

Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Eastern District Council

Date: 14 January 2025 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 pm

Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

Chairman

Mr CHAN Sheung-man, Simon, JP District Officer (Eastern)

Present

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| 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 | Mr LIANG Li | Mr LAU Hing-yeung, MH |
| 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 LU Xiaofeng, Anthony |
| Mr LAM Wing-shing | Mr KWOK Wing-kin | |

Absent with Apologies

Ms LI Lee (absent with consent)

Government Representatives in Attendance

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| Ms CHIU Man-nga, Jasmine | Assistant District Officer (Eastern)1, Eastern District Office |
| Mr FU Yiu-nam, Daniel | Assistant District Officer (Eastern)2, Eastern District Office |
| Mr CHAO Ka-man, Stanley | Senior Liaison Officer (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 |
| Miss NGAI Ka-man, Carman | Senior Liaison Officer (4), Eastern District Office |
| Mr LAU Chi-kan, Kenneth | Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Eastern District Office |
| Ms LIU Man-wah, Pinky | Liaison Officer (Care Teams)1, Eastern District Office |
| Mr CHAN Tin-chu, Andy | District Commander (Eastern District), Hong Kong Police Force |
| Mr CHAN Ka-leong, Kieran | Police Community Relations Officer (Eastern District), Hong Kong Police Force |
| Ms LEE Ka-yee, Eva | Senior Housing Manager (Hong Kong Island and Islands 1), Housing Department |

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| Ms YEUNG Min-jing, Anna | Chief Transport Officer/Hong Kong, Transport Department |
| Mr WONG Man-wong | Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department |
| Ms WONG Sosanna | Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Eastern, Leisure and Cultural Services Department |
| Mr LEUNG Kam-hon | District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern) (Ag.)/ Chief Health Inspector(Eastern)1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department |
| Ms CHAN Kit-man | Chief Health Inspector(Eastern)3, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department |
| Mr WONG Chun-kin, Tommy | Chief Engineer/South 3, Civil Engineering and Development Department |
| <u>Secretary</u> | |
| Ms NG Yan-mei, Monie | Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Eastern District Office |

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Opening Remarks

The Chairman of the Eastern District Council (EDC) (the Chairman) welcomed all Members and government representatives to the meeting.

2. The Secretariat had not received any declaration of interests from Members under Orders 19 to 22 of the EDC Standing Orders. The Chairman reminded Members to declare their interests as necessary.

Handling Applications for Absence

3. Ms LI Lee submitted notification of absence from meeting before the meeting for attending an important meeting arranged by Mainland authorities. The EDC decided to give consent to her application for absence.

Agenda 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Eastern District Council

4. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

Agenda 2. Working Group on Boosting Local Economy
(EDC Paper No. 1/2025)

5. The Chairman stated that the original term of the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (WGBLE) under the EDC was scheduled to expire on 31 December 2024. However, in order to tie in with the relevant follow-up work of the EDC in the coming year, he announced that the term of the WGBLE would be extended to 31 December 2025. The terms of reference of the WGBLE remained unchanged and were set out in Annex I of the captioned Paper, and the updated membership list was also set out in Annex II of the Paper. Any Member who wished to join or withdraw from the WGBLE had to seek the Chairman's approval through the Secretariat, which updated the membership list.

6. The Chairman announced the reappointment of Mr LAM Sum-lim as the Chairman of the WGBLE for the term ending on 31 December 2025 under Order 87 of the EDC Standing Orders.

7. The Chairman thanked Mr LAM Sum-lim for leading the WGBLE members to assist the Eastern District Office (EDO) in organising a series of activities to boost the economy of the Eastern District in the past year, and hoped that he would continue to give full play to his multi-faceted talents and bring more economic boosting activities for the Eastern District. He asked Mr LAM Sum-lim to express his views.

8. Mr LAM Sum-lim thanked the Chairman, the WGBLE members and the EDO staff for their support which had facilitated the smooth completion of the WGBLE's work in the past year. He was pleased to see all Members joining the WGBLE and hoped that they would work together and bring their strengths into full play in organising more economic boosting activities for the Eastern District.

9. Members noted the captioned Paper.

Agenda 3. Eastern District Year-End Clean-Up Campaign and Ring in the Lunar New Year with Care
(EDC Paper No. 2/2025)

10. The Chairman remarked that with the Lunar New Year approaching in late January this year (29 January 2025 being the first day of the Lunar New Year), as

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in the past, the EDO would co-organise the “Eastern District Year-end Clean-up Campaign” with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) before the Lunar New Year to enhance environmental hygiene in the district. In addition, the Eastern District Care Teams organised a wide range of caring activities recently for the Eastern District residents, including an unprecedented and creative activity in which all Members had participated to give away more than 1 000 fresh fish provided by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department to the elderly and the grassroots in the Eastern District during the traditional festive occasion of Winter Solstice, bringing festive atmosphere and a sense of happiness to the residents. The Chairman thanked all Members and the Eastern District Care Teams for their dedication and efforts in providing various services to the residents in the Eastern District over the past year, and hoped that they would continue to co-operate fully to build a caring Eastern District. Ms CHAN Kit-man, Chief Health Inspector (Eastern)³, of the FEHD, Mr Kenneth LAU, Senior Executive Officer (District Management), and Miss Carmen NGAI, Senior Liaison Officer (4), of the EDO, briefed Members on Paper No. 2/2025.

