:45
Mr LO Wing-kwan, Frankie, MH	2:30	4:45
Mr KUNG Pak-cheung, MH	2:30	end of meeting

Absent with Apologies

Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley

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 CHUI Cheuk-yin, Matthew	Assistant District Officer (Eastern) 2, 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 CHAN Wai-lin, Rose	Senior Housing Manager (Hong Kong Island and Islands 1), 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
Mr LUK Chi-kwong	Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms TAM Shiu-mei	District Leisure Manager (Eastern), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHENG Chung-yan, Lorraine	Acting 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

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

Ms LI Mei-sheung, Michelle, JP	Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHIU Chung-yan, Charlson	Senior Staff Officer (Headquarters), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHIU Tap-hung	Chief Librarian (Operations and Technical Processing), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHIU Yat-on, Michael	Chief Executive Officer (Planning)1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Secretary

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

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and government representatives to the meeting, particularly Ms Michelle LI, JP, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Mr Charlson CHIU, Senior Staff Officer (Headquarters), Mr LUK Chi-kwong, Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East), Ms CHIU Tap-hung, Chief Librarian (Operations and Technical Processing), Mr Michael CHIU, Chief Executive Officer (Planning)¹ and Ms TAM Shiu-mei, District Leisure Manager (Eastern) of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). He also extended his welcome to Miss Rose CHAN, Senior Housing Manager (Hong Kong Island and Islands 1) of the Housing Department who attended the meeting on behalf of Mrs Helen CHEUNG, Chief Manager/Management (Hong Kong Island and Islands).

2. The Chairman reminded Councillors to declare interests where necessary in accordance with Section 48 of the Standing Orders of the Eastern District Council (EDC).

I. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the Continuation of the 12th Eastern District Council Meeting

3. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

II. Director of Leisure and Cultural Services to Meet Eastern District Council Members

4. Ms Michelle LI, JP, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, briefed Councillors on the work of the LCSD.

5. 24 Councillors expressed their views and enquiries as summarised below:

- (a) Mr NGAN Chun-lim said that according to the 2017 Policy Address, a feasibility study on the development of a sports centre and open space at Aldrich Bay next to Aldrich Garden would be conducted. He enquired when the feasibility study would be carried out and whether the residents would be consulted.
- (b) Mr Frankie LO pointed out that the EDC co-organised with district organisations to hold large-scale festive and cultural activities on Tam Kung Festival, Yu Lan Festival, etc. Traditional activities such as Piu Sik parade and “horse dance” were included. He suggested the LCSD could select photos of these traditional activities when publicising cultural activities to help promote traditional culture.
- (c) Mr CHENG Tat-hung commented that play equipment at the playground was monotonous and uninteresting and enquired whether the LCSD would draw reference to the experience of other places and

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provide more educational and interesting facilities and movable parts for children and disabled people, etc. He also expressed concern about the lack of fitness rooms in North Point and hoped that the LCSD would identify suitable sites in the district for the setting up of fitness rooms. In addition, with the State Theatre in North Point being listed as a Grade 1 historic building, he hoped that the Government would draw up specific conservation plan. As regards recent illegal ticket scalping activities, he asked whether the LCSD would consider amending the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance.

- (d) Mr CHENG Chi-sing said that owing to a lack of fitness rooms around Quarry Bay to Fortress Hill, there was a keen demand for existing fitness rooms which resulted in some monthly ticket holders not being able to use the facilities. He urged the LCSD to provide fitness rooms in the area. He also praised the LCSD staff for their dedicated services to the public.
- (e) Mr HUI Lam-hing commended the LCSD staff on their dedication. Recently, he had received a complaint from a member of the public. The staff concerned responded swiftly and the complainant also appreciated their working attitudes. He would like to take this opportunity to commend those officers.
- (f) Mr HUI Ching-on pointed out that residents in the district had reflected that indoor sports venues were often fully booked and it was difficult to make a reservation. He said that based on the population ratio, the total number of badminton courts in the six sports complexes of the district was much lower than that of other districts such as the Central and Western District. He hoped that the LCSD would build more indoor multi-purpose complexes in Eastern District to meet the community need.
- (g) Mr MAK Tak-ching enquired whether new equipment would be introduced to the library in the joint user complex at Lei King Road to cater for the future development of the library and whether community consultation would be conducted on the development of the said library. He further urged the LCSD to take forward the project as soon as possible. He also relayed residents' suggestion of building changing rooms with lockers in Aldrich Bay Park, and hoped that the LCSD would reconsider the feasibility of providing such facilities under the existing space. Furthermore, he voiced concern over whether the table tennis could be retained for residents' use upon the replanning of the Shau Kei Wan Market, and hoped that the LCSD would retrofit barrier-free access at the entrance of Quarry Bay Park Phase I near Tung Hoi Mansion. He enquired any specific measures to be adopted by LCSD for curbing ticket scalping activities.
- (h) Mr WONG Kin-hing thanked the LCSD for actively responding to his views about leisure and cultural facilities all along. He said that residents in Siu Sai Wan had a strong demand for fitness rooms. While the residents could use such kind of facilities in Chai Wan, he

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urged the LCSD to build a fitness room in Siu Sai Wan Complex or convert some facilities therein into a fitness room.

