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**Islands District Council
Minutes of Meeting of the
Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee**

Date : 9 January 2017 (Monday)

Time : 2:00 p.m.

Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room

Present

Ms YU Lai-fan (Chairman)

Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine (Vice-Chairman)

Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, BBS

Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, JP

Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS

Mr CHAN Lin-wai

Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken

Ms LEE Kwai-chun

Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy

Mr KWONG Koon-wan

Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden

Mr KWOK Ping, Eric

Ms FU Hiu-lam Sammi

Mr LEE Man-on

Attendance by Invitation

Mr CHAN On-ting, Eddy	Senior Manager (External Affairs), Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
Ms NGAI Oi-fong, Jennifer	Manager (External Affairs), Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
Mr CHAN Wai-ho, Kenneth	Divisional Commander (Marine and Off-shore Islands), Fire Services Department
Mr HO Kin-ho	Station Commander Discovery Bay Fire Station, Fire Services Department
Mr Eric LAW	Sales Operations Controller, PARKnSHOP
Mr MAK Chi-wai	Sales Operations Manager Designate, PARKnSHOP
Mr CHAN Chun, Calvin	Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms TAM On-kei, Susan	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

In Attendance

Mr HAU Wing-man, Raymond	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms KWOK Lai-kuen, Elaine	Senior Librarian (Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss NG Lai-fong, Agnes	Manager (New Territories South) Marketing & District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Kit-ye, Kitty	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WATT Wai-yeung, Edwin	Senior Community Relations Officer (Hong Kong West/Islands), Independent Commission Against Corruption
Dr LEE Chi-on, Clement	Senior School Development Officer (Islands)1, Education Bureau
Mr CHU Kam-sing, Daniel	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Central Western/ Southern & Islands)2, Social Welfare Department
Miss CHONG Yan-ye, Belinda	Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office
Ms YUEN Wai-kwan	Representative, Association of School Heads of Islands District
Mr LAM Kit-sing	Representative, Islands District Sports Association
Ms CHOI Kwok-por	Representative, Hong Kong Islands Cultural & Art Association

Secretary

Miss CHAN Shuk-yi, Rachel	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Islands District Office
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Absent with Apologies

Mr FAN Chi-ping
Mr TANG Ka-piu, Bill, JP
Mr WONG Hoi-yu
Mr LAI Tsz-man
Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha

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### **Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments and organisations as well as Members to the meeting. She then introduced the following representatives of the government departments who attended the meeting:

- (a) Ms CHONG Yan-yee, Belinda, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>1</sup> of Islands District Office who attended the meeting in place of Mr CHOW Chit, Joe;
- (b) Dr LEE Chi-on, Clement, Senior School Development Officer (Islands)<sup>1</sup> of Education Bureau (EDB) who succeeded Ms LUI Man-wai; and
- (c) Miss NG Lai-fong, Agnes, Manager (New Territories South) Marketing & District of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

2. Members noted that Mr FAN Chi-ping, Mr TANG Ka-piu, Bill, JP, Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha, Mr LAI Tsz-man as well as Mr WONG Hoi-yu were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

#### I. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 7.11.2016

- 3. The Chairman said that the minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by government departments and Members, and had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.
- 4. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendment.

#### II. MPF Default Investment Strategy (Paper CACRC 7/2017)

- 5. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHAN On-ting, Eddy, Senior Manager (External Affairs) and Ms NGAI Oi-fong, Jennifer, Manager (External Affairs) of Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (MPFA) to the meeting to present the paper.
- 6. Mr Eddy CHAN presented the paper with the aid of PowerPoint presentation.
- 7. Mr Holden CHOW said that in the past, the public generally preferred the conservative funds which were stable but with limited growth potential and charged lower fees, whereas the fees of Default Investment Strategy (DIS) funds were relatively lower. He hoped MPFA could explain the difference between conservative and DIS funds.
- 8. Ms Amy YUNG said that since the written instructions and letters that the public often received from MPF trustees or banks were complicated and long-winded, coupled with their small font size, most people would not bother to read them in detail, let alone the elderly. Hence, most people would discard the MPF information immediately upon receiving them, resulting in wastage. She welcomed MPFA's presentation and suggested that the Authority produce an "easy guide" to introduce the relevant information in a simple fashion.

9. Mr CHAN Lin-wai enquired whether a scheme member could apply to withdraw the accrued benefits to pay for medical expenses after making contributions for many years but had suddenly fallen ill.

