

## Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Eastern District Council

Date : 5 January 2016 (Tuesday)

Time : 10:00 am

Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u> <u>(am)</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u> <u>(pm)</u>
Mr TING Kong-ho, Eddie	10:00	end of meeting
Mr WONG Chi-chung, Dominic	10:00	end of meeting
Mr WONG Chung-sing, Patrick	10:00	end of meeting
Mr WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH	10:00	end of meeting
Mr KU Kwai-yiu	10:00	end of meeting
Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley	10:00	end of meeting
Ms LI Chun-chau	10:00	end of meeting
Mr LEE Chun-keung	10:00	end of meeting
Mr LAM Sum-lim	10:00	end of meeting
Mr LAM Kei-tung, George	10:00	end of meeting
Ms LAM Chui-lin, Alice, MH	10:00	end of meeting
Mr SHIU Ka-fai	10:00	end of meeting
Mr HUNG Lin-cham	10:10	end of meeting
Mr CHUI Chi-kin	10:00	end of meeting
Mr CHEUNG Kwok-cheong, Howard	10:00	end of meeting
Mr LEUNG Siu-sun, Patrick	10:00	end of meeting
Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung, David	10:00	end of meeting
Ms LEUNG Wing-man, Bonnie	10:00	end of meeting
Mr HUI Lam-hing	10:00	end of meeting
Mr HUI Ching-on	10:00	end of meeting
Mr KWOK Wai-keung, Aron	10:00	end of meeting
Mr MAK Tak-ching	10:00	end of meeting
Mr WONG Kin-pan, MH, JP	10:00	end of meeting
Mr WONG Kin-hing	10:00	end of meeting
Mr YEUNG Sze-chun	10:00	end of meeting
Mr CHIU Ka-yin, Andrew	10:00	end of meeting
Mr CHIU Chi-keung	10:00	end of meeting
Mr LAU Hing-yeung	10:00	end of meeting
Ms CHOY So-yuk, BBS, JP	10:25	end of meeting
Mr CHENG Chi-sing	10:00	end of meeting
Mr CHENG Tat-hung	10:00	end of meeting
Mr LAI Chi-keong, Joseph	10:00	end of meeting

Mr NGAN Chun-lim, MH	10:00	end of meeting
Mr LO Wing-kwan, Frankie, MH	10:00	end of meeting
Mr KUNG Pak-cheung, MH	10:00	end of meeting

**In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)**

Ms TENG Yu-yan, Anne, JP	District Officer (Eastern), Eastern District Office
Ms AU Tsz-kwan, Fiona	Assistant District Officer (Eastern) 1, Eastern District Office
Mr LAI Ho-chun, Samuel	Assistant District Officer (Eastern) 2, Eastern District Office
Ms TANG Yuet-kum, Rosanna	Senior Liaison Officer (1) Eastern District Office
Mr LAU Wai-lun, Eddie	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 Organisations)**

Ms LOK Mee-mee, Mimi	District Leisure Manager (Eastern) Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms SHUM Sui-fong, Blondie	Senior Manager (Hong Kong East/Cultural Services) Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAM Fong	Senior Librarian (Eastern) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

**Secretary**

Ms LEE Shuk-han, Phoebe	Acting Senior Executive Officer (District Council) Eastern District Council
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**Opening Remarks**

The District Officer (Eastern) welcomed all Councillors of the Eastern District Council (EDC) to the meeting. She reported that Ms KONG Kei-kei, Hayley, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) of the Eastern District

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Office (EDO) succeeded Ms MAK Mei-kuen, Rebecca who had been transferred to another post, and that Ms Phoebe LEE, Acting Senior Executive Officer (District Council) stood in for Ms CHAN Bun, Vivien who was sick. The District Officer (Eastern) remarked that pursuant to section 62(4) of the District Councils Ordinance, she would preside at the meeting until the Chairman and the Vice-chairman were elected. The District Officer (Eastern) then introduced all Councillors of the EDC to the meeting.

### **I. Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman of the EDC**

(EDC Paper No. 1/16)

2. The District Officer (Eastern) said that the procedures for electing the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the EDC were set out in EDC Paper No. 1/16.
3. Acting Senior Executive Officer (District Council) briefed the meeting on the voting procedures for the Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of committees and working groups.
4. The District Officer (Eastern) said that the nomination period for the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the EDC had ended an hour prior to the commencement of the first meeting.
5. Mr Andrew CHIU suggested that the candidates for the Chairman and Vice-chairman be given no more than three minutes to present their platforms. Four Members expressed their views as follows:
  - (a) Mr Frankie LO considered it unnecessary to let the candidates for the Chairman and Vice-chairman present their platforms;
  - (b) Mr Joseph LAI hoped that Councillors could get to know how the candidates would lead the EDC in order to enhance mutual communication and understanding;
  - (c) Mr WONG Kin-pan agreed to let the candidates for the Chairman and Vice-chairman speak on their platforms; and
  - (d) Mr Eddie TING asked if Councillors could ask candidates questions.

