

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Eastern District Council

Date : 6 December 2016 (Tuesday)

Time : 2:30 pm

Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u> <u>(pm)</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u> <u>(pm)</u>
Mr TING Kong-ho, Eddie	3:30	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	4:10
Mr KU Kwai-yiu	2:30	end of meeting
Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley	2:30	end of meeting
Ms LI Chun-chau	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LEE Chun-keung	3:25	end of meeting
Mr LAM Sum-lim	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LAM Kei-tung, George	2:30	4:15
Ms LAM Chui-lin, Alice, MH	2:30	end of meeting
Mr SHIU Ka-fai	3:25	end of meeting
Mr HUNG Lin-cham	4:00	end of meeting
Mr CHUI Chi-kin	2:30	end of meeting
Mr CHEUNG Kwok-cheong, Howard	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LEUNG Siu-sun, Patrick	2:35	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	2:40	3:45
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	4:00
Mr YEUNG Sze-chun	2:30	end of meeting
Mr CHIU Ka-yin, Andrew	3:00	end of meeting
Mr CHIU Chi-keung (Vice-chairman)	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LAU Hing-yeung	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 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, MH	2:30	end of meeting

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Absent with Apologies

Mr CHENG Tat-hung

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 LAI Ho-chun, Samuel	Assistant District Officer (Eastern) 2 Eastern District Office
Mr Graham MITCHELMORE	District Commander (Eastern District) Hong Kong Police Force
Mr LAM Kin-tat	Police Community Relations Officer (Eastern District) Hong Kong Police Force
Mr HSU Kam-lung, Virgil	Chief Manager/Management (Hong Kong Island and Islands) Housing Department
Mr HO Kwan-hang, Albert	Chief Transport Officer / Hong Kong Transport Department
Mr WONG Wai-leung	Acting District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms LOK Mee-mee, Mimi	District Leisure Manager (Eastern) Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHAN Ho-fun, Barkley	Liaison Officer i/c (Shau Kei Wan) 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 Organisations)

Mr MA Siu-cheung, Eric, JP	Under Secretary for Development Development Bureau
Mr FUNG Ying-lun, Allen	Political Assistant to Secretary for Development Development Bureau
Miss LAU Bo-yee, Winnie	Chief Town Planner/Strategic Planning Planning Department

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Mr NG Kim-wai	Senior Town Planner/Strategic Planning 3 Planning Department
Mr LEUNG Kin-tak, Kenneth	Executive Officer (District Management) Eastern District Office
Mr LAU Hiu-lap, Frederick	Liaison Officer i/c (Special Duties)2 Eastern District Office

Secretary

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

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and government representatives to the meeting.

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

2. The draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

II. Hong Kong 2030+ : Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030

(EDC Paper No. 83/16)

3. The Chairman welcomed Mr Eric MA, JP, Under Secretary for Development and Mr Allen Fung, Political Assistant to Secretary for Development of the Development Bureau (DB); and Miss Winnie LAU, Chief Town Planner / Strategic Planning and Mr NG Kim-wai, Senior Town Planner / Strategic Planning 3 of the Planning Department (Plan D) to the meeting. Mr Eric MA, JP of the DB and Mr NG Kim-wai of the Plan D briefed the meeting on Paper No. 83/16.

4. 15 Councillors expressed their views and enquiries as summarized below:

- (a) Mr Dominic WONG welcomed the conduct of the “Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030” (“Hong Kong 2030+”) study by the Government. He expressed concern about the issue of illegal parking and suggested that the “Hong Kong 2030+” should include planning on provision of parking facilities to cope with increasing parking demand. In response to the ageing population, he opined that consideration should be given to provision of adequate public sitting-out areas for the elderly. As regards housing-related problems such as subdivided units, he enquired about the strategies proposed under the “Hong Kong 2030+” to meet the rising housing demand.
- (b) Mr WONG Kwok-hing welcomed the Government’s conduct of the “Hong Kong 2030+” study. With growing and ageing population in

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Hong Kong, he considered that the relevant planning vision and strategy should cater for future needs of housing, employment and economic development. The “Hong Kong 2030+” proposed development of two Strategic Growth Areas, namely, New Territories North and East Lantau Metropolis (ELM), which were important sources of land supply. He said that the Government should plan carefully the transportation network of the East Lantau Metropolis and Western Economic Corridor in West New Territories, etc and enhance the connection with the Hong Kong Island. When drawing up the timetable and roadmap, he suggested that the DB could consider adopting the approach of rolling out simple projects before other more difficult ones so as to expedite implementation of the proposals under the “Hong Kong 2030+”.

