

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

Date: 28 May 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 LUONG An-an, Jacqueline	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Eastern District Office
Mr WONG Yam-pui, David	Liaison Officer-in-charge (Community Affairs)1, Eastern District Office
Ms LAM Sin-yea, 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 LEE Wai-ming, Karvie	District Leisure Manager (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)

Ms SO Man-yin, Vicki	Assistant District Leisure Manager (District Support) Eastern, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
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Ms Florence AU

Regional Officer, Independent Commission Against
Corruption

Ms Jean CHAN

Senior Community Relations Officer, Independent
Commission Against Corruption

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 2nd Meeting of Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC)

2. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

Agenda Item 2. Report on Arts and Cultural Activities in Eastern District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2024-25 (CICRC Paper No. 10/2024)

3. The representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) briefed Members on Paper No. 10/2024.

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

- (a) Members were pleased to see that Workshop on Experiencing Street Dance offered youth, adult and senior sessions to facilitate participation by different people, and enquired whether more venues would be identified for promoting street dance and organising workshops.
- (b) Members enquired about the feasibility of inviting participants of “Dance on E” programme to participate in district or District Council (DC) activities so as to provide them with more performing

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opportunities.

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

- (a) As the time available for different age groups to attend the workshops varied from morning for the senior group to after-work or weekend for the adult group, the LCSD would continue to identify suitable venues for organising the workshops.
- (b) The LCSD thanked Members for their support to "Dance on E" programme, and could provide Members with the contact details of the person-in-charge for negotiation of co-operation in the performing activities if necessary.

6. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda Item 3. Report by LCSD on Extension Activities and Usage of Public Libraries

(CICRC Paper No. 11/2024)

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

8. Members remarked on the exquisite souvenirs received after participation in the library activities in the past and suggested taking reference from them when designing the DC souvenirs.

9. The LCSD thanked Members for their appreciation of the souvenirs distributed during the library activities and remarked that a sample set of souvenirs could be provided for the DC's reference. The LCSD would be pleased to provide more information if necessary.

10. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda Item 4. Leisure and Cultural Services Department's Eastern District Annual Recreation and Sports Programme Implementation Report 2023-24

(CICRC Paper No. 12/2024)

11. The representative of the LCSD briefed Members on Paper No. 12/2024.

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12. Members enquired whether dragon boat activity would be organised under the recreation and sports (R&S) programme.

13. The LCSD remarked that there was no plan to organise dragon boat activity under the R&S programme at present but noticed that many local organisations in the district had organised dragon boat activities. The LCSD would timely inform Members of the organisation of the activity in future.

14. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda Item 5. Work Plan 2024/25 of ICAC Regional Office (Hong Kong East) cum Project Proposal on Eastern District Involvement Project (CICRC Paper No. 13/2024)

15. The representative of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) briefed Members on Paper No. 13/2024.

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

- (a) Members thanked the ICAC for its significant contribution to making Hong Kong a city of probity over the past 50 years and enquired of the department about their approach to tie in with the policy objectives of the HKSAR Government in upholding the principle of “one country, two systems” and safeguarding national security through its annual work plan.
- (b) Regarding building management, Members enquired whether corruption prevention briefings would be organised for owners’ corporations (OCs) in the district.

17. The representative of the ICAC thanked Members for their recognition of ICAC’s work, noted their views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquires as follows:

- (a) The ICAC would fully uphold the principles of “one country, two systems” and safeguard national security through different areas of work

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apart from reviewing the overall development of the society and the concerns of the local community when formulating the annual work plan. On “one country, two systems”, the ICAC combated local corruption in accordance with the law. Meanwhile, the ICAC maintained close liaison with the National Commission of Supervision to understand the country’s general direction in combating corruption. For example, the ICAC had visited the anti-corruption agencies of various Belt and Road countries to share the ICAC’s anti-corruption experience and to showcase Hong Kong’s graft fighting stories to tie in with the country’s Belt and Road Initiative. On safeguarding national security, the ICAC believed that combating corruption was intertwined with national security and social stability, and would continue to fulfil its mission of fighting corruption and promoting integrity to safeguard the rule of law in Hong Kong.