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6. After discussion, Councillors agreed that the candidates for the Chairman and Vice-chairman could speak for no more than three minutes. There would be no question and answer session.

### Election of Chairman

7. The Secretariat had received two nominations before the end of the nomination period. The two nominees were:

First nomination:	<u>Nominee</u> Mr WONG Kin-pan	<u>Nominator</u> Mr CHIU Chi-keung	<u>Seconder</u> Mr Stanley HO Mr NGAN Chun-lim
Second nomination:	Mr Joseph LAI	Mr Andrew CHIU	Mr MAK Tak-ching Ms Bonnie LEUNG

8. As there was more than one candidate for the office of the Chairman, the District Officer (Eastern) asked the Secretariat to distribute one ballot paper to each Councillor present.

9. The two candidates took turns to make a speech as follows:

- (a) Mr Joseph LAI said that the new EDC was fully-elected. He looked forward to the cooperation among Councillors to embody the spirit of the system of representation and to sincerely serve the public so as to give a new look to the EDC; and
- (b) Mr WONG Kin-pan encouraged all Councillors to continue to actively engage in council business, and to voice their opinions on district issues and the Government's policy visions. He looked forward to a harmonious Eastern District for the public to live and work.

10. The District Officer (Eastern) declared that the counting of votes would begin right after the voting ended. The voting results were as follows:

	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
(1)	Mr Joseph LAI	10
(2)	Mr WONG Kin-pan	24
		(one invalid vote)

11. The District Officer (Eastern) declared that Mr WONG Kin-pan was elected the Chairman of the EDC (2016-2019).

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### Election of Vice-chairman

12. The Secretariat had received two nominations before the end of the nomination period. The two nominees were:

	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
First nomination:	Mr CHIU Chi-keung	Mr NGAN Chun-lim	Mr George LAM Mr Dominic WONG
Second nomination:	Mr Andrew CHIU	Mr Joseph LAI	Mr CHUI Chi-kin Mr CHENG Tat-hung

13. As there was more than one candidate for the office of the Vice-chairman, the District Officer (Eastern) asked the Secretariat to distribute one ballot paper to each Councillor present.

14. The two candidates took turns to make a speech as follows:

- (a) Mr CHIU Chi-keung hoped to cooperate with all Councillors to take care of livelihood issues in the district, such as transport, environmental hygiene and community building, and to obtain the greatest possible benefits for residents in the Eastern District; and
- (b) Mr Andrew CHIU said that in a change-driven society, he hoped that the new EDC would respond more effectively to the public's demands and would monitor the Government's operations more closely. He would assist in the operation of the EDC and serve the public wholeheartedly by conveying the public's views through the EDC.

15. The District Officer (Eastern) declared that the counting of votes would begin right after the voting ended. The voting results were as follows:

	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
(1)	Mr CHIU Chi-keung	23
(2)	Mr Andrew CHIU	10
		(two invalid votes)

16. The District Officer (Eastern) declared that Mr CHIU Chi-keung was elected the Vice-chairman of the EDC (2016-2019).

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17. The District Officer (Eastern) congratulated Mr WONG Kin-pan and Mr CHIU Chi-keung on their election as the Chairman and Vice-chairman respectively. The Chairman and the Vice-chairman extended a vote of thanks to the meeting. The Chairman then took the chair from the District Officer (Eastern) and presided over the ensuing meeting.

18. The Chairman reported that the Home Affairs Department (HAD) would hold two briefing sessions on DC work in January to brief Councillors on the new manuals and guidelines. Councillors were invited to attend the briefing sessions. In addition, the Director of Home Affairs would hold regular monthly meetings with the Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of DCs. The regular meeting in January was tentatively scheduled for 21 January. Councillors could pass enquiries or opinions to the Chairman or the Vice-chairman for conveying at the regular meeting.

## **II. Appointment of Secretary to EDC**

19. Pursuant to section 69 of the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547), the Chairman suggested appointing the Senior Executive Officer (District Council) of the EDO to act as the Secretary of the EDC. Councillors endorsed the appointment.

## **III. Standing Orders of the EDC**

(EDC Paper No. 2/16)

20. The Secretary introduced Paper No. 2/16.

21. Mr Andrew CHIU did not object to the HAD's proposed amendments. He referred to his personal experience that Councillors might be selected for jury service and therefore could not attend DC meetings. He suggested amending the order related to Councillors' absence from DC meetings and including performance of jury service as a valid reason for absence from meetings.