- (c) Mr KU Kwai-yiu said that as there were not many urban sites available for development, consideration could be given to expanding the development of commercial or residential areas to Lantau Island. In view of the current small living space, he enquired about the measures proposed under the “Hong Kong 2030+” to improve the liveability in Hong Kong. With some past planning proposals still not yet rolled out, he further enquired about the Government’s plan in ensuring the successful implementation of the specific strategies under the “Hong Kong 2030+”.
- (d) Ms LI Chun-chau supported the overall planning direction in the “Hong Kong 2030+”. On the transport issue, she considered that the enhancement proposal based upon the railway-based transportation network could help reduce the number of private cars. It was, however, important to ensure improved connectivity with and accessibility to the new development areas. On the environmental aspect, apart from enhancing biodiversity, she hoped that the Government could also strengthen promotion of policy on green buildings, etc. As regards the medical services, she opined that it was necessary to address the needs of the elderly and further enhance the training and importation of medical professionals.
- (e) Ms CHOY So-yuk considered that the “Hong Kong 2030+” was not adequately forward-looking. For example, the planning strategy transcending 2030 that responded to the elderly could not catch up with the development of elderly services in the Mainland. Furthermore, no holistic consideration was given to transport planning, say, the plan did not take into account new technological development of electric vehicles, etc. She added that if East Lantau Metropolis was to be developed into a Strategic Growth Area after 2030, relevant work should be rolled out now. Otherwise, it was difficult for the plan to be realized in 2030.
- (f) Ms Bonnie LEUNG welcomed that the “Hong Kong 2030+” included the key strategic direction of creating a liveable high-density city. She enquired about the specific planning development of Eastern District. She further welcomed the promotion of universal design and age-friendliness in public spaces under the “Hong Kong 2030+”.

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Eastern District was one of the districts with more elderly people and age-friendly facilities were promoted in the district in recent years. Nonetheless, various difficulties were encountered such as taking forward suggestions for the Mass Transit Railway Corporation (MTRC) to provide new facilities to facilitate the elderly. She enquired about the measures to be taken by the Government to encourage MTRC and other organizations to implement relevant work.

- (g) Mr Patrick LEUNG said that the “Hong Kong 2030+” should tie in with the trend of population change and the Government should have an accurate forecast on future population growth and change. He said that while the Government could estimate the birth rate, there was the issue on handling the daily quota of 150 One-way Permits which was not controlled by the Government. Separately, the “Hong Kong 2030+” proposed making Hong Kong more liveable and enhancing the living space for Hong Kong people. With the rents and property prices continued to remain high and problems such as subdivided units and shrunken flats not yet resolved, he enquired about how the Government proposed to fulfill the planning vision.
- (h) Mr CHUI Chi-kin welcomed the long-term planning under the “Hong Kong 2030+”. He shared the view raised by another Councillor, and added that with the approval of One-way Permits falling within the remit of the Mainland, it was difficult for the Government to control the population policy of Hong Kong for the purpose of long-term planning. On increasing the land supply, he opined that the Government should recover sites of private clubs or golf courses, etc for development first before suggesting the use of green zones for development. Separately, with the property prices continued to remain high, he hoped that the Government could step up efforts to increase public housing supply. On the environmental aspects, the Government proposed a strategy of sustainable development. Nonetheless, over the years, no significant progress was noted on environmental protection such as food waste collection, etc. He hoped that the Government would devise a plan to ensure the implementation of the proposals.
- (i) Ms Alice LAM said that there was a room for improving liveability in new development areas such as New Territories North and East Lantau Metropolis, etc. It was, however, difficult to identify area for development on Hong Kong Island. She suggested that the DB should consider developing Shek O and constructing railways running through Shek O and Siu Sai Wan, etc. Besides, she hoped for the planning of an access connecting Eastern District and East Kowloon to alleviate the traffic congestion. She further expressed concern about insufficient parking spaces and suggested that the DB should provide parking spaces at transport interchanges so that drivers could take public transportation after parking. Having declared as the member of the Building Committee under the Housing Authority (HA), she said that the HA would reserve 20% to 30% as green areas when constructing public housing flats and suggested that the Government should consider exploring the extension of the relevant arrangement to

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cover private development projects on balancing factors such as community need and costs, etc.

