

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

Date: 30 July 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	Mr HUI Chi-kwan (Co-opted Member)
Mr LAU Yu-bun (Co-opted Member)		

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Ms CHIU Man-nga, Jasmine	Assistant District Officer (Eastern)1, 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 CHOW Kai-sing, Thomas	Liaison Officer-in-charge (Special Duties)1, Eastern District Office
Ms HO Ka-sin, Cassie	Liaison Officer-in-charge (Community Affairs)2, Eastern District Office
Ms LAM Sin-yei, 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)

Miss CHUNG Suk-yan, Janet	Manager (Hong Kong East) Marketing, Programme and District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss CHOW Pui-yee, Annabelle	Assistant Manager (Hong Kong East) Marketing, Programme and District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WONG Chung-pui	Assistant District Leisure Manager I (District Support) Eastern (Ag.), 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, and announced the appointment of Mr HUI Chi-kwan and Mr LAU Yu-bun as the co-opted Members to the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC).

Agenda 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of 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. 16/2024)

3. The representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) briefed Members on Paper No. 16/2024, and supplemented that the “Community Cultural Ambassador” Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble would organise a parent-child music theatre at the North Point Community Hall on 25 August.
4. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members enquired about the enrolment flow for the activities under the

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Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme (CCAS) and whether the actual number of participants was less than expected due to the absence of participants after enrolment.

- (b) Members enquired whether the department would provide highlight video of the performance activities for the District Council Members to help promote the activities to the public.

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

- (a) Most of the activities under the CCAS were open to the public free of charge while some were free admission by registration. Operationally, the places of absent pre-registered participants would be allocated for public participation on the spot.
- (b) The publicity and organisation of the activities under the CCAS were mainly undertaken by the arts groups concerned. Most of the arts groups would post promotional videos or detailed information of the activities on online platforms, such as Facebook and Instagram, for the public to readily access and learn about the activity contents. The arts groups would also upload highlight video of past activities to enhance their appeal and encourage public participation. The LCSD would provide Members with information on the online platforms of the arts groups for their browsing and assistance in publicity.

6. The CICRC noted the captioned Paper.

Agenda Item 3. Report by LCSD on Usage and Extension Activities of Public Libraries
(CICRC Paper No. 17/2024)

7. The representative of the LCSD briefed Members on Paper No. 17/2024.

8. The CICRC noted the captioned Paper.

Agenda Item 4. Production of Promotional Souvenirs of Eastern District Council
(CICRC Paper No. 18/2024)

9. The representative of the Eastern District Office (EDO) briefed Members on Paper No. 18/2024.

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

- (a) Members learnt about the general needs and preferences of items of the residents through daily contact with them in the community. Therefore, they suggested proposing other options of the Eastern District Council (EDC) souvenirs which were well received by the residents apart from the two souvenirs mentioned in the Paper.
- (b) Members suggested producing souvenirs of high practicality, such as hand-held fans or umbrellas.
- (c) With the implementation of the new regulation on disposable plastic products since April the current year, many restaurants had no longer provided tableware for takeaway orders and some had switched to wooden tableware which might be rather inconvenient to use. Therefore, Members suggested producing reusable eco-friendly tableware, which not only would help promote the concept of environmental protection, but also attract more office workers and young people to use them.

11. The Chairman remarked that the EDO staff preliminarily proposed to produce foldable eco-cups and multi-purpose cooling towels after careful evaluation of various souvenir options. They had taken into account the fact that the surface area of the products was large enough for printing QR codes to facilitate the public to scan them with mobile phones to access the EDC website for the latest information. The souvenirs were related to themes such as sports and travel, which were close to public needs.

12. The representative of the EDO responded that other EDO sections were producing eco-friendly tableware as souvenirs for later distribution to residents.

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The EDO preliminarily proposed to produce eco-friendly foldable cups and multi-purpose cooling towels as the EDC souvenirs to avoid duplication. The EDO would also consider other suggestions by Members.

13. The Chairman asked Members to consider authorising the Chairman and Vice-chairlady of the CICRC to follow up on the captioned activity with the EDO after the meeting, and asked Members who would like to follow up on the captioned activity together to sign up with the Chairman after the meeting.

14. The CICRC endorsed the authorisation of the Chairman and Vice-chairlady to follow up on the captioned activity with the EDO after the meeting.

15. The CICRC noted the captioned Paper.

Agenda Item 5. Preparations for 2024-2025 Lunar New Year Festive Lighting Decoration in Eastern District **(CICRC Paper No. 19/2024)**

16. The representative of the EDO briefed Members on Paper No. 19/2024.

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

- (a) Members suggested increasing the number of locations with relatively high pedestrian and vehicular flows for installation of lighting decoration, such as North View Street Footbridge, Chai Wan Road Roundabout Footbridge and the vicinity of the Siu Sai Wan Market. Besides, Members relayed the suggestion received from Sai Wan Ho residents last year that they would like to have the installation of lighting decoration at the junction of Shing On Street and Shau Kei Wan Road.
- (b) Members remarked that the EDO had used to install lighting decoration at rather high positions such as footbridges, which were out of public sight. Therefore, they suggested installing lighting decoration between lampposts or at the harbourfront in the Eastern District, believing it could attract more members of the public and have a more prominent effect.

