

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

Date: 26 March 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 pm

Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

Present

Mr TING Kong-ho, Eddie, MH	Mr LAM Wing-shing	Mr KWOK Wing-kin
Mr TING Wong, Kacee	Mr LAM Wing-cheung	Mr CHAN Hoi-wing, Joseph
Mr WONG Chi-chung	Mr CHAU Chi-yan, Benny	Ms TSANG Cheuk-yi
Ms HO Sau-yin, Zareenah	Ms LIN Cai-ying	Ms CHIK Kit-ling, Elaine
Mr YUEN Kin-chung, Kenny	Mr HUNG Chi-kit	Mr CHENG Chi-sing, MH
Ms LI Lee	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	Mr LIANG Li (Chairman)	Mr LAU Hing-yeung, MH
Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley	Ms CHAN Hang, MH, JP (Vice-chairlady)	Mr LAI Nuen-san
Mr LAM Sum-lim, MH	Mr KWOK Ho-king, Calvin	

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Mr POON Cheuk-hong, Hong	Assistant District Officer (Eastern)2, Eastern District Office
Ms NG Yan-mei, Monie	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Eastern District Office
Ms CHENG Lai-yin, Daisy	Senior Liaison Officer (3), Eastern District Office
Mr WONG Yam-pui, David	Liaison Officer-in-charge (Community Affairs)1, Eastern District Office
Ms LAM Sin-yee, Iris	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 (Government Representatives)

Miss CHUNG Suk-yan, Janet	Manager (Hong Kong East) Marketing, Programme and District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms SO Man-yin, Vicki	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

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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members and government representatives to the meeting.

Agenda 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 1st Meeting of Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC)

2. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

Agenda 2. Report on Arts and Cultural Activities in Eastern District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2023-24 and 2024-25 (CICRC Paper No. 6/2024)

3. The representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) briefed Members on Paper No. 6/2024.

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

- (a) Members enquired about the criteria for selecting schools to organise the Community Programmes. They also pointed out that there were many schools in the district and suggested organising more similar activities in different schools to help relieve students of stress.
- (b) Members enquired whether District Council (DC) members could invite performing art groups to participate in performances organised by them in the district.

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

- (a) The Community Programmes were one of the regular extension

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activities organised by the LCSD, which also included the introduction of musical instruments and programme notes apart from music performances. The LCSD regularly disseminated the programme information through various publicity channels and schools in the district were welcome to enrol. The LCSD would also accommodate the timetables and ancillary facilities of the schools as far as practical when organising the programmes so as to enable more students to access to and learn more about music. The LCSD would continue to publicise and promote music activities in different schools in the district in future.

- (b) The LCSD sponsored experienced professional art groups to organise art activities in the district under the 18dART Community Arts Scheme, including the recruitment of trainees and arrangement of training and performances, etc. The performing art groups and arts practitioners under the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme would also organise various types of arts performances, workshops or exhibitions at different locations in the community, and residents in the district were welcomed to participate.

- 6. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda 3. Report by LCSD on Extension Activities and Usage of Public Libraries and Extension Activities Program Plan in the Eastern District (CICRC Paper No. 7/2024)

- 7. The representative of the LCSD briefed Members on Paper No. 7/2024.
- 8. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
 - (a) Members pointed out that the captioned paper only provided the statistics of returned library materials processed by the self-service library station (SSLS). They suggested the department provide the statistics of borrowed library materials processed by the SSLS and the library usage in the last year in the meeting papers submitted in future for comparison as well.

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- (b) Members enquired about the criteria for deciding the locations of mobile library stops (MLS) and pointed out that some public housing estates were also suitable for setting up MLS.
- (c) Members pointed out that 15 April was the National Security Education Day and suggested focusing on organising extension activities on national security education in mid-April.
- (d) Members enquired about the reasons for organising extension activities on national security education only in Quarry Bay Public Library and Chai Wan Public Library.