22. The Chairman replied that jury service was not directly related with council business. He asked the Secretariat to note Members' views.

Secretariat

23. After discussion, Councillors endorsed the proposals set out in paragraph 6 of the paper. The Chairman stated that the Secretariat would issue the Standing

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Orders of the EDC 2016-2019 in due course.

(Post-meeting note: the Secretariat distributed the Standing Orders to all Councillors on 8 January 2016.)

### **IV. Formation of Committees under the EDC**

(EDC Paper No. 3/16)

24. The Secretary introduced Paper No. 3/16.

25. Three Councillors expressed their views and raised questions as follows:

#### Culture, Leisure, Community Building and Services Committee

- (a) Mr Andrew CHIU suggested amending the name of the Committee to the Community Building, Culture and Leisure Services Committee to better reflect its functions;
- (b) Mr Frankie LO considered that culture and leisure was similar in nature to community building services. He therefore agreed to combine the two committees concerned into the Culture, Leisure, Community Building and Services Committee. He also shared Mr Andrew CHIU's opinion on the naming of the Committee; and
- (c) Mr David LEUNG remarked that the Economic and Cultural Affairs Committee in the previous term was mainly responsible for promoting recreational activities and other arts and cultural activities. He agreed to combine the two related committees into one.

26. The Chairman said past experience showed that the functions of the Culture, Leisure, Community Building and Services Committee were already clearly reflected in its name. On top of that, combining the two related committees could help enhance the efficiency of meetings. He therefore supported the proposed name and combining of the two committees as set out in the paper. Councillors accepted the proposals.

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27. After discussion, Councillors endorsed the proposed formation of committees and working groups set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the paper, and the terms or reference and related administrative arrangements of all committees and working groups.

### **V. Confirmation of the List of Government Representatives Invited to Attend the EDC's Meetings Regularly**

(EDC Paper No. 4/16)

28. The Secretary introduced Paper No. 4/16.

29. After discussion, Councillors approved the proposed list of public officers invited to attend the EDC's meetings regularly in the paper.

### **VI. Financial Position of EDC Funds and Activity Proposals**

(EDC Paper No. 5/16)

30. The Chairman welcomed Ms Mimi LOK, District Leisure Manager (Eastern); Ms LAM Fong, Senior Librarian (Eastern) and Ms Blondie SHUM, Senior Manager (Hong Kong East/Cultural Services) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to the meeting.

31. The Secretary introduced Paper No. 5/16.

32. Mr LAM Sum-lim declared interest as the Vice-chairman of the Shaukiwan and Chaiwan Residents Fraternal Association.

33. After discussion, Councillors noted the allocation of funds and confirmed the contents in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the paper.

### **VII. Provision of the Contact Details of Eastern District Councillors to the Public**

(EDC Paper No. 6/16)

34. The Secretary introduced Paper No. 6/16.



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35. Councillors approved the proposals in paragraph 3 of the paper after discussion.

### **VIII. Any Other Business**

#### (1) Arrangement for Duty Councillors to Attend DC-funded Activities

36. The Secretary briefly talked about the arrangements for duty Councillors to attend DC-funded activities stated in the “Guidance Notes on Application for District Council Funds”.

37. Councillors approved the arrangements after discussion.

#### (2) Pay Adjustment for Temporary Staff of the EDO

38. The Secretary briefly presented the background information of the captioned pay adjustment.

39. Councillors noted the arrangements after discussion.

#### (3) Timetable for EDC and Committee Meetings in 2016

40. The Secretary talked about the timetable for the meetings of the EDC and its committees in 2016.

41. Councillors approved the meeting timetable of 2016 after discussion.

#### (4) Seating Plan for EDC and Committee Meetings in 2016

42. After discussion, Councillors agreed that the seating plan would be prepared in the order of the number of strokes in the characters of Councillors’ Chinese names.

#### (5) Hong Kong and Kowloon Walk for Millions 2016

43. The Secretary provided details about the activity.

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44. The Chairman encouraged interested Councillors to team up to join the activity.

### (5) EDC Website

45. Mr Andrew CHIU asked the Secretariat when the personal information and photos of Councillors could be amended and uploaded onto the website.

46. The Secretary replied that the Secretariat was updating Councillors' information and would try to finish the work as soon as possible.

## **IX. Date of Next Meeting**

47. The Chairman reported that the six committees and three working groups under the EDC would hold the first meeting starting from 2:30 pm on the same day to elect their respective Chairmen and Vice-chairmen.

48. The meeting ended at 11:40 am. The date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> EDC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 1 March 2016 (Tuesday).

Eastern District Council Secretariat  
February 2016