

Draft Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Eastern District Council

Date : 3 July 2018 (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	2:30	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 LAM Sum-lim	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LAM Kei-tung, George	3:00	4:00
Mr SHIU Ka-fai	2:30	end of meeting
Mr CHUI Chi-kin	2:36	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	2:30	end of meeting
Mr HUI Lam-hing	2:30	end of meeting
Mr HUI Ching-on	2:30	3:00
Mr KWOK Wai-keung, Aron, JP	2:45	3:20
Mr MAK Tak-ching	2:38	end of meeting
Ms CHIK Kit-ling, Elaine	2:30	end of meeting
Mr WONG Kin-pan, BBS, MH, JP (Chairman)	2:30	end of meeting
Mr YEUNG Sze-chun	2:30	end of meeting
Dr CHIU Ka-yin, Andrew	2:30	end of meeting
Ms CHOY So-yuk, BBS, JP	2:30	end of meeting
Mr CHENG Chi-sing	2:30	end of meeting
Mr CHENG Tat-hung	2:35	end of meeting
Mr LAI Chi-keong, Joseph	2:30	end of meeting
Mr NGAN Chun-lim, MH	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LO Wing-kwan, Frankie, MH	2:30	end of meeting
Mr KUNG Pak-cheung, BBS, MH	2:30	end of meeting

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Absent with Apologies

Mr WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH
Mr LEE Chun-keung
Mr HUNG Lin-cham, MH
Mr WONG Kin-hing
Mr CHIU Chi-keung, BBS (Vice-chairman) (absent with consent)
Mr LAU Hing-yeung

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Miss NGAI Lai-ying, Angora	Acting District Officer (Eastern), 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 WONG Sze-man, Queenie	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Eastern District Office
Ms KONG Kei-kei, Hayley	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Eastern District Office

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

Mr TONG Ka-hung, Edwin, JP	Director of Drainage Services, Drainage Services Department
Ms TSANG Wai-wah, Susanna	Acting Chief Engineer/ Hong Kong and Islands, Drainage Services Department

Secretary

Miss WAH Pui-yee, 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 Mr Edwin TONG, JP, Director of Drainage Services and Ms Susanna TSANG, Acting Chief Engineer/ Hong Kong and Islands of the Drainage Services Department (DSD). He also extended his welcome to Miss Rose CHAN, Senior Housing Manager (Hong Kong Island and Islands 1) of the Housing Department (HD) 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 Thirteenth Eastern District Council Meeting

3. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

II. Director of Drainage Services to Meet Eastern District Council Members (EDC Paper No. 45/18)

4. Mr Edwin TONG, JP, Director of Drainage Services, briefed Councillors on the work of the DSD.

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5. 20 Councillors expressed their views and enquiries as summarised below:
- (a) Mr Frankie LO pointed out that the neighbouring areas along King's Road and Fortress Hill Road in Fortress Hill were susceptible to flooding during rainstorms, but the drainage system in the area failed to discharge stormflow in a swift manner. Also, waste water often accumulated in the drains at Comfort Terrace Rest Garden, and the drain covers could not fully trap foul odour. He also expressed concern about the previous burst of the water main off Comfort Gardens. The drains in the vicinity had failed to drain away water effectively due to blockage, which led to flooding in the area of King's Road and Wing Hing Street. He hoped the DSD would follow up the relevant issues and make improvements.
 - (b) Mr CHENG Chi-sing said that during heavy rainstorms, storm water rushed down the hill along Pak Fuk Road and flowed into Healthy Street West, Tsat Tsz Mui Road and King's Road as if pouring down from a waterfall. He voiced concern over the design and water discharge capacity of the gullies within Pun U Association Wah Yan Primary School and North Point Methodist Primary School in the vicinity and hoped that the DSD would provide assistance and follow up the issue. In addition, he mentioned that storm water rushed down into the basketball court at Pak Fuk Road rapidly. Although he had asked the DSD on several occasions to widen the drains on Pak Fuk Road to drain away storm water, the situation showed no improvement.
 - (c) Mr Andrew CHIU expressed concern about the drainage system in the district and pointed out that the EDC had repeatedly urged the DSD to alleviate the flooding problem in various locations in the district during heavy rainstorms. He asked the DSD whether it was possible to install equipment in the stormwater drainage system or drainage pipes to detect storm water and sewage discharge, so that the DSD could arrange staff to conduct follow-up inspections when anomalies occurred to ensure early detection of water leakage and reduce the occurrence of flooding. He also expressed concern that some of the private roads near Taikoo Shing were returned to the Government for management and enquired about the arrangements for the repair and maintenance of the private drains connected to the public ones.
 - (d) Mr MAK Tak-ching said that the DSD had proposed a number of drainage improvement works to meet extreme weather conditions, among which improvement works would be conducted on Nam Hong Street having regard to the road damages previously caused by strong water currents. He also commented that there were similar situations in Hoi Lee Street, Sai Wan Ho, where stormwater runoff posed a danger to pedestrians. Several flooding incidents also occurred at Shing On Street. He urged the DSD to carry out drainage improvement works as soon as possible and enquired about the schedule for relevant works.

