

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

Date: 26 March 2026 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 pm

Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

Present

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

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

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
Mr LO Chun-pong, Bon	Senior Liaison Officer (3) (Ag.), 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	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Eastern, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

In Attendance by Invitation (Representatives from the Government)

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, and announced the appointment of Mr CHIU Chi-fai as a Co-opted Member of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC).

Agenda 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 13th Meeting of Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee

2. 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. 5/2026)

3. The representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) briefed Members on Paper No. 5/2026.
4. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
 - (a) In addition to primary schools, Members suggested that various arts and cultural activities should be held in secondary schools and youth centres within the district in order to benefit more young people;
 - (b) Members asked about the reasons why the actual number of participants in some individual activities fell short of expectations, and how the situation could be improved; and
 - (c) Members enquired about the method of calculating the utilisation rate of the main venue facilities at the Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre.

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

- (a) The Music Office under the LCSD organised local music promotion activities at various schools within the district. Any interested schools could contact the office to register. Moreover, the LCSD would organise arts and cultural activities in other venues such as secondary schools, community centres or district facilities. The LCSD would also relay Members' suggestions to art groups participating in the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme, though specific activity arrangements would depend on the planning of the art groups concerned. The LCSD encouraged primary and secondary schools or community centres in the district to express their interest to the art groups so that their preferences could be taken into account when planning future activities;
- (b) When estimating the expected number of participants for an activity, the LCSD mainly referred to the appeal and attendance rates of similar past events. Experimental events might not attract significant participation from the general public, resulting in lower attendance. Tickets for the "18dART—South District Community Arts Scheme" were distributed free of charge; however, not all ticket holders ultimately attended the event, leading to lower-than-expected attendance. The LCSD would review promotional methods with performing art groups from time to time and would step up promotional efforts for similar events in the future to increase attendance; and
- (c) When calculating the utilisation rate of the main venue facilities at the Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre, the LCSD would first deduct the number of days for venue maintenance and public holidays in the relevant month. Taking the theatre utilisation rate in January 2026 as an example, after deducting three maintenance days, there were 28 available rental days, of which 27 were actually rented, resulting in a utilisation rate of 96%. In February, after deducting the Chinese New Year holidays and maintenance days, all the remaining 22 days were rented, resulting in a utilisation rate of 100%.

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6. In his concluding remarks, the Chairman pointed out that arts and cultural activities should be further integrated into the community and held in suitable public spaces such as plazas and housing estates, so as to more effectively promote culture within the community.

7. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda 3. Report by LCSD on Extension Activities and Usage of Public Libraries **(CICRC Paper No. 6/2026)**

8. The representative of the LCSD briefed Members on Paper No. 6/2026, which detailed the activities for “National Security Education Day” on 15 April, and “Hong Kong Reading for All Day” on 23 April. The LCSD gave special thanks to several Members for participating in the “Read Together for Half an Hour” activity.

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

- (a) Members suggested that distinctive features of the Eastern District, such as the East Coast Boardwalk, trams, Tam Kung Temple or Youth Square, be incorporated into the planning of activities or the production of promotional materials so as to attract more young people and different groups to participate in the reading activities;
- (b) Members proposed that the “Read Together for Half an Hour” activity be rescheduled to take place on weekends in order to attract more members of the public of different ages; and
- (c) Members suggested that the department should invite all District Council (DC) Members and Care Teams to participate in the promotion of the “Read Together for Half an Hour” activity to expand its reach.