- (j) Mr LAM Sum-lim said that there was no marked progress on housing, transport, environmental development in recent years and there was a long lead time from planning to realization as reflected in past initiatives. He cited various examples such as the planning of the harbourfront of Hong Kong Island which had not been fully realized in spite of various discussions over the years, the expansion of core business districts and the liveability of Hong Kong which lagged behind other cities. He hoped that there would be specific plans to implement the strategies under the “Hong Kong 2030+”. He also opined that the DB should fully consider technological development when making long-term planning so as to meet the needs of the city in coming decades.
- (k) Mr NGAN Chun-lim welcomed the long-term planning by the Government. He said that the land resource of Hong Kong was valuable. With situations such as insufficient housing supply, small living areas and the construction of “pencil buildings” that affected air circulation and access to natural light, etc, he expressed concern about how Hong Kong could be made more liveable. Besides, the replacement of sites of temporary car parks leased under short-term tenancies for housing purposes had led to further reduction in the number of parking spaces in the district. He considered that the Government should focus on planning of housing and transport facilities to make Hong Kong more liveable.
- (l) Mr Joseph LAI said that it was good to make long-term and overall planning. Nonetheless, for projects such as the Belt and Road Initiative, Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the proposed three-runway system at the Hong Kong International Airport, etc which involved substantial investments, their benefits and economic returns to Hong Kong were yet to be known. While the “Hong Kong 2030+” identified issue of ageing population, there was no progress made on universal retirement protection so far. He also voiced concern over the renewal of land leases beyond 2047.
- (m) Mr Frankie LO recognized the importance of sustainable development of Hong Kong. He opined that the implementation of the vision in the “Hong Kong 2030+” would encounter many obstacles. In fact, the Government had met with much opposition when taking forward infrastructure projects such as the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and their progress had been hindered. It could be expected that the DB and the Plan D would face opposition from various people and organizations when implementing the proposals under “Hong Kong 2030+”, and that the pace of implementation would be impeded.
- (n) The Vice-chairman supported the long-term planning proposed in the “Hong Kong 2030+”. He hoped that the planning on the transport

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network of Hong Kong Island could be enhanced, including construction of an expressway running through the whole Hong Kong Island. Furthermore, the transport connection between East Lantau and urban areas should not rely on the transport network from Kowloon to East Lantau and hoped that the transport infrastructure from Hong Kong Island to East Lantau could be strengthened. As for New Territories North, he suggested that the Government should consider developing Man Kam To and Sha Tau Kok. He also hoped that when planning the development of expressways, connection to remote areas could be considered so as to expedite the development of these areas.

- (o) The Chairman supported the “Hong Kong 2030+” study. He raised particular concern about the specific planning of Eastern District and suggested construction of facilities such as tunnels and flyovers, etc linking Eastern District and Tseung Kwan O. He also proposed that the DB should consider conducting a study on further development of Shek O. In respect of the elderly, he said that there were insufficient elderly facilities in Eastern District, especially places in residential homes for the elderly, and elderly people in the district had to apply for places in Yuen Long and Tuen Mun, etc. He opined that other than making long-term planning, the Government should first tackle the prevailing problems.

5. Mr Eric MA, JP of the DB and Miss Winnie LAU of the Plan D responded to the views and enquiries of Councillors as follows:

DB

- (a) He thanked Councillors for their valuable opinions. In 2007, the Government had announced the “Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy” which provided a framework for Hong Kong’s future development up to 2030 and the related proposals (including the then proposed new development area projects in Kwu Tung North, Hung Shui Kiu, etc.) had been implemented progressively. The “Hong Kong 2030+” aimed to update and explore overall spatial planning, strategies and feasible options of the development of land, infrastructure, etc transcending 2030 so as to meet the latest development needs of Hong Kong.
- (b) The “Hong Kong 2030+” was the blueprint for the long-term sustainable development of Hong Kong. The Government understood the concern that it might be too early to explore long-term planning transcending 2030 when the prevailing problems of land supply, etc had not yet been resolved. Nonetheless, in order to meet challenges transcending 2030, an early study on comprehensive strategic planning would be useful for meeting future challenges including ageing population and buildings, etc. It was necessary for the Government to formulate a framework for overall planning transcending 2030. A high-level steering structure within the Government was proposed to be set up after the study to co-ordinate on follow-up action among policy bureaux and departments

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concerned.