- (b) The ICAC had been proactively providing advisory and education services on integrity building management to OCs. The ICAC would arrange briefings for OCs upon request to analyse common corruption practices and risks, raise the corruption prevention awareness of building management stakeholders and recommend relevant corruption prevention measures. In addition, the ICAC would proactively give briefings on its corruption prevention education services to newly formed OCs, OCs/buildings which had received repair orders or fire safety directions and had successfully applied for various government subsidy schemes for building maintenance. The ICAC also enhanced the effectiveness of its publicity and education through co-operation with relevant government departments and trade organisations. For example, the ICAC participated in the building management workshops organised by the Home Affairs Department, District Offices and local organisations to brief stakeholders on corruption prevention information on integrity building management.

18. After discussion, the CICRC agreed that the Eastern District Council (EDC) would serve as a supporting organisation for the ICAC’s “Fighting Corruption: The Mission Continues” Eastern District Integrity Promotion Project 2024/25.

19. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda Item 6. Annual Plan on Community Involvement Programme of Eastern District Office for 2024/2025 (April 2024 to March 2025)
(CICRC Paper No. 14/2024)

20. The representative of the Eastern District Office (EDO) briefed Members on Paper No. 14/2024.

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

- (a) Regarding the decorations for celebrating Hong Kong's return to motherland and the National Day in the district, Members suggested displaying national and regional flags on the lamp posts at King's Road to create a sea of red flags and a tourist "check-in spot", as well as providing schools in the district with national and regional flags for display during the celebrations of the two holidays. Besides, some Members relayed from the public that unlike other LCSD venues, there were no display of national and regional flags at the football pitch next to Island Resort during the celebration of Hong Kong's return to motherland or the National Day and would like the LCSD to follow up on the matter.
- (b) Regarding the celebration for Hong Kong's return to motherland and the National Day, Members suggested organising flag-raising ceremonies in the district. They also suggested enhancing publicity on other major Chinese festivals to enhance patriotism apart from celebrating Hong Kong's return to motherland and the National Day.
- (c) Members suggested the EDO incorporate innovative graphics into the annual Christmas and New Year lighting designs, such as the recently popular animation and cartoon characters, so as to bring a sense of freshness to the public and attract more visiting tourists.
- (d) Regarding the "Night Dragon Parade@Eastern District" recently held at Shau Kei Wan Main Street East, some members of the public had suggested hanging the lanterns horizontally where practicable if similar events were to be organised next year to enhance the photo-taking effect.
- (e) Members viewed that the Eastern District Dragon Boat Race (Dragon

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Boat Race) had become an activity that attracted territory-wide participation. They suggested arranging shuttle bus service for the public as there was certain distance between the activity venue and the MTR station and major public transport systems.

- (f) Members remarked that the lightings of the “check-in spot” at the Eastern District Cultural Square were damaged and would like the department to inspect and follow up on it.
- (g) Members remarked on the significant achievements of the considerable work by the EDO and DC as evident from the captioned paper. Therefore, they suggested collate and summarise the activities for publicity purposes so as to enable the public to understand the work of EDO and DC.

22. The representatives of the EDO and LCSD noted Members’ views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquires as follows:

EDO

- (a) In view of the solemnity of the national and regional flags, they should not be displayed at locations where they were difficult to be removed or repaired, such as lamp posts on the streets, so as to avoid untimely handling in case of vandalism. The EDO would provide national and regional flags to schools in the district in need of them later on.
- (b) The EDO supported local organisations in organising flag-raising ceremonies every year and noted that the ceremonies would continue to be held on 1 July and 1 October the current year. In addition, celebratory performances would be held at the Siu Sai Wan Sports Centre in the fourth quarter of the current year tentatively to celebrate the National Day with the public. Apart from celebrating Hong Kong’s return to motherland and the National Day, the EDO had also organised the “Eastern District National Security Sports Fun Day” in April the current year in support of the National Security Education Day and would also organise patriotic-themed activities in October.
- (c) The EDO would consider Members’ views and incorporate more innovative elements in the lighting designs. However, the

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characteristics of different festivals would still have to be taken into account, for example, Christmas lightings could be more innovative in design while the Lunar New Year lightings should retain some of the traditional features.