- (i) Mr YEUNG Sze-chun said that the proposal of the joint user complex at Lei King Road had been submitted for some eight years, and he hoped that the LCSD would expedite the implementation of the project for early completion to benefit the residents. He expressed concern about whether the LCSD could expedite the implementation of leisure, recreation and cultural facilities to meet the community need. Owing to the drop in the utilisation rate of libraries in recent years, he suggested the LCSD consider injecting new elements into the district library in the complex so as to increase the utilisation. Moreover, he hoped that the LCSD would provide more suitable fitness facilities for the elderly to cope with the aging population in the district.
- (j) Ms Bonnie LEUNG said that according to the information submitted by the LCSD to the Central and Western District, the lease terms of the Hong Kong Coliseum (HKC) and the Queen Elizabeth Stadium (QES) provided that no more than 80% of the tickets under each price category of every performance should be reserved as consignment tickets while for AsiaWorld-Expo, at least 50% of tickets should be reserved for public sale. She suggested that the LCSD should review and consider adjusting the percentage of consignment tickets. She added that Section 6 of the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance could tackle the problem of “scalped tickets”. Nonetheless, performing venues under the LCSD were not subject to the said regulation. She enquired whether amendments would be made to the concerned Ordinance. Separately, she asked whether the LCSD would consider taking prosecution action under Section 12 of the Civic Centres Regulation. She added that the LCSD had recently ceased the telephone booking service. Although online booking service was available, it had caused inconvenience to some elderly people. She suggested the LCSD consider retaining the telephone booking service.
- (k) Mr David LEUNG said that residents in Siu Sai Wan had strived for the provision of fitness rooms in the area for years. He suggested the LCSD explore the provision of a fitness room in the Siu Sai Wan Complex. He added that the access design of the table tennis room in the complex had led to some table tennis players causing obstruction to other users, he hoped that the LCSD would implement improvement measures as soon as possible. In addition, he expressed concern over the lawn of Fu Hong Street Pet Garden which was more prone to causing bacteria growth. He hoped that the LCSD would replace the lawn with concrete for pet use.
- (l) Mr Patrick LEUNG said that the shortage of sports and recreation venues led to frequent unsuccessful booking of peak sessions. He suggested the LCSD consider coordinating with elderly centres to encourage the elderly to use the sports and recreation facilities during non-peak hours for a better utilisation of the venues. With the LCSD’s experience in tree management, he hoped the LCSD could provide advice to other departments such as Highways Department

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and Architectural Services Department on tree management and planting so as to enhance greening work in the community. He also pointed out that the playground facilities in Greig Road Sitting-out Area, which had been in use for years, were well-received by children. He hoped the LCSD would upgrade the facilities.

- (m) Mr Howard CHEUNG reiterated that EDC had strived for an additional swimming pool in Eastern District for some time. LCSD responded that the existing three swimming complexes in the Eastern District were already in line with the standard of provision of the two swimming complexes within the district under the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG), though the LCSD would still study the proposal of providing another swimming pool. The HKPSG standards, the district population, public demand for sports and recreation facilities, utilisation of the facilities and the overall views of EDC, as well as, the consensus on the site of the swimming pool complex, etc would be considered as a whole. Among others, the EDC had suggested the provision of a swimming pool in the sports centre in Aldrich Bay. Nonetheless, there was not much progress made so far. He hoped that the feasibility study for the sports centre could be carried out as soon as possible. Separately, he relayed that members of public had reflected views for the LCSD staff to improve the efficiency in following up facility issues such as damaged table tennis nets in Quarry Bay Municipal Services Building.
- (n) Mr CHUI Chi-kin said that under the Pleasure Grounds Regulation, LCSD could take enforcement action against tortoise stealing from pools under its management. He enquired whether the LCSD had taken any prosecution action in the past three years and whether measures had been taken to prevent similar cases. He suggested the LCSD extend the weekly opening hours of the small library in Siu Sai Wan to facilitate the public to borrow books. He further expressed concern about noise pollution caused by people gathering in parks at night and enquired any improvement measures taken by LCSD. Besides, owing to soil erosion, sinking of soil occurred near some trees planted by the LCSD which made pedestrians trip over easily. He hoped the LCSD would make improvement. He also proposed installing public lockers in beaches under LCSD's purview.
- (o) Mr HUNG Lin-cham said that one of the objectives of the LCSD was to provide quality leisure and cultural services. He opined that the attainment of the objective required the support of both software and hardware. He hoped that LCSD could take forward various suggested improvement measures relating to the complexes in Eastern District. As a whole, for the Government to promote wider participation in leisure, cultural and recreation activities, apart from strengthening the hardware, the Government should also create room to encourage public participation. For example, the Government aimed to encourage the public to do more exercises. Nonetheless, the promotion or development of the elite sports training programmes was not sufficient. He hoped the Government would step up promotional efforts. He also commended the work of LCSD staff.