- (c) Land and housing supply was a major concern in the society. There was a great housing demand and land was required for resolving problems of sub-divided units, meeting the housing need for the elderly and provision of social welfare facilities, etc. The Government would adopt a multi-pronged approach to provide sufficient land in the short, medium and long term. In addition to short-term measures for increasing land supply, new development areas would be the source of land supply in the medium term. In the longer term, the Government would plan the land requirements beyond 2030 with a view to meeting the future development of the society.
- (d) As regards transport support, with the number of private cars increasing faster than the population growth, the demand for roads and related facilities also increased. The “Hong Kong 2030+” study had brought up the issue for the community to consider and explore building of a consensus in meeting the challenge.
- (e) On the issue of land leases, the new land leases in general covered a term of 50 years and would expire beyond the year of 2047. Accordingly, land lease would not be a factor limiting future development.

Plan D

- (f) The proposed supporting transport network between ELM and urban areas involved construction of highway/railway corridors linking North-west New Territories (NWNT), North Lantau, ELM and urban areas (including Hong Kong Island West and Kowloon West). New infrastructure projects such as the three-runway system of the Hong Kong International Airport and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge brought further development opportunities to Hong Kong West which would be an important economic corridor of the territory in the future. The above NWNT-Lantau-Metro Transport Corridor would not only cater for the development of ELM but would also improve the overall transport network of Hong Kong. The Transport and Housing Bureau would conduct a long-term strategic railway and road study corresponding to “Hong Kong 2030+”.
- (g) “Hong Kong 2030+” did not set out a specific planning period. We aimed to draw up the planning framework using a forward-looking approach and achieving the goal of creating capacity for sustainable growth. Having made reference to the baseline population projection of the Census and Statistics Department which projected the population would peak at 8.22 million in 2043, a time frame of about 30 years was used for planning the estimated land requirements.
- (h) To enhance biodiversity in a high-density urban environment, the “Hong Kong 2030+” sought to create the development capacity, and at the same time, to enhance environmental capacity for sustainable growth. Among others, it included exploration of feasibility of

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introducing green index. Currently, certain greening standards had been set for public housing development projects of the HA; the study could explore whether standardized green index would also be introduced to private projects. Other measures for enhancing biodiversity included revitalizing drains in urban areas and planting more native species in urban areas as well as enhancing their management.

- (i) The Home Affairs Bureau was reviewing the policy on private recreational leases (including Fanling Golf Course). The future use of these sites would be further considered, having regard to the findings of the review.
- (j) “Hong Kong 2030+” study was led by the DB and the Plan D, and most of the government policy bureaux and departments were involved in the process. The study had also included relevant policy initiatives such as population policy, biodiversity and climate change, etc. as appropriate.
- (k) On further economic development in the New Territories, commercial sites had been planned in Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area and Tung Chung New Town Extension with a view to creating new economic areas outside urban areas.
- (l) There was no international standard or recognized indicator on the minimum living space per person. The “Hong Kong 2030+” aimed to provide the conditions for expansion of the living space in future through the proposed creation of development capacity.
- (m) As regards assessment on economic benefits, the Plan D would commission a consultant to assess the sustainability of the recommendations as set out in the “Hong Kong 2030+” which would include a general finance and economic benefit assessment.
- (n) On the priority of implementing the recommendations in the “Hong Kong 2030+”, projects that were easier to handle could be rolled out as soon as possible. For example, the average open space and community facilities in new development areas could be enhanced first.

6. The Chairman thanked Mr Eric MA, JP of the DB and the colleagues of the Plan D for attending the meeting, and invited them to note Councillors’ views.

III. Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

(EDC Paper No. 84/16)

7. The Chairman welcomed Mr Samuel LAI, Assistant District Officer (Eastern)2; Ms Hayley KONG, Senior Executive Officer (District Management); and Mr Kenneth LEUNG, Executive Officer (District Management) of the Eastern District Office (EDO) to the meeting. Mr Samuel LAI briefed the meeting on

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EDC Paper No. 84/16.