9. The representative of the LCSD noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) As the enhancement works of the SSLS was underway for the installation of new devices adopting the Radio Frequency Identification technology, it could only provide return service for library materials. The works was expected to complete in late April the current year and the services for borrowing and collecting reserved library materials would be resumed by then. The relevant information would be reflected in the meeting paper.
- (b) The LCSD would provide last year's library usage for comparison in the next meeting paper.
- (c) There were four MLS in the Eastern District at present, mainly serving locations with heavier pedestrian flow but far from existing library facilities. The MLS trucks were large in size and had certain requirements for power supply equipment and the surrounding environment. The LCSD had a fleet of small trucks called Library-on-Wheels, which were suitable for flexible deployment to different districts for book promotion activities. The trucks provided about 300 books on a specific theme. Self-borrowing and returning equipment and tablets were also available to enable public access to library services, electronic resources and online services.
- (d) The Quarry Bay Public Library and Chai Wan Public Library were

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larger, featuring extension activities rooms with sufficient space and equipment to hold extension activities for roving exhibitions. However, the other four libraries were unable to hold extension activities in larger-scale due to limitations in space and facilities. The LCSD had arranged to organise Thematic Putonghua Parent-child Storytelling Theatre “Chinese Classics Read Aloud” in the four libraries to enable children and parents to gain exposure to the country’s official language and Chinese literature. The LCSD would organise extension activities on national security education in the six static libraries in the district if time and resources permitted in future.

10. 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 2024 to Mar 2025 **(CICRC Paper No. 8/2024)**

11. The representative of the LCSD briefed Members on Paper No. 8/2024.

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

- (a) Members pointed out that most of the extension activities were mainly targeted at the ethnic Chinese and suggested providing extension activities in English to facilitate the participation of citizens of different ethnicities.
- (b) Members enquired about the reasons for the expected participant number in the User Education Sessions averaged only two to three people per session.
- (c) Members appreciated the rich library activities implemented by the department but suggested producing promotional clips, brochures or leaflets etc., to enhance promotion.

13. The representative of the LCSD noted Members’ views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

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- (a) The LCSD would invite volunteer native-speaking English teachers to tell English stories at libraries but subject to their availabilities. Therefore, the activities were not listed in the annual plan. However, the information and videos of the English storytelling workshops were available on the LCSD website for the public to review at any time.
- (b) As User Education Sessions were conducted in small groups to introduce the library services and facilities to participants while workstations would be arranged for participants to try out electronic resources, there were limited quotas for each session.
- (c) The LCSD had produced and uploaded interactive stories and promotional clips onto the LCSD Edutainment Channel website, as well as social media platform pages such as Facebook and Instagram. The LCSD would also organise large-scale online reading activities with a view to overcoming the constraints of time and space to enable public participation of library activities anywhere and anytime. Regarding publicity of activities, printed promotional materials would also be provided to Members in addition to the activity information by email in future.

14. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda 5. Leisure and Cultural Services Department's Eastern District Annual Recreation and Sports Programme Plan in 2024-25
(CICRC Paper No. 9/2024)

15. The representative of the LCSD briefed Members on Paper No. 9/2024.

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

- (a) Members enquired whether the participants of youth at risk activities were referred by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or schools, or whether they enrolled on their own.

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- (b) Members were concerned about the resource utilisation of the activities and enquired about the discrepancy between the expected and actual number of participants in various recreation and sports (R&S) programmes.
- (c) According to the latest guidelines of the Education Bureau, children and youngsters were recommended to do at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily. Therefore, Members enquired whether information of the R&S programmes organised by the department could be provided to schools as early as possible, and whether more R&S programmes would be co-organised with schools to enhance students' physical activity level.
- (d) Members enquired about the details of the Community Garden Programme and the locations of the garden in the Eastern District.
- (e) Members opined that the number of expected participants for the Fitness Room Monthly Ticket Scheme was 10 144 and enquired whether there were sufficient fitness rooms and fitness equipment in the Eastern District.