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- (p) Mr LAM Sum-lim said that there were inadequate cultural and recreation facilities such as swimming pools, indoor sports centres, etc. in the district. He opined that the HKPSG had not kept up with times and hoped the Government would review the relevant standards and introduce more cultural and recreation facilities in the district. In addition, with the aging population, he hoped that the LCSD would provide more recreation and sports facilities to address the increasing demand for such facilities. He also expressed concern over the progress of the sports centre and open space at Aldrich Bay and urged the LCSD to commence the project as soon as possible to avoid wasting land resources. As regards self-service library station, he believed that the LCSD would conduct a review at a later stage. He suggested the LCSD consider introducing the trial services at existing mobile libraries sites in the second phase.
- (q) Mr Eddie TING commended the LCSD staff for their work. He strongly opposed to the rezoning of Quarry Bay Park for constructing cooperative buildings as recently advocated by a group. In addition, he had been striving for the construction of a swimming pool in Quarry Bay for years but the LCSD responded that the relevant facilities in Eastern District had met the HKPSG. He hoped the LCSD would follow the example of the development project of the sports centre and open space at Aldrich Bay and consider the construction of a swimming pool in Quarry Bay. He further expressed concern about the wooden floorboards in Quarry Bay Promenade which were damaged every two to three years and hoped the LCSD would adopt enhancement measures.
- (r) Mr Dominic WONG expressed his gratitude towards the staff of the LCSD for their prompt assistance and provision of leisure services to the public with a view to improving the quality of life for the public. He also hoped the sports centre at Aldrich Bay could be rolled out as soon as possible to offer a variety of facilities and services to the residents.
- (s) Mr WONG Kwok-hing hoped that a fitness room would be provided in Siu Sai Wan in response to the strong demand from the residents in the area. From his site visit to Chai Wan Sports Centre, he noted that the utilisation rate of the fitness room was high and there was not sufficient space. He thanked the LCSD for exploring with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) on the feasibility of his suggestion of converting some space in the storeroom next to the fitness room for setting fitness equipment and hoped the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services would assist in its implementation. If the suggestion was assessed to be infeasible, he hoped that the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services would work with the Education Bureau and relevant departments to follow up on the conversion of the long-abandoned ground-floor storeroom of the basketball court at TWGHs Lee Chi Hung Memorial Primary School into a fitness room, or provide a fitness room at Siu Sai Wan Complex Phase II which was currently under planning by the Food and Health Bureau.

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- (t) Mr KU Kwai-yiu expressed concern over the lack of fitness equipment and facilities for young people in Chai Wan Park. He suggested that other than the provision of fitness facilities for the elderly, the LCS D could consider suitable equipment to suit the needs of young people. In view of the serious rodent infestation in Chai Wan Park, he hoped the LCS D would step up anti-rodent efforts. As to the stackroom on the third floor of Yue Wan Market Building, he suggested the LCS D identify other suitable locations for re-location so as to release the areas for renting to other organisations in need.
 - (u) Ms LI Chun-chau commended the officers of the LCS D for their work. As there was a significant demand for library services within her constituency, apart from making use of her office for providing a library room for the residents, she had strived for the provision of mobile library services. However, there was a need for further improvement in the provision of mobile library services and hoped that the LCS D would make adjustment accordingly. In addition, the residents of Shan Tsui Court and other estates nearby might use the facilities at the open space at the intersection of Tai Tam Road and Chai Wan Road. Nonetheless, the facilities therein were obsolete and the utilisation rate was low. She hoped the LCS D would arrange for replacement. She also mentioned that Chai Wan North Service Reservoir Playground was well-received by the public and suggested the LCS D provide temporary toilets for the convenience of the public.
 - (v) Mr KUNG Pak-cheung opined that when the area committee held the event at the pitch of the LCS D in the afternoon, owing to noise complaints received, the participants had to lower their noise level. He hoped the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services would coordinate with the Environmental Protection Department so that the participants would fully enjoy themselves without dampening of their mood by being required to lower their voice.
 - (w) The Vice-chairman mentioned that the sports and recreation courses offered by the LCS D were well-received, but some of the elderly and members of the public said that they were unable to enrol for the courses. He hoped the LCS D would increase such courses and consider enhancing the enrolment arrangements to facilitate the elderly. On ticket scalping, he suggested the LCS D could consider adopting real-name ticketing arrangements to combat scalping activities.
 - (x) The Chairman remarked that Quarry Bay Park was a major leisure facility in Eastern District with a large number of users. He hoped the LCS D would replace park facilities from time to time, in particular the fitness facilities for the elderly. He also pointed out that trees in the park were uprooted during previous typhoons. He suggested the LCS D consider planting suitable tree species near the coast and using appropriate planting methods to enhance the wind resistance of the trees.
6. Ms Michelle LI, JP, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, thanked