11. The Chairman asked Members to participate actively in the above activities.

12. Members noted the captioned Paper.

Agenda 4. Report on the 6th Meeting of the District Facilities and Works Committee

(EDC Paper No. 3/2025)

13. Mr HUNG Lin-cham, Chairman of the District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC), briefed Members on the captioned report.

14. Members noted the above report.

Agenda 5. Report on the 6th Meeting of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee

(EDC Paper No. 4/2025)

15. Mr Kenny YUEN, Chairman of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee, briefed Members on the captioned report.

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16. Members noted the above report.

Agenda 6. Report on the 6th Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
(EDC Paper No. 5/2025)

17. Mr LIANG Li, Chairman of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee, briefed Members on the captioned report.

18. Members noted the above report.

Agenda 7. Report on the 6th Meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee
(EDC Paper No. 6/2025)

19. Mr Calvin KWOK, Chairman of the Traffic and Transport Committee, briefed Members on the captioned report.

20. Members noted the above report.

Agenda 8. Report on the 6th Meeting of the Social Welfare Committee
(EDC Paper No. 7/2025)

21. Ms Zareenah HO, Chairlady of the Social Welfare Committee, briefed Members on the captioned report.

22. Members noted the above report.

Agenda 9. Report on the 4th Meeting of the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy
(EDC Paper No. 8/2025)

23. Mr LAM Sum-lim, Chairman of the WGBLE, briefed Members on the captioned report.

24. Members noted the above report.

Agenda 10. Any Other Business

Follow-up on Key District Issues – Scaling Up Capability and Arrangements in Coping with Extreme Weather in Eastern District

25. The Chairman pointed out that as Hong Kong had been hit by several typhoons and heavy rain in recent years, the Government had indicated in 2023 that it would endeavour to enhance the strategies and measures for scaling up capability and arrangements in coping with extreme weather. In view of this, the EDC identified “Scaling Up Capability and Arrangements in Coping with Extreme Weather in Eastern District” as a key district issue requiring research and attention at the meeting on 4 January 2024, which was subsequently followed up on by the DFWC under the EDC on an ongoing basis.

26. The Chairman remarked that the EDO had all along been striving to scale up the capability of the Eastern District in coping with extreme weather. To tie in with the “advance emergency preparedness” strategy, which was one of the four major strategies put forward by the Chief Executive, the EDO would arrange interdepartmental typhoon drills every year, and had co-ordinated a cross-unit typhoon drill among various government departments (including the Highways Department (HyD), FEHD, Leisure and Cultural Services Department and Drainage Services Department), the management office of Heng Fa Chuen and the Heng Fa Chuen Owners’ Committee on 26 June 2024 to enable various units to get more familiar with the typhoon precautionary measures. The EDO and EDC were also highly concerned about the source causing flooding and channel blockages, and had been closely monitoring the construction sites in the district and reminding the departments concerned to cover the excavated materials before the onset of inclement weather so as to minimise the risk of flooding in the district at source. The EDO had also inspected the construction site of Ming Wah Dai Ha before the onslaught of Typhoon Yagi in September last year to ensure that the excavated materials were properly covered. Moreover, the EDO had been actively improving the wave barrier measures for coastal areas with higher risks, including the coastal enhancement measures to be carried out in Heng Fa Chuen subsidised by the Government. The Civil Engineering and Development Department was

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now discussing with the MTR Corporation Limited on the details of the agreement on the coastal enhancement works for Heng Fa Chuen, which would be formally commenced thereafter.

27. The Chairman continued to add that to tie in with the other strategies put forward by the Chief Executive, i.e. “decisive emergency response and speedy recovery strategy”, the EDO had activated the EDC’s Adverse Weather Notification Group for the first time when Hong Kong was hit by Typhoon Yagi in September last year. Members reported the situation of their respective sub-districts during and after the onslaught of the typhoon through the Group so as to enable the EDO’s referral to the government departments concerned for expeditious follow-up. Also, the HyD had completed the emergency slope repair works at Yiu Hing Road, which was now fully open to the public and special temporary traffic arrangements were no longer required when the specified inclement weather warning signals were in force.

28. The Chairman said that the EDO and the EDC would continue to scale up the overall capability of the Eastern District in coping with extreme weather to minimise the damage and impact brought about by extreme weather, with a view to enabling the public to resume normal lives as soon as possible.

Agenda 11. Date of Next Meeting

29. The eighth meeting of the EDC would be held at 2:30 pm on 4 March 2025 (Tuesday).

30. The meeting ended at 2:55 pm.

Eastern District Council Secretariat
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