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- (e) Mr HUI Lam-hing voiced concern over the clearance of blocked drains and remarked that due to the unclear delineation of responsibility between the DSD and the Highways Department (HyD), both departments had to be notified to fully resolve the problem of drainage blockage. He hoped the DSD would step up coordination and improve the arrangements.
- (f) Mr LAM Sum-lim pointed out that Shau Kei Wan Main Street East experienced not only serious floodings during rainstorms, but also minor floodings even though the rain was not heavy. He was particularly concerned about whether measures would be taken to prevent flooding when improvement works were to be conducted by the DSD later in the area. He also enquired whether the Government would establish an inter-departmental team to coordinate the efforts of relevant departments in arranging frontline staff to remove the debris accumulated near the drains before and after rainy seasons or typhoons, and deploy frontline staff to deal with flooding incidents in various areas quickly during heavy rainstorms.
- (g) Mr CHUI Chi-kin said that drainage blockage and flooding often occurred at Chai Wan Road Roundabout and hoped the DSD would make improvements as soon as possible. In addition, the design capacity of the sewage treatment works in Chai Wan was 65 600 cubic metres per day on average. He enquired whether the volume of sewage treated per day had reached the maximum capacity and whether the sewage treatment works would be expanded. He commended the DSD for setting up photovoltaic power generation facilities at the Siu Ho Wan Sewage Treatment Works and enquired whether the DSD would introduce the relevant facilities to other sewage treatment works.
- (h) Mr Howard CHEUNG said that although improvement works had been conducted to the gullies and drainage outfalls near Quarry Bay Municipal Services Building, leaves and silt might be washed down from the hill into the drains during rainfalls. He hoped the DSD would step up coordination with departments concerned to expedite the removal of silt and leaves to prevent flooding. Besides, he enquired whether the DSD had any fall-back options when replacing the ageing pipes, such as using other pipes, to facilitate sewage treatment during the works period.
- (i) Mr Patrick LEUNG opined that the water quality of the harbour had improved after the implementation of the current stage of Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS) and enquired about the appropriate time for the DSD to consider the provision of additional sewage treatment facilities or the implementation of the next stage of HATS to maintain water quality. He also enquired whether the DSD had a maintenance mechanism in place to maintain proper performance of relevant facilities. In addition, the Legislative Council had endorsed the stormwater drains rehabilitation project, which covered Kornhill Road and other locations with heavy traffic. He enquired whether the

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DSD would step up coordination efforts in the area during the rehabilitation to minimise the impact on surrounding traffic.