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Councillors for their views and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) As for projects on public sports and recreation facilities, the Government had announced in its 2017 Policy Address that technical feasibility studies would be conducted for 15 sports and recreation facility projects, including the development of a sports centre and open space at Aldrich Bay near Tung Hei Road, Shau Kei Wan. After preliminary examination and consultation, the LCSD noted the EDC's proposal of including a sports centre and swimming pool under the relevant project to meet the needs of the district. The LCSD would actively listen to the views when taking forward the Tung Hei Road project and consult the EDC where appropriate. Noting the general concern over the progress of sports and recreation facilities, the Government of the last term had proposed the Five-Year Plan for Sports and Recreation Facilities in its Policy Address which set out clearly the development or enhancement projects to be carried out in the coming five years. When planning for the projects, apart from referring to the HKPSG, factors such as views of the residents, supply and utilisation rate of facilities in the districts, population distribution, etc. would also be taken into consideration.
- (b) On the provision of additional fitness rooms in Eastern District, the LCSD noted the general demand for fitness facilities from residents in the district as reflected by the Councillors, and would consider such suggestions when planning for the projects of sports centres and relevant facilities such as the Tung Hei Road project. As regards the fitness room in Chai Wan Sports Centre, the LCSD was actively exploring with the ArchSD on the conversion of the storeroom next to the fitness room in Chai Wan Sports Centre into a fitness room. On the other hand, the LCSD would also explore the provision of fitness facilities in Siu Sai Wan Complex Phase II. In addition, the LCSD had looked into the suggestion to provide fitness rooms in areas within North Point and Quarry Bay and at Siu Sai Wan Sports Centre. Unfortunately, owing to constraints of the centres, the LCSD was unable to identify suitable venues for the construction of fitness rooms. For instance, the suggestion to convert a storeroom at Java Road Sports Centre into a fitness room would not be proceeded as the area and ceiling height could not meet the requirements.
- (c) The LCSD would enhance the facilities in the Quarry Bay Park, which had in use for years, from time to time. Responding to the Councillor's enquiry, the LCSD had arranged for gradual replacement of the wooden floorboards in Quarry Bay Promenade, and would liaise with relevant departments for follow-up on uneven wooden floorboards found upon inspection. As to the concern over the future development of Quarry Bay Park Phase II, the LCSD would take forward the development of the site according to the long-term land use put forth by the Development Bureau (DevB) and relevant departments.
- (d) The LCSD was one of the departments responsible for tree management. Specifically, the LCSD was responsible for managing

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landscaped plants in LCSD venues and trees in landscaped areas along public roads (other than expressways). Currently, some 200 LCSD staff had received arboriculture training. Meanwhile, the LCSD actively worked with the Tree Management Office (TMO) under the DevB with a view to enhancing coordination on the general planning of trees, selecting suitable tree species for planting such as planting wind-resistant trees near coastal areas, and raising the standard of tree care and maintenance. In addition, Councillors might contact the LCSD for follow-up on cases involving soil erosion around trees.

- (e) As to the abandoning of fish and tortoises in Chai Wan Park, the LCSD would not raise fish and tortoises, etc. in the artificial ponds. Fish and tortoises found in the ponds were released or abandoned by members of the public. The LCSD had posted notices at various locations in the park to remind park visitors not to release fish and tortoises into the ponds of the park or feed them, and would contact relevant animal welfare organisations to consider receiving the abandoned tortoises. As regards rodent infestation in the park, the LCSD would step up anti-rodent efforts.
- (f) On fitness facilities, the LCSD would take forward about a hundred fitness facilities for the elderly in two years and would continue to provide more facilities for different age groups, including fitness facilities for young people.
- (g) The enhancement works of the table tennis room at Siu Sai Wan Sports Centre was completed in September 2017. The public might access various courts through the central passage of the table tennis room. The LCSD would arrange for the relocation of the table tennis in Shau Kei Wan Market if a suitable site was identified. The LCSD also planned to convert the lawn in Fu Hong Street Pet Garden into hard-surfaced ground to improve environmental hygiene.
- (h) The LCSD had been liaising with concern groups on children's play equipment and consulting them on the design and play equipment in children's playgrounds. The LCSD had adopted the winning design of the Inclusive Play Space Design Ideas Competition as a prototype to build an innovative inclusive playground in Tuen Mun Park under a pilot scheme. The playground was expected to open for public use in mid-2018. The LCSD would summarise and draw reference to the experience gained from the pilot scheme for considering whether to extend to other parks.
- (i) In order to increase the utilisation rate of sports centres, the LCSD currently implemented a concession scheme for eligible organisations, such as schools, sports associations, etc. to use designated recreation and sports facilities in the sports centres for free during non-peak hours. In addition, the elderly also enjoyed concessionary rates in using recreation and sports facilities, which aimed to encourage organisations and the public to make full use of the existing facilities.
- (j) The LCSD had upgraded its Leisure Link e-Services System by

