

Minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting of the
Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
under Eastern District Council

Date: 27 January 2026 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 pm

Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

Present

Mr TING Kong-ho, Eddie, MH	Mr LAM Wing-cheung	Mr CHAN Hoi-wing, Joseph
Mr TING Wong, Kacee	Mr CHAU Chi-yan, Benny	Ms TSANG Cheuk-yi
Mr WONG Chi-chung	Ms LIN Cai-ying	Ms CHIK Kit-ling, Elaine
Ms HO Sau-yin, Zareenah	Mr HUNG Chi-kit	Mr CHENG Chi-sing, MH
Mr YUEN Kin-chung, Kenny	Mr HUNG Lin-cham, MH, JP	Ms LAU Suk-yin
Ms NG Ching-ching	Mr HUNG Chiu-kwan	Ms LAU Dana Sing-she
Ms LEE Ching-har, MH	Mr LIANG Li (Vice-chairman)	Mr LAU Hing-yeung, MH (Chairman)
Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley	Ms CHAN Hang, MH, JP	Mr LAI Nuen-san
Mr LAM Sum-lim, MH	Mr KWOK Ho-king, Calvin	Mr LAU Yu-bun (Co-opted Member)
Mr LAM Wing-shing	Mr KWOK Wing-kin	

Absent with Apologies

Ms LI Lee (absent with consent)

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Mr Henry LAI, JP	District Officer (Eastern), Eastern District Office
Ms CHIU Man-nga, Jasmine	Assistant District Officer (Eastern)1, Eastern District Office
Ms LUONG An-an, Jacqueline	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Eastern District Office
Ms CHENG Lai-yin, Daisy	Senior Liaison Officer (3), Eastern District Office
Mr LAI Tsz-foon	Senior Manager (Hong Kong East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms SUNG Lai-ping, Maggie	Senior Librarian (Eastern), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Sosanna	District Leisure Manager (Eastern) (Ag.), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

In Attendance by Invitation (Government Representatives)

Miss CHUNG Suk-yan, Janet	Manager (Hong Kong East) Marketing, Programme and District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LING Yu-kwai	Assistant District Leisure Manager (District Support) Eastern, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Secretary

Ms WONG Siu-na, Siena

Executive Officer I (District Council)1, Eastern District Office

Opening Remarks

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The Chairman welcomed all Members and government representatives to the meeting

Handling Application for Absence

2. Ms LI Lee submitted notification of absence from meeting before the meeting. The Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC) decided to give consent to her application for absence on the ground of attending a meeting of an advisory body or organisation appointed by the State or the Government.

Agenda 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 12th Meeting of Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee

3. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

Agenda 2. Report on Arts and Cultural Activities in the Eastern District by LCSD in 2025-26 and 2026-27
(CICRC Paper No. 1/2026)

4. The representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) briefed Members on Paper No. 1/2026.

5. Members enquired about the actual attendance at the “Music for the Millions” Concert held on 15 January 2026, as well as the reasons for the cancellation of the Common Ground “Juggling Wonders” Juggling Workshop and the subsequent arrangements.

6. The representative of the LCSD responded that the attendance figures for the “Music for the Millions” Concert held on 15 January would be sent to Members after the meeting, and that the Common Ground “Juggling Wonders” Juggling

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Workshop had been cancelled due to insufficient enrolment, with the arts group subsequently relocating the activity to Tsuen Wan district. The LCSD would review the publicity strategy for the activity with the arts group, with a view to improving enrolment for similar future activities in the district.

7. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda 3. Report by LCSD on Extension Activities and Usage of Public Libraries **(CICRC Paper No. 2/2026)**

8. The representative of the LCSD briefed Members on Paper No. 2/2026.

9. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) In light of the land sale programme for the Shau Kei Wan Market, Members enquired whether the department would need to identify an alternative location for relocating the mobile library service point on Shau Kei Wan Main Street East;
- (b) Some members of the public reported that the opening hours for the Siu Sai Wan Public Library were relatively short and the library was closed one day per week. Nevertheless, both the number of visitors and the usage rate of the Siu Sai Wan Public Library were not low. Members enquired whether the department would consider upgrading the library to a district library and extending its opening hours; and
- (c) Given that the average daily number of library items on loan at the North Point Public Library was lower than that of other public libraries, it was recommended that a mobile library van be introduced at a suitable location in the North Point district to facilitate public access to books.