- (j) Ms Bonnie LEUNG thanked the DSD for giving advice on the drainage improvement works in housing estates in her constituency after serious flooding incidents. She remarked that currently the Drainage Improvement Works in Eastern District focused on the improvements to major roads. Nevertheless, she believed that the drainage systems in housing estates were equally important and she hoped the DSD would consider the issues in a holistic manner. Moreover, she hoped the Government would manage the drainage systems on slopes under its purview properly, for example, by installing additional gullies, to mitigate the impact of rainfall on downstream areas.
- (k) Mr Eddie TING noted that the DSD had prioritised the works associated with flood prevention and stormwater drainage system and put forward short-term, medium-term and long-term measures. It had also conducted the Stormwater Drainage Master Plan Study in Northern Hong Kong Island. He believed that flood prevention efforts required inter-departmental collaboration. For instance, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and other departments concerned should remove rubbish from drains before the onset of the rainy season to prevent clogs.
- (l) Mr Dominic WONG expressed concern about the drainage design of drains and suggested the DSD formulate improvement plans to reduce the amount of waste and debris accumulated at the drainage outfalls. He also opined that the road surface of Nam Hong Street near Shau Kei Wan Road was again severely damaged due to heavy rains in 2017. Although the DSD had promised to address the issue in 2016, the issue recurred. He hoped the DSD would give an account of the improvement measures to ensure that a similar occurrence would not happen again so as to secure the safety of motorists and pedestrians.
- (m) Mr KU Kwai-yiu pointed out that consecutive rainstorms had caused flooding in various locations in Chai Wan, especially near the zebra crossing at Wing Tai Road, which affected the pedestrians crossing the road. He was concerned that many drains on Chai Wan Road were unable to carry storm water away effectively and hoped the DSD could step up efforts to clear drains before the onset of the rainy season. He hoped the FEHD would supervise frontline staff in removing rubbish properly to prevent blockage of drains. He also urged the DSD and other departments concerned to step up efforts in clearing twigs and rubbish accumulated in the stormwater collection system at Fei Tsui Road.
- (n) Mr Stanley HO indicated that although an underground car park in Heng Fa Chuen had seriously been flooded due to typhoons, the Government had yet to propose any solutions so far. He also enquired why Heng Fa Chuen was not included in the Drainage Improvement Works in Eastern District. As Shing Tai Road had

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suffered from serious flooding when the amber rainstorm warning signal was hoisted, he hoped the DSD would improve the conditions of major roads and at the same time address the situation of other locations to prevent flooding during the rainy season.

- (o) Ms LI Chun-chau commended the officers of the DSD for their hard work. Meanwhile, she urged the DSD to step up inter-departmental coordination in view of various flooding incidents during heavy rains. She remarked that it was difficult for general public to know whether the clearance of blockages in drains fell within the scope of the HyD, the FEHD or the DSD, which led to delays in drain-clearing exercises. She used the situation at Chai Wan Road Roundabout as an example to illustrate that flooding was attributed to both the flood relieving capacity downstream and the effective discharge of storm water upstream. Therefore, she hoped the DSD would step up coordination efforts with relevant departments to alleviate the flooding problem.
- (p) Ms Elaine CHIK stated that small paths in Siu Sai Wan had suffered from severe flooding incidents even though the rain was not heavy. Drains in housing estates had been cleared for several times but to little avail, and it was later discovered that the problem involved the blockage of underground main drains. Therefore, she hoped the DSD would strengthen inter-departmental cooperation to resolve the problem.
- (q) Mr CHENG Tat-hung mentioned the emission of foul odour from the North Point harbourfront and asked the DSD to explain whether it was caused by the sewage treatment works. He also found that the sewage pipes or drainage pipes in North Point and Fortress Hill burst frequently, and enquired whether the DSD would install water pressure testers on pipes for early detection of anomalies in this regard. In addition, as the greening works for the sewage treatment works at North Point had been completed, he enquired whether the DSD would open up the facilities for public visit. He showed concern about whether the DSD had any plans to relocate the sewage treatment works. He also suggested the DSD compile a simplified information pack on departments responsible for handling clogged drains for the convenience of the public and expressed concern about the drainage issues of the new property development project on the side of Tin Chiu Street after its completion.
- (r) Mr NGAN Chun-lim voiced concern over the problem of seawater pollution at Aldrich Bay Typhoon Shelter. Apart from restaurants that had wrongly connected the sewers to pollute the typhoon shelter, some contractors had wrongly discharged construction wastewater into stormwater drains, resulting in the discharge of wastewater into the typhoon shelter. He urged the DSD to strengthen regulatory measures to avoid polluting seawater in typhoon shelters.
- (s) Mr Joseph LAI said that there had been serious floodings at Fei Tsui Road Roundabout and thanked the DSD staff for their hard work in clearing the drains. Nevertheless, as some of the drains were clogged