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- (c) Regarding the design of lighting decoration, Members viewed that innovative elements should be added instead of following the tradition too rigidly. They suggested displaying the characteristics related to the Eastern District on the design of the lighting decoration, or installing the lighting decoration in a simpler and more fashionable style, such as displaying red lanterns in a neat row without intentional addition of New Year greetings.
- (d) Members observed that the floral sea lighting decoration in the Eastern District Cultural Square (Cultural Square) were turned on during daytime as well, enquiring whether a more eco-friendly approach would be adopted for the New Year lighting decoration, such as using solar-powered lighting decoration or scheduling the lighting to be turned on at night only to avoid waste of electricity.
- (e) Members suggested continuing to provide new lighting decoration at the Cultural Square after the display period of the floral sea lighting decoration, or to relocate the existing lighting decoration, including roses and carriages, to parks or public spaces with higher pedestrian flow. They also suggested providing more innovative lighting decoration, such as curtain wall lighting decoration, at the junction of government and private premises in collaboration with units such as Youth Square and Link Real Estate Investment Trust.
- (f) Members observed that many cultural tourism attractions or “check-in spots” were attractive for public visit, such as the “check-in” installation at the Cultural Square, which had been well received by the community. Therefore, they suggested designing similar cultural attractions in parks or wider major roads in the Eastern District.
- (g) Members remarked that the “Night Dragon” of the “Night Dragon Parade@Eastern District” had been displayed in the vicinity of Shau Kei Wan and Chai Wan but North Point residents might not have the opportunity to appreciate them. Therefore, they suggested displaying the “Night Dragon” in North Point during New Year as believing the public would be glad to see lighting decoration in “dragon” style during the Chinese New Year apart from making effective use of the existing

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resources.

18. The representative of the EDO noted Members' suggestion, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) The EDO proposed to install lighting decoration on the footbridges with consideration that there were footbridges in different parts of the district, and would like residents in different parts of the Eastern District to have the opportunity to appreciate them. However, due to the high cost of the lighting decoration but limited resources, it would be a trade-off to provide additional lighting decoration or "check-in spots" at the locations suggested by Members. Nonetheless, the EDO noted Members' suggestions and would give due consideration to them and liaise with the contractors. Interested Members were welcome to participate in the follow-up on the agenda item and explore the best option together.
- (b) The annual festive lighting decoration would only be turned on at night. The turning on of the lighting decoration at the Cultural Square during daytime might be due to maintenance work and the EDO would follow up with the contractor.
- (c) The EDO would discuss with the organisations concerned about the feasibility of displaying the "Night Dragon" during New Year.

19. The Chairman asked Members to consider authorising the Chairman and Vice-chairlady of the CICRC to follow up on the captioned activity with the EDO after the meeting, and asked Members who would like to follow up on the captioned activity together to sign up with the Chairman after the meeting.

20. The CICRC endorsed the authorisation of the Chairman and Vice-chairlady to follow up on the captioned activity with the EDO after the meeting.

21. The CICRC noted the captioned Paper.

Agenda Item 6. Any Other Business

(i) Matters relating to the “Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China - International Tai Chi Day” by the TaiChi Academy International

22. The Chairman remarked that the TaiChi Academy International would organise the captioned activity on 12 October 2024 to promote Tai Chi and to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China with the inheritance of the Tai Chi culture as the entry point. Members of the public from 18 districts were invited to practise Tai Chi in their respective communities and make a video of the process to be shown at the activity. Interested EDC Members were invited to practise Tai Chi with the public and participate in the video production. The Chairman suggested electing a representative of EDC Members to co-ordinate and follow up on the matter.

23. After discussion, the CICRC endorsed Ms Tsang Cheuk-yi as the representative of the EDC Members for the video production on “International Tai Chi Day” to co-ordinate and follow up on the matter.

24. The Chairman asked interested EDC Members to sign up with Ms Tsang Cheuk-yi after the meeting so as to commence the video production as soon as possible for completion in early September the current year.

(ii) Production of “EDC Souvenirs” for Presentation to other Participating Units during Exchanges or Meetings

25. The Chairman remarked that the EDO planned to produce EDC souvenirs for presentation to partner organisations in future, subject to its financial conditions, as the EDC would organise or participate in exchanges or meetings from time to time. Members were asked to provide suggestions on souvenirs.

26. Members said that the EDC would present certificates of appreciation to the partner organisations as a token of appreciation in the past. However, the certificates of appreciation were often presented without photo frames or stands at present probably due to environmental considerations, which made it difficult for the organisations to display them in their offices. Members suggested enhancing

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the current practice of presenting certificates of appreciation and considering providing photo frames or stands.

27. A number of Members provided different suggestions on souvenirs, such as pens, cup sets with the EDC logo and “Night Dragon” block models. Members also mentioned about taking reference of the souvenirs distributed at last year’s “Eastern District Cultural Festival: Heritage Run and Fun” to produce 3D paper artwork with the Eastern District characteristics. Organisations receiving the souvenirs could then make their own artwork and display it in the office.

28. The Chairman asked the EDO to study the suggestions and report to the CICRC upon further progress.

Agenda Item 7. Date of Next Meeting

29. The fifth CICRC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 24 September 2024 (Tuesday).

30. The meeting ended at 3:20 pm.

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