10. The representative of the LCSD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) Due to the land sale programme for the Shau Kei Wan Market, the mobile library service point located in front of the market would cease

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operations. The LCSD was currently identifying a suitable location for the relocation of the service point with various government departments and stakeholders, and would report to the CICRC and consult Members when further information became available. The mobile library service point, which was originally scheduled to provide service on Mondays and Wednesdays, would now temporarily relocate to operate at two locations, namely Tai Hong Street in Lei King Wan and Heng Fa Chuen;

- (b) When planning the number of public libraries in each district, the LCSD had followed the guidelines set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG), i.e. providing a district library for every 200 000 persons. With the Eastern District's current population of approximately 530 000 and the Sai Wan Ho Public Library due to be completed shortly, the district would have a total of four district libraries and three small libraries. In accordance with the HKPSG, the LCSD currently provided residents in the district with adequate public library facilities and a comprehensive library network. The Siu Sai Wan Public Library, Yiu Tung Public Library and Electric Road Public Library were all small libraries in the district designated for supplementary purposes, with identical opening hours and closing days (every Thursday). During closing hours, members of the public may use the book drops installed outside the libraries to return books. Although the LCSD currently had no plan to upgrade the status of the Siu Sai Wan Public Library, it had taken note of Members' views and would maintain close liaison with the Planning Department in this regard; and
- (c) Being one of the earlier public libraries established, the North Point Public Library's relatively small floor area and limited collection had affected its loan figures. In view of the imminent completion of the Sai Wan Ho Public Library, the LCSD would undertake a reorganisation and redeployment of the mobile library service point located on Tai Hong Street. Subject to the review of overall usage at the various service points, the LCSD would proceed with the redeployment and enhancement of the service point network, and would report to Members when further information became available.

11. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda 4. Annual Programme Plan on LCSD's Extension Activities of Public Libraries in the Eastern District from Apr 2026 to Mar 2027
(CICRC Paper No. 3/2026)

12. The representative of the LCSD briefed Members on Paper No. 3/2026.
13. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
- (a) Members enquired as to why the “Appreciating the History of the War of Resistance in the Eastern District” series of activities was concentrated at the public libraries in Chai Wan, Quarry Bay and Sai Wan Ho, and proposed that the activities be extended to other public libraries in the district;
 - (b) Members suggested collaborating with the Care Teams and local organisations, utilising the existing resources and services of local organisations to facilitate the LCSD in publicising activities and promoting a reading culture; and
 - (c) Members proposed that the department introduce library collections on national outer space security and deep sea security as part of the promotion of the National Security Education Day on 15 April.
14. The representative of the LCSD noted and welcomed Members’ suggestions, and responded that, due to the limited floor area and facilities at small libraries, it was difficult to organise larger-scale promotional activities or accommodate large numbers of participant. As such, the “Appreciating the History of the War of Resistance in the Eastern District” series of activities could only be held in the three district libraries equipped with Extension Activities Rooms capable of accommodating a larger number of people. Nevertheless, the LCSD would also arrange book exhibitions on the history of the War of Resistance at small libraries during the same period to promote the relevant collections. On the National Security Education Day, the LCSD would also organise Parent-child Storytelling Theatre: Space Stories and workshops (e.g. rocket model making) at six public libraries across the district to promote library collections on aerospace technology and national defence.

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15. The Chairman proposed that for World Book Day on 23 April, mobile books could be placed not only in public libraries but also in other public spaces to further promote a reading culture.

16. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda 5. Leisure and Cultural Services Department's Eastern District Annual Recreation and Sports Programme Plan 2026-27 **(CICRC Paper No. 4/2026)**

17. The representative of the LCSD briefed Members on Paper No. 4/2026.

18. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members enquired about the assessment mechanism adopted by the department during the planning of annual recreation and sports activities to determine how resources should be allocated and which activities should be prioritised, such as whether the target number of activities organised had been met, whether the actual attendance were in line with expectations, as well as participants' feedback and satisfaction levels;
- (b) Members proposed increasing the number of popular recreation and sports activities, including new sports (e.g. 3-on-3 basketball, flying disc and pickleball), horse riding, golf, and sports that were popular among ethnic minority groups (e.g. cricket);
- (c) Members enquired whether the district had nurtured any athletes to represent the district or Hong Kong in competitions, and whether consideration would be given to shifting focus to the development of other sports; and
- (d) As a considerable number of venues in local schools were vacant on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, Members proposed making good use of these resources to organise recreation and sports activities.