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by mud, he hoped the DSD would introduce new technologies for clearing. In order to facilitate the discharge of storm water at upstream areas such as Mount Parker and to mitigate the overflow of storm water in catchment areas, he hoped the DSD would foster communication with other departments such as the Water Supplies Department (WSD) and the FEHD, and suggested the DSD widen the drains at the catchment area at Fei Tsui Road.

- (t) The Chairman expressed concern about storm water rushing down from the upstream area of Mount Parker to the low-lying areas in Quarry Bay during heavy rainstorms and hoped the DSD would fully implement improvement plans to prevent flooding. He also suggested the DSD improve roadside drains in low-lying areas in Quarry Bay by widening the drains or turning the drains into culverts to avoid blockage of drains caused by twigs washed down from the hill.

6. Mr Edwin TONG, JP, Director of Drainage Services, thanked Councillors for their views and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) As regards flood prevention, the DSD had been attentive to the problem of flooding in various districts, including Eastern District of Hong Kong Island, and would step up efforts to monitor and clear the stormwater drainage systems within the district. The DSD would participate in inter-departmental meetings on a periodic basis, and discuss with relevant departments, such as the WSD, HyD and the FEHD, the implementation of flood precautions in various districts before the onset of the rainy season. Apart from regular inspections and clearance of stormwater drainage systems, the DSD would step up inspection and clearance of trunk drains and water inlets, especially those at flooding blackspots, before and after typhoons, to ensure that the drains were free from blockage. In addition, in times of inclement weather, the DSD would deploy response teams to stand by at locations that were more susceptible to flooding, to facilitate prompt inspection and clearance of drainage blockages to reduce the risk of flooding. As regards drainage blockage, the DSD was mainly responsible for the clearance and maintenance of trunk drains; whereas the HyD was responsible for the clearance of blocked roadside gullies and branch sewers and the FEHD the disposal of rubbish. The departments concerned would coordinate their efforts and cooperate with each other. If flooding occurred due to blockage caused by large refuse or emergencies, the emergency teams of the DSD would address the issues immediately. Also, members of the public might call the 24-hour hotline (2300 1110) set up by the DSD for matters related to drainage blockage, the DSD would then coordinate with relevant departments for follow-up actions. The DSD also noted Councillor's suggestion to provide a simplified information pack for the public and would give it due consideration.
- (b) As regards Councillors' concern over the point that the drainage improvement works under the Drainage Master Plan would merely

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focus on major roads, the DSD was carrying out the Stormwater Drainage Master Plan Study in Northern Hong Kong Island with an aim to conduct a comprehensive review on the flood relieving capacity of the existing stormwater drainage systems, including those within Eastern District, and to look into improvement measures, and locations of Councillors' concern would be taken into consideration in the study.