8. The Councillors declared interests as follows:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Declaration of Interests</u>
Mr Andrew CHIU	Member of Eastern District Youth Programme Committee Member of Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education
LAU Hing-yeung	Member of Eastern District Youth Programme Committee Member of Youth Square Management Advisory Committee

9. 14 Councillors expressed their views and enquiries as summarized below:

- (a) Mr Frankie LO said that the 20th anniversary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) was a special occasion worth celebrating. He welcomed the proposed setting up of festive lighting at different areas of Eastern District for viewing by public. He suggested that large-scale activities such as concerts aiming to promote participation of youths could be considered. This would help foster an atmosphere for the whole community to take part in the celebration.
- (b) Mr NGAN Chun-lim supported organizing activities in celebration of the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland, and concurred that the festive lighting for celebrating the occasion should be set up after the Lunar New Year to extend the joyful atmosphere. He further proposed that the four districts on Hong Kong Island might join hands to organize large-scale events and the youth should be encouraged to participate in celebration activities.
- (c) Mr SHIU Ka-fai supported organizing a series of activities to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR that targeted different people in the district. This would help strengthen the community cohesion and inject positive energy into the society. He also supported the four districts on Hong Kong Island to organize large-scale events together to encourage more public participation.
- (d) Mr KU Kwai-yiu said that the festive lighting for celebrating the occasion should be installed at a time close to the 20th anniversary. This would help engage members of the public and enable them to resonate with the celebration. He also enquired about further information on the E-League graduation ceremony.
- (e) Ms CHOY So-yuk supported the celebration activities. On streetscape enhancement, she said that cleaning service could not be arranged for some private streets owing to management or resource issues. She suggested that the Government could help clean and tidy

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up the private streets on this joyful occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

- (f) Mr LAU Hing-yeung supported organizing activities in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the HKSAR and suggested that participation of district bodies should be encouraged. He supported organizing large-scale events and suggested that consideration could be given to implementing new ideas such as holding outdoor bookcrossing at the Youth Square, etc to attract youth participation.
- (g) Mr Eddie TING supported the proposals in the paper. He said that youths were interested in sports and suggested organizing long run, and members of the public, the elderly and youth could be invited to participate in the sports and share the joy.
- (h) Ms Alice LAM commended the proposal of displaying festive lighting at major roads in Eastern District. Since festive lighting was shown at the footbridges at Chai Wan Road and other locations during the Lunar New Year, she suggested that the lighting for celebrating the return to motherland could be put up along major roads such as Chai Wan Road and Shau Kei Wan Road. As regards youth activities, she suggested organizing large-scale concerts or long run, etc to encourage participation of young people in Eastern District.
- (i) Mr WONG Kwok-hing supported various celebration activities. He said that since Hong Kong's return to the motherland, Hong Kong had been implementing "one country, two systems" in accordance with the Basic Law. He considered that elements for promoting the Basic Law could be incorporated into different celebration activities for the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR to enhance public understanding of the Basic Law and unite the community in building Hong Kong together and maintaining Hong Kong's prosperity and stability.
- (j) Mr Andrew CHIU understood that the proposals were preliminary ones that made use of the resources in the 2016-17 financial year. He supported the two proposed youth events which would help encourage young people's active participation. He enquired about the event ticket distribution arrangement, including whether the tickets would be openly distributed and would not be confined to some individual organizations / bodies. He added that other than enhancing youth people's understanding of the Basic Law, the colonial history was also an important part of Hong Kong's history. He suggested stepping up efforts on promotion of civic education at schools, etc. He opined that trams could also be used as one of the promotional channels.
- (k) Mr LAM Sum-lim said that the celebration for the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR was worth supporting and welcomed implementation of the activities commencing from the beginning of the year. He pointed out that the E-League was a youth network development programme launched by EDO which aimed at training the youth of Eastern District through diversified leadership training

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programmes. He supported utilization of resources to organize youth activities to provide the youth of Eastern District with a platform for showcasing their potential.

- (l) Mr Dominic WONG supported organizing celebration activities for the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR. As for the colonial history of Hong Kong, he considered that it should be reflected comprehensively and accurately. Other than recent colonial history, early colonial governance was also part of the history and should not be ignored.
- (m) Mr Stanley HO supported the proposals in the paper. With regard to festive lighting, he hoped that the lighting design in celebration of the 20th anniversary and Lunar New Year would be different. Furthermore, with Eastern District's organizing of more activities for the elderly, he suggested that additional resources could be allocated for implementing more youth activities and promoting youth participation.
- (n) The Chairman supported that the Government should organize celebration activities for the 20th anniversary of the return to the motherland and shared the need for more efforts in promoting youth work. The E-League was a good example. In addition, he supported the organization of large-scale events or co-organization of events by four districts on the Hong Kong Island so that more members of the public could share the festive atmosphere.

10. Assistant District Officer (Eastern) 2 said that the display periods of the festive lighting in celebration of Lunar New Year and the 20th anniversary were not the same and the themes were also different. The public would not get confused. The detailed arrangement for the open ticket distribution for the two youth events was as shown at Annex I of the paper.