17. The representative of the LCSD noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their enquiries as follows:

- (a) The LCSD recruited the participants of youth at risk activities from non-governmental organisations under the SWD that serviced youth at risk.
- (b) To ensure effective resource utilisation, the LCSD would set quotas for all R&S programmes which would be organised only when the number of enrolment reached half of the quota. The LCSD would monitor the enrolment situation from time to time and step up publicity to boost enrolment when necessary. The LCSD would also refer to the number of participants and popularity of the related activities in the past when formulating annual activity plan. Therefore, there would not be considerable difference between the actual and expected number of participants.
- (c) The R&S programmes listed in the captioned paper were mostly

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community R&S programmes that served all Eastern District residents, many of which were R&S programmes for children and parent-child workshops. The LCSD would proactively contact schools and mail promotional materials to schools when necessary to enhance publicity if individual R&S programmes were suitable for children or young people. In addition, the LCSD had also set up the School Sports Programme Unit dedicated to co-ordinate the promotion of R&S programmes in all schools across the territory to help students develop a habit of doing exercise.

- (d) The Community Garden Programme aimed at allowing participants to learn how to grow ornamental plants, vegetables and fruits under the guidance of qualified instructors. Each course lasted for 18 weeks (54 hours in total) and participants would be allocated a planting plot for practice. There were two community gardens under the LCSD in the Eastern District at present, which were located at Wai Tsui Crescent and Quarry Bay Park respectively.
- (e) The LCSD provided a total of four fitness rooms in the district at present, namely at Island East Sports Centre, Quarry Bay Sports Centre, Chai Wan Sports Centre and Java Road Sports Centre respectively. The Fitness Room Monthly Ticket Scheme was mainly implemented in the fitness room of Island East Sports Centre, while “Fitness (Multi-gym) Training Course” and “Briefing on Proper Ways to Use Fitness Equipment” were provided in the fitness rooms of other sports centres. With the newly completed Java Road Sports Centre fitness room opening for use in May 2023, the shortage of fitness rooms and fitness equipment in the district had been alleviated.

18. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda 6. Any Other Business

- (i) **Sincere Invitation to the Eastern District Council for Participation in Futsal/5-on-5 Basketball Friendlies**

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19. The Chairman said that the DC Chairman was planning to organise a futsal and a 5-on-5 basketball friendlies at present, where DC Members teams would play against government department teams. Both matches would be mixed and Members were cordially invited to participate. The Chairman suggested electing the captains of the DC Members teams for the two friendlies first to follow up on the matches.

20. After discussion, the Chairman announced that Mr LAM Wing-cheung and Mr Benny CHAU were elected uncontested as the captains of the DC Members teams of the futsal and 5-on-5 basketball friendlies respectively. The Chairman asked Members who were interested in participating in the friendlies to sign up with the captains after the meeting.

(ii) Matters Concerning the Use of Parking Spaces at Hammer Hill Road Sports Ground by Schools in the Eastern District

21. The Vice-chairlady remarked that many schools in the district had to organise sports days at Hammer Hill Road Sports Ground in Wong Tai Sin due to the ongoing maintenance works at Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground. However, parking spaces at Hammer Hill Road Sports Ground were unavailable for hirers so she would like the representative of the LCSD to relay the matter on their behalf.

22. The representative of the LCSD remarked that they would enquire of the Wong Tai Sin District Leisure Services Office about the matter.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD stated in the written reply on 26 March that there was only one parking space for the LCSD's internal use at Hammer Hill Road Sports Ground while the rest were fee-paying parking spaces managed by the contractor. Therefore, the LCSD agreed that the parking space for internal used could be arranged for the school hirer with advanced application if it was not occupied by any working vehicles.)

Agenda 7. Date of Next Meeting

23. The third CICRC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 28 May 2024 (Tuesday).

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24. The meeting ended at 3:30 pm.

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