- (c) As regards Councillors' suggestion of adopting a system similar to the Water Intelligent Network established by the WSD to install monitoring equipment and sensors within the network for the collection of data on water pressure and the inspection of pipe leakage and damage, the DSD considered it inappropriate because among the drains managed by the DSD which spanned over 4 000 kilometres, only about 100 odd kilometres of drains belonged to pressurised pipes. Currently, the DSD mainly used closed-circuit television (CCTV) to monitor the drainage system and would conduct regular inspection of drains. The DSD would arrange for replacements or rehabilitation works in various districts as appropriate according to inspection results, complaint records and other information. Apart from CCTV, the DSD would also make reference to overseas experience and consider the introduction of new technologies to monitor changes in water level and temperature to detect pipe leakage.
- (d) As regards the overflow of some drainage facilities, such as the drainage sump on the slope behind Quarry Bay Municipal Services Building, as mentioned by Councillors, the DSD had followed up the issue with relevant departments and formulated improvement measures to reduce the risk of flooding caused by surface runoffs. In addition, the DSD would optimise the design of covers for culverts on Nam Hong Street to prevent storm water from overflowing from the underground box culverts, and it was estimated that the relevant works would commence by the end of the year. In light of the situation at Shau Kei Wan Main Street East and Chai Wan Road Roundabout, the DSD would continue to collaborate with relevant departments to step up inspection of stormwater drains in the areas with an aim to ensure that the drainage systems were in normal operation. As regards the improvement works at Shau Kei Wan Main Street East and other locations of the area, the DSD would liaise and communicate with various departments before commencing the works to minimise the impact during such period.
- (e) As regards the situation at private housing estates such as Heng Fa Chuen, as private lots and private properties were involved, the DSD had provided advice to the property management company concerned, including the installation of automatic stop-logs at the entrances of car parks to prevent flooding in car parks due to backflow of sea water. In addition, the DSD could provide professional opinions to owners who were responsible for maintaining the sewers and stormwater drains on private roads. Councillors might get in touch with the DSD for advice on relevant matters.

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- (f) The DSD placed great emphasis on sewage treatment. Apart from implementing measures at sewage treatment works to alleviate the odour problem, the DSD also paid close attention to the problem of foul odour emitted from drains inshore. As regards two cases of wrong discharge of waste water into stormwater drains in Shau Kei Wan and Aldrich Bay, the Environmental Protection Department had collaborated with the DSD for follow-up actions. Since the completion of construction of Stage 1 of the HATS and the commissioning of relevant facilities, the results of water quality monitoring demonstrated continuous improvement in the water quality of Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter. As regards the rehabilitation of sewers, the DSD would ensure that temporary drain interception works would be implemented as appropriate during the works period to avoid affecting the operation of the drainage system.
- (g) HATS was a far-sighted long-term project which had already taken into consideration the increase of sewage flow, therefore, the DSD had no plan to expand the sewage treatment works at North Point in the short run. As regards the installation of photovoltaic panels, unlike Siu Ho Wan Sewage Treatment Works, the sewage treatment works in Eastern District were unable to install photovoltaic power generation facilities due to small coverage area. In addition, as regards the opening up of sewage treatment works that had completed greening works for public visit, currently the DSD had opened up major sewage treatment works, such as Shatin Sewage Treatment Works, for public visit. It was also proposed that the expansion of Shek Wu Hui Sewage Treatment Works under planning would provide space for public use.
- (h) As regards individual cases in Fortress Hill, Sai Wan Ho, North Point and other areas, the DSD would contact the Councillors concerned for follow-up actions at a later time.

7. The Chairman thanked Mr Edwin TONG, JP, Director of Drainage Services and his colleagues for attending the meeting. He also invited them to note Councillors' views.

III. Information Items

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

8. The Chairman reported that the discussion items of the previous regular meeting had been set out in the report of the Chairman/Vice-chairman in detail for Councillors' information. The regular meeting for July 2018 was scheduled on 19 July. Councillors might forward their enquiries or views to the Chairman or Vice-chairman for relaying at the regular meeting in July.

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IV. Financial Position of Eastern District Council Funds

(EDC Paper No. 46/18)

9. The Secretary briefed the meeting on Paper No. 46/18.
10. Councillors noted the financial position of the above funds.