11. District Officer (Eastern) thanked Councillors for their valuable opinions and responded to the relevant views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, the steering committee chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration would oversee the planning and promotional strategies of the celebration. The Project Planning Office was also set up to co-ordinate the celebration activities organized by different policy bureaux, departments and non-government organizations.
- (b) Among others, the EDO would organize district celebration events together with the Eastern District Council (EDC). The preliminary celebration activities proposed in the paper mainly involved the 2016-17 resources. Youth activities were an area of much concern. The two proposed youth events had been held in Eastern District in past years. Having regard to their coinciding with the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, it was proposed to provide additional resources to enrich the activities. Apart from providing a platform for the youth of Eastern District and members of Eastern District youth

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network to showcase their potential, these events would also allow the audience to share the joy of the 20th anniversary. Tickets would be openly distributed with no privileges provided to any individual organizations.

- (c) As regards festive lighting, the EDO would finalize the details, having regard to the resources. The lighting would be displayed until a time after the celebration in July
- (d) As for other proposed activities, the EDO would take into account the EDC's views, including suggestions of organizing large-scale celebration activities for the whole Hong Kong Island, and further consult Councillors on the proposals after taking into account the resource allocation.

12. The Chairman invited the EDO to take note of Councillors' views on the 20th anniversary celebration programmes.

IV. Information Items

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

13. The Chairman reported that the discussion items of the regular meeting held in November 2016 had been set out in the report of the Chairman/Vice-chairman. The meeting of December 2016 was scheduled on 15 December. Councillors could send their enquiries or views to the Chairman / Vice-chairman for relaying at the regular meeting to be held in December 2016.

V. Financial Position of Eastern District Council Funds

(EDC Paper No. 85/16)

- 14. The Secretary briefed the meeting on EDC Paper No. 85/16.
- 15. Councillors noted the financial position of the above funds.

VI. Reports on the Fifth Meeting and Sixth Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee

(EDC Paper Nos. 86/16 and 87/16)

- 16. Councillors noted the above reports.

VII. Report on the Fifth Meeting of Culture, Leisure, Community Building and Services Committee

(EDC Paper No. 88/16)

- 17. Councillors noted the above report.

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VIII. Report on the Sixth Meeting of Traffic and Transport Committee

(EDC Paper No. 89/16)

18. Councillors noted the above report.

IX. Report on the Sixth Meeting of Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee

(EDC Paper No. 90/16)

19. Councillors noted the above report.

X. Reports on the Fifth and Sixth Meetings of Planning, Works and Housing Committee

(EDC Paper Nos. 91/16 and 92/16)

20. Councillors noted the above reports.

XI. Reports on the Fifth Meeting and Special Meeting of Vetting Committee

(EDC Paper Nos. 93/16 and 94/16)

21. Councillors noted the above reports.

XII. Report on the Fifth Meeting of Task Group on Festival Celebrations

(EDC Paper No. 95/16)

22. Councillors noted the above report.

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

(EDC Paper No. 96/16)

23. Councillors noted the above report.

XIV. Report on the Fourth Meeting of “2016 Eastern District Cultural Festival” Organizing Committee

(EDC Paper No. 97/16)

24. Councillors noted the above report.

XV. Report on the 217th Meeting of the Eastern District Management Committee

(EDC Paper No. 98/16)

25. Councillors noted the above report.

XVI. Any Other Business

(A) 2017 Meeting Schedule of Eastern District Council and its Committees

26. Councillors noted and approved the 2017 meeting schedules.

(B) Meeting with the Director of the Hong Kong Observatory

27. The Chairman said that the Director of the Hong Kong Observatory would arrange for the EDC to visit the Hong Kong Observatory on 9 December 2016. Councillors were welcome to join.

(C) Duty Visit related to the District Council (DC) Work

28. Regarding the duty visit related to the DC work, the Chairman said that the matter would be considered after taking into account views gathered. Mr Andrew CHIU enquired whether separate visits might be considered. District Officer (Eastern) said that working out of the specific visit arrangement would have to take into consideration various aspects, including the matter to be studied in the visit, the benefits of the visit to the DC work, as well as compliance with relevant guidelines and the principle of prudent use of public money.

XVII. Date of the Next Meeting

29. The meeting ended at 4:30 pm. The 7th EDC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 7 March 2017 (Tuesday).

Eastern District Council Secretariat
February 2017