10. Mr Eddy CHAN gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (a) In accordance with the law, each MPF scheme was required to offer conservative funds for selection by scheme members. These funds mainly invest in bank deposits or short-term interest-bearing notes; amid the low-interest investment environment in recent years, choosing MPF conservative funds would yield almost no investment returns, same as depositing in a bank. DIS funds would invest in mixed asset funds comprised stocks and bonds, whose investment risk would be mainly dependent on the performance of constituent stocks and bonds, as well as the proportion of stocks and bonds in the portfolio. In the cases of those who were currently investing in the MPF conservative funds and held almost no investments of their own, the risks they face would increase should they invest in DIS funds in future.
- (b) DIS funds had a fee and charge ceiling of 0.95%, which was lower than the current average of other MPFs, and MPFA would review the fees within three years in the hope that the fees would be further reduced. In addition, MPFA hoped to increase competition in the MPF market upon the introduction of DIS funds. In the future, the public would be able to compare the performance between other MPF funds and those of DIS funds. For example, those funds currently charging fees and charges as high as 2% would need to explain to scheme members if their returns were lower than DIS funds. MPFA hope to see a continual reduction in the fees and charges of MPF schemes through market mechanism.
- (c) MPFA understood that the information in the Notice on the Implementation of the Default Investment Strategy (DPN) mailed by MPF Trustees from December 2016 onwards was not easily comprehensible. However, the law required the trustees to notify all members in writing about any amendments to the schemes. On the other hand, from an environmental protection standpoint, MPFA encouraged scheme members to choose to receive information by email. MPFA was grateful for Members' proposal in relation to the easy guide. In fact, MPFA had also produced some simple leaflets summarizing the main points to be sent to scheme members along with DPN. MPFA shall continue to produce simple and easy-to-read promotional materials to help scheme members read and comprehend the information more easily.
- (d) If a member suffered from illness and would like to withdraw MPF benefits early, the following conditions must be met: First, the member must have become permanently unfit to return to his/her former kind of work, for example if a driver was rendered unable to drive due to his/her hand injuries,

the MPF benefits could be withdrawn upon submission of a medical certificate; and the second condition was newly introduced 2 years ago in that a member suffered from a terminal illness could withdraw MPF benefits if a medical practitioner certified his/her life expectancy to be 12 months or less. Other conditions for early withdrawal of full MPF benefits included members reaching the age of 60 declaring no intention of becoming employed or self-employed again.

11. Mr CHAN Lin-wai asked if members under 60 who were still making contributions but urgently needed money for medical treatment, in what ways could they seek to apply for withdrawal of benefits through MPFA. For someone who was unable to obtain a medical certificate as he/she lacked the money to visit a doctor, would MPFA exercise discretion under these circumstances.

12. Mr Eddy CHAN said that under the existing arrangements, MPF benefits could not be withdrawn if any of the above conditions were not met. MPFA had no discretionary powers. As similar views were received on other occasions, they would be considered and studied by the relevant department colleagues.

13. Mr Eric KWOK asked whether MPFA would step up publicity for DIS and whether it had formulated a comprehensive publicity plan.

14. Vice-Chairman Ms Josephine TSANG said that there was a case of a some 40-year-old family breadwinner who needed more than \$100,000 to pay for chemotherapy to treat his lung cancer but had no savings. She made enquires to MPFA regarding this case, which replied that to withdraw the MPF benefits, medical certification was required to prove he was approaching the end of his life. She was baffled as to why one could not withdraw MPF benefits for treatment when there was still a chance for recovery, instead of being allowed withdrawal only upon medically certified as living on borrowed time. Besides, she also briefly described the case of another person disabled by stroke but was unable to withdraw his MPF benefits. The relevant government departments indicated that since he was enrolled in a MPF scheme, he was ineligible for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA). She hoped MPFA could exercise flexibility in handling different situations.

15. Mr Eddy CHAN gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (a) MPFA would invite District Council Members in writing for co-operation in conducting publicity and education exercises under the Authority's arrangement. Due to limited resources, the best way was to carry out large-scale joint activities for several districts together. Members were welcome to advise on the form of co-operation which MPFA would be ready to consider. On promotional publications, MPFA would adopt a user-friendly standpoint to streamline the content and deploy graphics and charts where possible.

- (b) In regard to the views of Vice-Chairman Ms Josephine TSANG, starting from two years ago, MPF benefits could be withdrawn if the patient's expected life expectancy was certified to be about 1 year. The new arrangement was made in response to the aspirations of some members of the public. He would reflect the relevant views of Members to the bureaux and departments concerned.