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

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- (a) The LCSD noted Members' suggestions and would communicate with the section responsible for promotional activities after the meeting to explore the feasibility of the suggestions;
- (b) As a core activity to echo the "423 Reading for All Day" on 23 April, the "Read Together for Half an Hour" activity must be held on 23 April (Thursday). The LCSD would also organise promotional activities in various district libraries from 20 to 26 April, such as the Happiness Hunting Station, workshops and storytelling workshops, in conjunction with Library-on-Wheels activities. The LCSD was willing to consult with DC Members with a view to collaborating on outreach reading promotion activities on other days; and
- (c) The LCSD previously wrote to all DC Members inviting them to register for the "Read Together for Half an Hour" activity and again encouraged them to participate. The LCSD also contacted the Eastern District Care Team Secretariat earlier so that DC Members taking part in the event could also assist in promotion in their capacity as Care Team members. In addition, a number of community libraries in the district established by non-profit organisations would support the event by setting up reading locations and organising activities for the public to read together.

11. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda 4. Annual Plan on Community Involvement Programme of Eastern District Office for 2026/2027 (April 2026 to March 2027)
(CICRC Paper No. 7/2026)

12. The representative of the Eastern District Office (EDO) briefed Members on Paper No. 7/2026.

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

- (a) Members proposed stepping up co-operation with schools in the district through platforms such as the Eastern District School Liaison

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Committee, with a view to attracting more young people and students to participate. Members also recommended inviting local schools and students to take part in the “Celebration of the 29th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region — Eastern District Dragon Boat Race cum Carnival 2026” (Dragon Boat Race);

- (b) Regarding the Tam Kung Festival @ Eastern District 2026 (Tam Kung Festival) activity, Members recommended that the EDO co-ordinate with neighbouring schools to avoid the parade overlapping with examination periods, which would affect the atmosphere of the event;
- (c) Several Members put forward suggestions on enhancing the promotion of the activities, including promoting them in advance on the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) website; distributing Tam Kung Fortune Cookies to DC Members in advance so that they could promote the event when setting up street stalls; hanging banners at prominent locations; producing route maps for key events; posting the EDO’s activity information on the Eastern DC’s notice board; and displaying event promotional materials at tourist hotspots (e.g. Chun Yeung Street Market, the tram terminus, the vicinity of Harbour North, the East Coast Boardwalk, etc.) to attract local residents and tourists to participate. Members further suggested inviting the public to film short videos to promote the characteristics and activities of the Eastern District;
- (d) Members recommended adding festive light installations along the East Coast Boardwalk to create photo-taking landmarks; and
- (e) With the closure of the Sunbeam Theatre, Members proposed holding more Cantonese opera/Chinese opera performances at the Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre to enrich the cultural life of local residents.

14. The representative of the EDO responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) The representative of the EDO noted Members’ suggestions and advised that they had previously co-organised cultural festivals and promoted national security education activities with the Eastern District School

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Liaison Committee. The EDO would also promote collaboration with local groups and schools to attract greater participation from young people and students in suitable events in the future;

- (b) Regarding the arrangements for the Tam Kung Festival activities, this year's parade was scheduled for 24 May. As the International Baccalaureate Examinations at nearby schools would have concluded by then, the event would not be affected. Besides, the EDO had previously contacted the HKTB, which would continue to assist in promoting the Tam Kung Festival this year. The EDO would also set up special installations in places such as Main Street East. As for other suggestions concerning Tam Kung Fortune Cookies and enhanced promotion, the EDO would discuss them with the organisers and follow up in a timely manner; and
- (c) The EDO had already installed Christmas and Chinese New Year lights on the East Coast Boardwalk in 2025-26. Subject to resource availability, the EDO would consider continuing to install lights there next year to attract visitors.

15. A Member involved in the organisation of the Dragon Boat Race added that the current race already included an open category for participants aged 18 or above. If necessary, the feasibility of establishing a student category could be explored in the future.

16. The representative of the LCSD stated that they would relay the feedback to the section responsible for arranging programmes at the venue, and welcomed DC Members to recommend art groups that they were familiar with to hire the Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre.

17. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda 5. Any Other Business

18. There was no other discussion item for the CICRC.

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Agenda 6. Date of Next Meeting

19. The 15th meeting of the CICRC would be held at 2:30 pm on 26 May 2026 (Tuesday).

20. The meeting ended at 3:20 pm.

Eastern District Council Secretariat
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