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launching the mobile Leisure Link e-Services System (mobile LLES) in February. The LCSD also ceased the Leisure Link telephone booking service with effect from 1 April. The cessation of the telephone booking system would help prevent touting activities that involved abuses of the existing arrangement under which a hirer could confirm a booking by payment within three days if the booking was made by telephone. Members of the public might choose the other three available means, namely Internet booking service or mobile LLES, self-service kiosks, or Leisure Link booking counters, to book the department's leisure facilities or enrol in its recreation and sports programmes, which could basically meet the needs of the public, and the enrolment process after 1 April was generally smooth. In addition, the Legislative Council had in early 2018 approved funding for the implementation of enhancement works to the Leisure Link e-Services System. A new computerized system would be developed to offer an integrated one-stop electronic service platform for public enrolment in recreation and sports programmes in 18 districts.

- (k) The LCSD had consulted public opinions on the provision of library services and the facilities at the joint user complex at Lei King Road. For the opening hours of libraries, the LCSD would conduct a trial extension of opening hours to 8:00 pm on Sundays and public holidays at four public libraries (including Hong Kong Central Library, a major library, a district library and a small library) from 1 July to 1 October 2018 with a view to assessing the public demand for such extension services. As to the self-service library station rolled out on a trial basis in last December, the LCSD would monitor the operation of the library station and evaluate the effectiveness of the trial scheme.
- (l) On the Councillor's suggestion relating to Tam Kung Festival and other intangible cultural heritage activities, the LCSD would make use of pictures featuring the traditional culture when promoting the activities. The LCSD also welcomed the local community to help promote intangible cultural heritage related to Eastern District.
- (m) The Government would adopt a three-pronged approach to combat ticket scalping activities, including to discuss with the industry and to review the increase in the proportion of tickets available for public sale for the HKC and QES this year with a view to providing more tickets for public sale. The LCSD kept an open mind to the implementation of real-name ticketing arrangement. In fact, the LCSD would pilot the implementation of a ballot and real-name ticketing arrangement for an additional performance of a concert held in the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall in May 2018. The LCSD would review the effectiveness of this implementation and its impact on the arrangements for ticket sales, ticket purchase, venue admission, administration, operation, etc. and would consider carefully the views of the public, event organisers and various stakeholders, as well as the efficiency and feasibility of practical operations. The LCSD would also draw reference from the experience of the local market and other markets outside Hong Kong in the implementation of real-name ticketing arrangement to evaluate the pros and cons of different

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ticketing models, and to work out feasible ticketing arrangements which would suit the circumstances of respective events in discussion with the event organisers. Besides the above measures, the Government would also study the feasibility of regulating the sale of tickets for LCSD venues through legislative amendment.

7. The Chairman thanked Ms Michelle LI, JP, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services and her colleagues for attending the meeting. He also invited them to note Councillors' views.

III. Eastern District Office 2018/19 Work Plan (EDC Paper No. 26/18)

8. District Officer (Eastern) briefed the meeting on Paper No. 26/18.
9. Mr Andrew CHIU suggested the adoption of more flexible allocation of resources when coordinating the relevant departments in improving the cleanliness of public places and cityscape with a view to better focusing on environmental hygiene issues of specific concern within the district. In addition, he hoped the Eastern District Office (EDO) would consider promoting the participation of young people at district level when implementing youth network development programmes of the Eastern District Youth Leadership Training Programme and "The E-League" programme.
10. Councillors noted the work plan for this year.

IV. Discussion on the 2018-19 Budget

11. The Chairman said that the 2018-19 Budget announced on 28 February had been sent to Councillors.
12. 5 Councillors expressed their views and raised enquiries as summarised below:
 - (a) Mr KU Kwai-yiu said that notwithstanding the massive fiscal surplus recorded, the Budget failed to cater for the public need. Although the Government had introduced the HK\$4,000 handout given the society outcry, the handout was limited to eligible persons. This not only created social division. The complicated application and vetting procedures would inevitably cause inconvenience to citizens, especially the elderly.
 - (b) Mr CHENG Tat-hung believed that the public were dissatisfied with the Budget. The Government had not made the best use of the surplus to address social problem, in particular, there was no long-term commitment on universal retirement protection, resources invested in medical care and education merely reached the level of several years ago. The cash handout was merely a one-off measure which could not benefit all citizens and incurred a huge sum of administrative fees over HK\$300 million. Although HK\$8 billion was reserved for all 18

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districts in Hong Kong in the Budget to address public demand for more district facilities, he believed that the Government should consider delegating the power to District Councils (DCs) in the long run so that the DCs could fulfill their proper roles.