19. The representative of the LCSD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

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- (a) Given the limited resources allocated to each district annually, the LCSD would, when planning its annual recreation and sports activities, assess the effectiveness of each activity from various perspectives and make adjustments as appropriate. In addition to reviewing past enrolment and actual participation figures to gauge the popularity of activities, the LCSD would also distribute questionnaires to participants to collect feedback, and deploy staff to conduct on-site inspections and engage directly with participants. All these performance metrics would serve as references for formulating the programme plan and resource allocation for the coming year;
- (b) The LCSD stated that the recreation and sports activities set out in the captioned programme plan were limited to those funded by the Community Involvement Programme. The LCSD Headquarters had allocated separate resources to each district for organising other recreation and sports activities, such as new sports including pickleball, tchoukball, kin-ball, dodgeball, etc. Regarding horse riding activities, the provision of resources was subject to the availability of the Riding Schools under the Hong Kong Jockey Club, which needed to set aside time for horse training, rest, as well as internal and other private training courses. As a result, the time and number of sessions available for LCSD use were limited, which in turn led to restricted participant quotas for this activity. The LCSD noted Members' suggestions to increase the number of golf activities and would review the training arrangements for outdoor golf courses. The LCSD also recommended that members of the public hire the three indoor golf rooms at the Island East Sports Centre under its management to practice the sport;
- (c) The Eastern District was the only district in Hong Kong to feature archery as a distinctive community sport, and the Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground in the district had been recognised by the Archery Association of Hong Kong, China as a suitable venue for archery training and competitions. In 2022, a total of 16 athletes who trained and competed at venues in the district qualified for the archery events at the Asian Games Hangzhou. In view of this, the LCSD recommended retaining archery as a distinctive sports activity for the district; and
- (d) The School Sports Programme Unit under the LCSD was responsible for co-ordinating and promoting recreation and sports activities in schools

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across the territory. The Unit provided outreach services to schools to promote various sports activities, with a view to nurturing students' interests in sports, encouraging students to participate in sports on a regular basis and develop a healthy lifestyle.

20. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda 6. Any Other Business

(1) Nomination of “Sports Ambassadors”

21. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received a letter from the LCSD inviting the Eastern District Council (EDC) to nominate no fewer than two District Council Members to represent the Eastern District in the capacity as “Sports Ambassadors” (SAs) to take part in community sports activities organised by the LCSD and assist in the promotion of sports in the district for a term of two years, i.e. from January 2026 to the end of December 2027.

22. The Chairman said that as agreed by the EDC Chairman and himself, Mr CHENG Chi-sing, Mr LAM Sum-lim, Mr CHAU Chi-yan, Benny, Ms LAU Dana Sing-she and Mr LAM Wing-shing were nominated to represent the EDC as SAs. The Secretariat had previously sent the nomination list above to the LCSD, and the LCSD had issued appointment letters to the five Members on 20 January.

(2) Matters Related to Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2026 – District Councils Challenge Cup (10km Race)

23. The Chairman indicated that the annual major sports event, Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2026, was held on 18 January. He thanked the EDC Chairman and nine Members (namely Mr KWOK Ho-king, Calvin, Mr LAM Sum-lim, Ms CHIK Kit-ling, Elaine, Mr HUNG Chiu-kwan, Ms TSANG Cheuk-yi, Ms LAU Dana Sing-she, Mr CHAN Hoi-wing, Joseph, Mr LAM Wing-cheung and Mr LAM Wing-shing) for representing the Eastern District in the captioned marathon, showcasing the vitality and team spirit of the EDC. Meanwhile, the Eastern District once again secured the “Citywide

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Participation Award” this year for having the highest number of residents registered for the event across the 18 districts.

Agenda 7. Date of Next Meeting

24. The 14th meeting of the CICRC would be held at 2:30 pm on 26 March 2026 (Thursday).

25. The meeting ended at 2:55 pm.

Eastern District Council Secretariat
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