V. Report on the Fourth Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee

(EDC Paper No. 47/18)

11. Councillors noted the above report and endorsed the funding allocation under items IV and VIII in the paper.

VI. Report on the Third Meeting of Culture, Leisure, Community Building and Services Committee

(EDC Paper No. 48/18)

12. Councillors noted the above report.

VII. Report on the Fourth Meeting of Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee

(EDC Paper No. 49/18)

13. Councillors noted the above report.

VIII. Report on the Fourth Meeting of the Planning, Works and Housing Committee

(EDC Paper No. 50/18)

14. Councillors noted the above report.

IX. Report on the Third Meeting of Vetting Committee

(EDC Paper No. 51/18)

15. Councillors noted the above report.

X. Reports on the Fourth and the Fifth Meeting of Task Group on Festival Celebrations

(EDC Paper Nos. 52/18 and 53/18)

16. Councillors noted the reports of the task group.

XI. Reports on the Third and the Fourth Meeting of Task Group on Publicity about the Work of Eastern District Council
(EDC Paper Nos. 54/18 and 55/18)

17. Councillors noted the reports of the task group.

XII. Report on the Second Meeting of Steering Group on the Signature Project of Eastern District
(EDC Paper No. 56/18)

18. Councillors noted the report of the steering group.

XIII. Report on the First Meeting of the “2018 Eastern District Cultural Festival” Organizing Committee
(EDC Paper No. 57/18)

19. Councillors noted the report of the organizing committee.

XIV. Report on the 226th Meeting of the Eastern District Management Committee
(EDC Paper No. 58/18)

20. Councillors noted the above report.

XV. Any Other Business

(A) Duty visit to Qingdao

21. The Chairman asked the Secretary to give a progress report of the duty visit. The Secretary reported that the EDC had endorsed the duty visit to Qingdao from 13 to 17 August 2018 and approved the proposed scope of visit and relevant arrangements at the meeting dated 27 March 2018. Afterwards, the Shandong Liaison Unit had facilitated the liaison with various parties and the confirmation on the itinerary. However, as the relevant authorities in Qingdao had to prepare for the convening of Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit in June earlier on, the duty visit could only be arranged after the conclusion of the summit in mid-June. Currently the Shandong Liaison Unit was actively pursuing the confirmation on relevant itinerary. It was initially learnt that the destinations for visit were generally locations listed in the paper endorsed in March, except for some locations where the relevant authorities in Qingdao were unable to arrange for visit and needed to be changed. Also, the United Front Work Department of Communist Party of China Qingdao Committee had invited the visiting EDC Councillors to attend a dinner reception. The Secretariat expected to receive further information from the Shandong Liaison Unit in early July. Upon receipt, the Secretariat would distribute the information to Councillors by circulation of papers and would invite Councillors to participate in the duty visit.

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22. The Chairman remarked that the relevant authorities in Qingdao could only confirm the itinerary of the visit later as they were preparing for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit for the time being. The Shandong Liaison Unit would follow up proactively and the Secretariat would provide further information to Councillors when available. He urged Councillors to reply as soon as possible so that the Secretariat could follow up with the travel agency.

23. Mr Andrew CHIU indicated that other district councils had expressed concern about the reception for Councillors being hosted by the United Front Work Department. He hoped that the government authority responsible for receiving visiting Councillors would be the Municipal Government of Qingdao and suggested exchanging views with officers of the Municipal Government during the dinner reception. He enquired whether alternative arrangements would be made. The Chairman noted the above view and responded that the liaison matters of the duty visit were facilitated by the Shandong Liaison Unit and the dinner reception was a courtesy arrangement. He said that Councillors could make their own decisions whether or not to attend the dinner based on individual considerations, and the travel agency could work out alternative arrangements for Councillors who would not attend the dinner reception.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat distributed the further revised visit plan to Councillors by circulation of papers on 5 July 2018 and invited Councillors to participate.)

XVI. Date of the Next Meeting

24. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm. The fifteenth EDC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 30 October 2018 (Tuesday).

Eastern District Council Secretariat
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