16. Vice-Chairman Ms Josephine TSANG clarified that the person concerned in the second case was incapacitated due to stroke after work injuries, thus applied for CSSA, but the relevant department remarked that he was enrolled to a MPF scheme thus was ineligible for CSSA.

17. The Chairman hoped MPFA would study the views of Members and enhance the MPF system. Members could raise enquiries and reflect directly to MPFA shall they have other views.

(Mr KWONG Koon-wan arrived at the meeting at about 2:30 p.m.)

III. Question on the fire of the supermarket in Discovery Bay Plaza  
(Paper CACRC 8/2017)

18. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHAN Wai-ho, Kenneth, Divisional Commander (Marine and Off-shore Islands) and Mr HO Kin-ho, Station Commander Discovery Bay Fire Station of Fire Services Department (FSD), as well as Mr Eric LAW, Sales Operations Controller and Mr MAK Chi-wai, Sales Operations Manager (Designate) of PARKnSHOP to the meeting to respond to the question. The Transport Department and the Discovery Bay Management Services Company (DBSML) could not arrange representatives to attend the meeting but had provided written replies for perusal by Members.

19. Ms Amy YUNG presented the question.

20. Mr Kenneth CHAN replied as follows:

- (a) At 11:09 a.m. on November 17, 2016, the Fire Control Center received the activation signal from the automatic fire alarm system from Discovery Bay Office Centre. Upon receiving the fire signal, the control center personnel immediately deployed the fire appliance from the Discovery Bay Fire Station to the scene, which was diagonally opposite to the station. The fire appliance arrived at the scene 1 minute and 13 seconds after receiving the report. The Fire Control Centre received a public call on its 999 hotline reporting the fire at Discovery Bay Office Centre 3 minutes and 30 seconds after the incident. FSD deployed 1 water jet, 1 breathing apparatus team, a total of 27 fire and ambulance personnel, 5 fire appliances and 1 ambulance. The fire was extinguished at 11:23 a.m. with no injuries. An investigation was conducted after the fire by FSD, believing the fire was caused by a short

circuit with the goods and the air-conditioning system inside the supermarket catching fire.

- (b) During the Lunar New Year or Christmas Holidays, the respective fire stations would inspect places where more members of the public would congregate, such as shopping malls or supermarkets, and distribute appeal letters to supermarket staff, reminding businesses not to obstruct passages and to strengthen the management to avoid fire breakouts. In addition, after this fire, FSD did not receive reports of or find excessive storage of inflammable items at the scene.

21. Mr Eric LAW replied as follows:

- (a) On the day of the fire, PARKnSHOP had immediately evacuated all employees and customers, and there were no casualties.
- (b) PARKnSHOP did not store any flammable items and would only store goods that a supermarket should have.
- (c) PARKnSHOP had met all the fire prevention and statutory requirements as stipulated by the Government, with all fire blankets and fire extinguishers installed in accordance with the requirements, and would also step up inspection of fire prevention tools for their expiration dates.
- (d) With regard to PARKnSHOP unloading goods on the roadside, the warehouse had reserved space for the parking of an entire freight truck and no obstruction would be caused to the road outside.

22. Ms Amy YUNG raised the following views:

- (a) She expressed regret that DBSML had been unable to arrange representatives to attend the meeting and provided only a brief written reply. One or two months ago, a LPG related explosion occurred in a residential flat in Discovery Bay causing a fire, but so far she had yet to receive a concrete response. She expressed deep regret over DBSML providing only a written reply without arranging representatives to the meeting.
- (b) The first phase of Discovery Bay had been completed over 30 years ago, and FSD indicated that the fire was caused by a short circuit in the electrical wiring. If the wiring of an older building was not replaced, it could pose a fire hazard. She hoped DBSML inspect all the buildings in the district which were over 30 years of age and arrange for the replacement of the wiring. She urged it to attend the committee meetings to proactively answer Members' questions, instead of leaving her to express her views unilaterally. In addition, in view of this incident and the previous explosion, she wished

DBSML, as a responsible corporation, to remind residents and the company concerned to pay special attention in order to prevent fire from breaking out.

23. Mr Eric KWOK said that DBSML to date had never arranged a representative to attend the meeting to respond to livelihood questions raised by Ms Amy YUNG. He opined that DBSML providing the written reply could not resolve problems and had no respect for this chamber. He enquired FSD how many times DBSML had conducted fire drills in the district with the Discovery Bay Fire Station in 2016. He also asked the Chairman whether a letter could be sent urging DBSML to respect this chamber and not just providing a perfunctory written reply.

24. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to record the opinion of Mr Eric KWOK.