- (c) Mr CHUI Chi-kin pointed out that the grassroots could not benefit from the Budget. The arrangement to distribute HK\$4,000 was confined by various constraints and failed to demonstrate the willingness of the Government to share the fruits of economic development with the community. In addition, units under the Green Form Subsidized Home Ownership Scheme (GSH) were included into the supply of public rental housing (PRH) units, but the Government had not provided the proportion of GSH units in the Budget. He opined that the Government should provide detailed information.
- (d) Mr Andrew CHIU said that he did not support aimless cash handouts but admitted that with such massive fiscal surplus recorded, the society could not help but expect the Government to roll out measures to share the fruits of economic development with the public. Nonetheless, the existing arrangement to distribute HK\$4,000 involved substantial administrative fees and generated public dissatisfaction. He believed the Government should consider simplifying the related procedures. Moreover, despite the proposed allocation of additional resources to develop innovative technology in the Budget, flexible policies and innovative ideas were lacking. He hoped the Government could coordinate and strengthen relevant supporting measures to facilitate the development of innovative technology in Hong Kong in the long run.
- (e) Mr MAK Tak-ching opined that while the buoyant fiscal reserves of the Government should allow for long-term welfare planning, including the establishment of universal retirement protection system, the welfare initiatives in the Budget failed to respond to the needs of the society. He was of the view that the Government persisted to adopt its philosophy in financial management. He also pointed out that despite the HK\$8 billion reserved in the Budget to facilitate the establishment of district facilities, the construction of the joint user complex at Lei King Road, which was a project already in the pipeline, was not a new measure to benefit the public.

13. The Chairman concluded that the Secretariat would send Councillors' views about the Budget to the Financial Secretary's Office.

V. Information Items

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

14. The Chairman reported that the discussion items of the regular meeting held in April 2018 had been set out in the report of the Chairman/Vice-chairman in detail for Councillors' information. The regular meeting for May 2018 was scheduled on 17 May. Councillors might forward their enquiries or views to the Chairman or Vice-chairman for relaying at the regular meeting in May.

VI. 2018 Eastern District Cultural Festival
(EDC Paper No. 27/18)

15. The Secretary briefed the meeting on Paper No. 27/18.
16. Mr YEUNG Sze-chun enquired whether the scope of 2018 Eastern District Cultural Festival would cover projects involving more student participation such as speech and debate contests, etc. The Chairman responded that the Cultural Festival aimed to promote a variety of arts and cultural events and activities for people of various age groups in the district with a view to enhancing public appreciation in arts and culture. Interested organisations should demonstrate the arts and cultural elements in their submitted proposals for vetting and approval by the organising committee.
17. After discussion, Councillors endorsed the organisation of the 2018 Eastern District Cultural Festival and the establishment of an organising committee directly under the EDC to undertake the preparation work.

VII. Discussion of the Appropriation of the Eastern District Council Funds for 2018/19
(EDC Paper No. 28/18)

18. The Chairman asked Councillors to declare their interests.
19. The Chairman declared that he was the Honorary Advisor of the Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association Limited and a Member of the Hong Shing Area Committee. He invited the Vice-chairman to make a ruling. The Vice-chairman ruled that as the Chairman held nominal positions in these organisations and was a member of the Hong Shing Area Committee, under tier 1 arrangement of the declaration of interests, the Chairman could take part in the discussion and decision-making of the appropriation, and continue to chair the meeting.
20. Councillors in attendance declared their interests as follows:

Name of Councillor	Interests in the Relevant Organisations
WONG Kin-pan	Honorary Advisor, Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association Limited
	Member, Hong Shing Area Committee
CHIU Chi-keung	Member, Aldrich Area Committee
Howard CHEUNG	Member, Eastern District Fight Crime Committee
	Member, Hong Shing Area Committee
Andrew CHIU	Member, Eastern District Fight Crime Committee
	Member, Hong Shing Area Committee
CHUI Chi-kin	Member, Yee Wan Area Committee
HUI Ching-on	Member, North Point West Area Committee
	Permanent Member, Eastern District

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Name of Councillor	Interests in the Relevant Organisations
	Federation of Multi-storey Building Organisations
HUI Lam-hing	Member, Aldrich Area Committee
HUNG Lin-cham	Honorary Advisor, Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association Limited
	Member, North Point West Area Committee
	Member, Eastern District Fight Crime Committee
KU Kwai-yiu	Honorary Advisor, Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association Limited
	Member, Wan Tai Area Committee
KUNG Pak-cheung	Honorary Advisor, Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association Limited
	Chairman, Wan Tai Area Committee
Joseph LAI	Honorary Advisor, Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association Limited
	Member, Wan Tai Area Committee
George LAM	Member, Eastern District Fire Safety Committee
	Member, Aldrich Area Committee
LAM Sum-lim	Honorary Advisor, Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association Limited
	Member, Aldrich Area Committee
	Member, Eastern District Youth Programme Committee
	Honorary Advisor, Ming Wah Yin Ngai Society
	Member, Eastern District Fire Safety Committee and its Publicity Working Group
LAU Hing-yeung	Member, Wan Tai Area Committee
	Member, Eastern District Fire Safety Committee
LEE Chun-keung	Member, Yee Wan Area Committee
	Member, Eastern District Fight Crime Committee
	Member, Eastern District Fire Safety Committee
Patrick LEUNG	Member, Hong Shing Area Committee
	Member, Eastern District Fight Crime Committee
Bonnie LEUNG	Honorary Advisor, Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association Limited
	Member, Hong Shing Area Committee
LI Chun-chau	Member, Wan Tai Area Committee
	Member, Eastern District Fight Crime Committee
Frankie LO	Advisor, Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association Limited
	Member, Eastern District Arts Council Limited
	Vice-chairman, North Point West Area