- (d) Given the numerous road maintenance works in Shau Kei Wan Main Street East the current year and the safety restrictions by the Highways Department on displaying lanterns, the organiser had already displayed lanterns horizontally along some sections of the street. It was hoped that the effect could be more obvious with less road maintenance works next year.
- (e) The EDO thanked Members for their appreciation and would like to achieve outstanding results in the Dragon Boat Race the current year by playing hard together. The Dragon Boat Race had gradually become an important annual event in the Eastern District, which had attracted around 2 000 participants in total last year. It was expected that the number would increase by 1 000 the current year mainly because the Link Real Estate Investment Trust had arranged some grass-roots families to watch the race in batches in the morning session. The EDO would assess the capacity of the venue and facilities, including the number of patrons that could be accommodated at the booths, the number of toilets and seats. The EDO would reconsider the suggestion of providing free shuttle-bus services next year subject to the achievement of the current year's activity to attract more public participation.
- (f) Regarding the "check-in spot" at the Eastern District Cultural Square, the EDO did find a small number of damaged lightings during the weekly inspections but the area was not extensive. As the LED flower lightings were connected in series, the whole set would go out if one of them was damaged. In addition, the recent frequent rainfall had caused short circuits of the outdoor lightings. The EDO would notify the contractor immediately to arrange for repairs whenever damaged lightings were found, in the hope of keeping the "check-in spot" in good condition during peak periods such as weekends and holidays for the public to "check in" and take photographs.

LCSD

- (g) The LCSD had displayed banners at Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground during the National Day last year and would arrange for display at the football pitch next to Island Resort the current year.

23. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda Item 7. Organisation of “Eastern District Cantonese Opera Show in Celebration of the 27th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR”
(CICRC Paper No. 15/2024)

24. The representative of the EDO briefed Members on Paper No. 15/2024 and asked Members to select two plays from “Mistake at the Flower Festival”, “Contention for the Seal” and “The Handsome Groom and His Double” as the repertoires of the Cantonese Opera Show, as well as one title from “Cantonese Opera Arts in the Eastern District”, “Cantonese Opera in Celebration of Hong Kong’s Return to Motherland” and “Melodious Cantonese Opera Show” for the backdrop of the officiating ceremony and autograph board.

25. A Member supported “Cantonese Opera Arts in Eastern District” as the backdrop title for its simplicity and aptness.

26. The Chairman preferred “Mistake at the Flower Festival” and “Contention for the Seal” as the performing troupe had more on-stage experience after having been briefed by the department. Moreover, the two plays could present the audience with different styles of Cantonese Opera given the former one was a civil repertoire while the latter had some martial scenes. Regarding the backdrop title, he said that “Eastern District Cantonese Opera Show in Celebration of the 27th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR” and “Cantonese Opera in Celebration of Hong Kong’s Return to Motherland” were literally duplicated, while “Melodious Cantonese Opera Show” was easily associated with singing. Therefore, he preferred “Cantonese Opera Arts in the Eastern District”.

27. After discussion, the CICRC unanimously endorsed the repertoires of the Cantonese Opera Show to be “Mistake at the Flower Festival” and “Contention for the Seal” while the title of the backdrop and autograph board of the officiating ceremony to be “Cantonese Opera Arts in the Eastern District”.

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28. The CICRC noted the captioned paper.

Agenda Item 8. Any Other Business

(i) LCSD's Invitation for the Eastern District Council to Serve as a Supporting Organisation of the Sport For All Day 2024

29. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received a letter from the LCSD inviting the EDC to serve as a supporting organisation of the Sport for All Day 2024 and assist in the publicity activities in the district from July to August the current year, and that the LCSD would include the EDC in the list of supporting organisations of the activity and upload it onto the relevant website upon acceptance of the invitation.

30. After discussion, the CICRC agreed that the EDC would serve as a supporting organisation of the Sport for All Day 2024 and assist in the publicity activities in the district from July to August the current year.

(ii) Matters relating to the Basketball and Football Friendlies between the Eastern District Council and Government Departments

31. The Chairman remarked that the Secretariat had emailed the details of the captioned activities to Members earlier on and appealed to them to spare time to attend the event to support the athletes to enhance friendship.

Agenda Item 9. Date of Next Meeting

32. The fourth CICRC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 30 July 2024 (Tuesday).

33. The meeting ended at 4:00 pm.

Eastern District Council Secretariat
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