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Name of Councillor	Interests in the Relevant Organisations
	Committee
MAK Tak-ching	Honorary Advisor, Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association Limited Member, Aldrich Area Committee
NGAN Chun-lim	Member, Aldrich Area Committee
Eddie TING	Member, North Point East Area Committee EDC Representative, Eastern District School Liaison Committee Honorary Advisor, Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association Limited
Dominic WONG	Honorary Advisor, Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association Limited Member, Aldrich Area Committee Member, Eastern District Youth Programme Committee
Patrick WONG	Member, Hong Shing Area Committee
YEUNG Sze-chun	Member, Aldrich Area Committee

21. The Chairman ruled that as the declarations made by other Councillors involved nominal positions in the relevant organisations or membership in the area committees/committees established by the EDO, they could take part in the discussion and decision-making of the appropriation under tier 1 arrangement of the declaration of interests.

22. After discussion, Councillors endorsed the paper and the proposed appropriation of funds for 2018/19.

VIII. Report on the Third Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee

(EDC Paper No. 29/18)

23. Councillors noted the above report and endorsed the funding allocation under items V, VI and VII in the paper.

IX. Report on the Second Meeting of Culture, Leisure, Community Building and Services Committee

(EDC Paper No. 30/18)

24. Councillors noted the above report.

X. Reports on the Second and the Third Meeting of Traffic and Transport Committee

(EDC Paper Nos. 31/18 and 32/18)

25. Councillors noted the above reports.

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XI. Report on the Third Meeting of Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee

(EDC Paper No. 33/18)

26. Councillors noted the above report.

XII. Reports on the Second and the Third Meeting of the Planning, Works and Housing Committee

(EDC Paper Nos. 34/18 and 35/18)

27. Councillors noted the above reports.

XIII. Reports on the Second Meeting of Vetting Committee

(EDC Paper No. 36/18)

28. Councillors noted the above report.

XIV. Report on the Third Meeting of Task Group on Festival Celebrations

(EDC Paper No. 37/18)

29. Councillors noted the report of the task group.

XV. Report on the Second Meeting of Task Group on Publicity about the Work of Eastern District Council

(EDC Paper No. 38/18)

30. Councillors noted the report of the task group.

XVI. Reports on the 224th and 225th Meeting of the Eastern District Management Committee

(EDC Paper Nos. 39/18 and 40/18)

31. Councillors noted the above reports.

XVII. Any Other Business

(A) **HK Territory-wide Youths Painting Day 2018**

32. The Secretary briefed the meeting on the tabled document. Young Artists Development Foundation, the event organiser of HK Territory-wide Youths Painting Day 2018, sent an invitation letter to enlist EDC's support for the aforementioned event, and applied for displaying the emblem of the EDC on the flag of Eastern District at the flag presentation ceremony for 18 districts.

33. Councillors agreed to support the event and allow the organiser to display the emblem of the EDC on relevant materials.

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(B) Repair Works for EDC Conference Room

34. 2 Councillors expressed their views and raised enquiries as summarised below:

- (a) Mr KU Kwai-yiu enquired about the repair works relating to the ceiling of the public gallery at EDC conference room.
- (b) Mr Andrew CHIU hoped the relevant works would be completed as soon as possible to avoid affecting the number of seats at the public gallery provided for the public.

35. The Secretary responded that repair works mainly included examining the spalling concrete on the ceiling and replacing the dilapidated false ceiling(s) and light tube(s). The relevant department(s) estimated that the works could be completed by May. Moreover, the repair works would not affect the quota for the public observing the EDC meetings at the public gallery. According to established arrangement, 17 quotas at the public gallery were made available for the public.

(C) Legal Issues Arising from the Decision of the Returning Officer for the 2018 Legislative Council By-Election (Hong Kong Island Geographical Constituency) to Invalidate the Nomination of a Potential Candidate

36. 10 Councillors expressed their views and raised enquiries as summarised below:

- (a) Mr Andrew CHIU said that 10 Councillors, including him, had submitted a paper titled “Discussion on the Legal Issues Arising from the Decision of the Returning Officer for the 2018 Legislative Council By-Election (Hong Kong Island) to Invalidate the Nomination of a Potential Candidate” on 4 April 2018 for discussion at this meeting. The Chairman later wrote to all District Councillors that in accordance with the reply from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB), the proposed agenda item was related to a judicial review relating to the Legislative Council By-election 2018. With the legal proceedings in progress, it was considered that the related issue would not be discussed at EDC meeting for the time being. Mr Andrew CHIU said that to his understanding, the person concerned had decided against appeal and the potential candidate involved had not yet lodged any election petitions and/or judicial review applications. The 10 Councillors, including him, disagreed with the ruling of the Chairman. Furthermore, during the Mong Kok riot in 2016, the EDC Chairman had allowed the discussion of a paper titled “Strong Condemnation of Violent Acts and request for Severe Punishment to Rioters” submitted in February 2016 at EDC meeting held on 1 March 2016, the Chairman himself was also one of the co-signers of the paper. According to his information, the Police had prosecuted arrested protesters for rioting and unlawful assembly since 12 February 2016 and call-over hearings had been conducted in Magistrates’ Court. The relevant legal proceedings had hence been initiated and conducted

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before the EDC meeting. Nevertheless, the Chairman agreed to discuss the issue at the EDC meeting. In view of the above, he and the other Councillors expressed strong discontent with the inconsistent rulings of the Chairman. They were of the view that it was inappropriate and improper for the Chairman not to allow discussion of the paper, which also signified a debasement of EDC. They hoped the Chairman would address the issue in a fair and impartial manner.

- (b) Mr Patrick WONG believed that the CMAB was clearly using legal proceedings as a shield. He was of the view that the Chairman should not reject the discussion on the proposed issue on the basis of the reply from the CMAB. He and the other Councillors were discontented with the decision of the Chairman. He also believed that the issue should be addressed as soon as possible since one-odd month had passed and the issue had drawn much attention from the society. Although the Chairman claimed to consider the issue for inclusion in discussion in due course at coming meeting subject to future development, Mr Patrick WONG was of the view that if the potential candidate concerned had not lodged an election petition, the Chairman should proactively initiate the discussion on the proposed issue at the next meeting.
- (c) Mr NGAN Chun-lim fully supported the Chairman to take into consideration the CMAB's response and the handling of the case.
- (d) Mr MAK Tak-ching opined that unlike the case of Mong Kok riot, the recent response of the CMAB appeared to aim for avoiding discussion on the issue. He enquired the appropriate schedule for discussing the issue, the criteria for the Chairman to initiate the discussion and whether the issue would be further put off.
- (e) Ms Bonnie LEUNG enquired whether the EDC Chairman had considered the reasonableness of the justifications of the CMAB. She added that since the potential candidate concerned had not lodged an election petition, the justifications raised by the CMAB were invalid. She hoped that the Chairman would exercise judgement and request for the CMAB to send representatives to attend the coming EDC meeting to respond to the issue.
- (f) Mr CHUI Chi-kin said that District Councillors were elected by the public and were responsible for monitoring the Government. He questioned that if there was a doubt to the responses of the Government and the CMAB, whether the DC should still follow suit. He questioned whether a paper would be withdrawn if the Government failed to attend the meeting as requested in the paper. He opined that the EDC needed not follow the opinions of the Government in making decisions.
- (g) Mr Eddie TING said that the Chairman's ruling was not to reject the discussion of the relevant matter but to discuss the issue at an appropriate time. The ruling of the Chairman was made on the basis of the response by the CMAB in the light of the development of the

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matter. He was of the view that the discussion of the matter could be explored at an opportune time.

- (h) Mr LAM Sum-lim remarked that the period for lodging an election petition by the potential candidate concerned had not yet expired. The Chairman did not reject the discussion of the relevant matter. He concurred that discussion on the issue should be considered in the light of subsequent development after the expiry of the petition period.
- (i) Mr Howard CHEUNG pointed out that the CMAB had responded in its reply that it would not comment on individual cases as legal proceedings had commenced. He was of the view that the Chairman should not consider it not timely to discuss the issue at EDC meeting at this stage based on the above. He considered the decision was inappropriate and hoped the Chairman would take back his decision.
- (j) The Vice-chairman opined that the decision of the Chairman was appropriate. According to the response of the CMAB, the relevant persons could lodge an election petition under the law. Since the petition period had not yet expired, the matter should be considered, taking into account the situation afterwards.

37. The Chairman noted the views of Councillors and responded that according to the written reply by the CMAB dated 13 April, the proposed agenda item was related to a judicial review relating to the Legislative Council By-election 2018. The legal proceedings were still ongoing when he wrote to all Councillors. While it was subsequently noted that the High Court had dismissed the appeal upon request by the petitioner on 19 April, the candidate had also publicly announced a likelihood to lodge election petitions against the results of Legislative Council By-election 2018. According to the response by the CMAB, the person concerned could lodge an election petition for resolution of the electoral dispute. In view of the above, it was considered that the issue would not be discussed at the EDC meeting at this stage. The matter of whether to include the issue for discussion would be further considered in the light of the development afterwards.

XVIII. Date of the Next Meeting

38. The meeting ended at 5:00 pm. The 14th EDC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 3 July 2018 (Tuesday).

Eastern District Council Secretariat
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