25. Mr Kenneth CHAN said he would provide the number of fire drills conducted after the meeting. Moreover, the quick extinguishment of the fire this time was attributed to the effectiveness of the automatic fire alarm system. He reminded the public of the need to hire qualified fire service installation contractors to inspect fire service installations and equipment in accordance with the law and urged for cooperation from the community to prevent fire.

(Post-meeting note: The personnel at the Discovery Bay Fire Station held 15 fire drills and fire safety talks in the district with DBSML in 2016, including once with the Auberge Discovery Bay Hong Kong and Discovery Bay Office Centre respectively.)

IV. Question on burglary and telephone deception cases at Discovery Bay  
(Paper CACRC 9/2017)

26. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHAN Chun, Calvin, Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District) of Hong Kong Police Force. DBSML could not arrange representatives to attend the meeting but had provided a written reply for perusal by Members.

27. Ms Amy YUNG presented the question.

28. Mr Calvin CHAN replied as follows:

- (a) Police was conducting a criminal investigation into the two cases and no arrest had been made at this stage.
- (b) In 2016, there were 31 cases of residential burglary in the Islands District involving about \$10 million. In 2015, there were 14 cases of residential burglary in Discovery Bay, of which 4 had been detected, involving an amount of about \$9 million. In 2016, there were 9 cases of residential burglary in Discovery Bay, involving about \$820,000, a significant decline

from 2015. In addition, two cases of residential burglary were detected by HKPF on 15 and 23 March 2016 respectively.

29. Ms Amy YUNG enquired whether the police had arranged with DBSML to adjust the positions of closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras for crime prevention.

30. Mr Calvin CHAN said the police had been in close contact with the security section of DBSML on the coverage and positions of the CCTV cameras in Discovery Bay, and had regular meetings to discuss and review their effectiveness. Both sides had active exchanges of views, including installation of more cameras to further enhance the security of the district.

V. Question on the safety of the Discovery College pitch  
(Paper CACRC 10/2017)

31. The Chairman welcomed Dr LEE Chi-on, Clement, Senior School Development Officer (Islands)<sup>1</sup> of EDB and Ms TAM On-kei, Susan, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)<sup>2</sup> of LCSD to the meeting to respond to the question. DBSML could not arrange representatives to attend the meeting but had provided a written reply. The English Schools Foundation (ESF) and Discovery College also could not arrange representatives to attend the meeting but a written reply had been provided by Discovery College for Members' perusal. The written reply of LCSD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

32. Ms Amy YUNG presented the question.

33. Dr Clement LEE responded as follows:

- (a) EDB had always attached importance to the safety of school premises and students. In school buildings, the design, construction, structure and the properties of the materials must comply with the provisions in the Education Ordinance, the Education Regulations and other related ordinances. On the other hand, since the artificial turf pitch was not a standard facility in schools, the bureau was seeking expert advice from the relevant government departments regarding the precautionary measures to be taken when installing an artificial turf pitch on school grounds, in order to provide assistance to schools where necessary.
- (b) Regarding the materials used in the artificial turf pitches at Islands District schools, the bureau did not have the relevant statistics.

34. Ms Susan TAM said that the third generation (3G) artificial turf pitches managed by LCSD were mostly designed and built by Architectural Services Department, which had stipulated in the works contract that the materials and specifications used in construction by the contractors must be in compliance with the relevant international safety standards and specifications set by the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), such

as the British standard. The 3G artificial turf pitches must not contain any toxic substances. To ensure that the new artificial turf pitches met the FIFA standard, contractors were also required to submit certificates issued by independent accredited institutions on field performance upon the completion of installation.

35. Mr Holden CHOW enquired that as LCSD indicated that the artificial turf pitches must be inspected by an independent accredited testing institution, in the event the polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) content was higher than the prescribed levels, whether LCSD would urge the relevant schools to provide a timetable and advise on ways of rectification.

36. Ms Susan TAM said that LCSD was mainly responsible for following up on the safety standard of its 3G artificial turf pitches, while the schools were to be followed up by the relevant government departments.

37. Mr Holden CHOW inquired whether EDB had urged the schools to confirm that the PAHs content would not exceed the prescribed levels, and whether there were any penalties for breaching the standard.

38. Ms Amy YUNG expressed regret that DBSML had failed to arrange representatives to attend the meeting. She did not think it had addressed the crucial questions. It had hired an independent laboratory with the results showing that the PAHs content exceeded the prescribed level by 70 to 97%, thus the pitch would need to be closed. If DBSML was concerned whether hazardous materials were used, it should have arranged representatives to attend the meeting. ESF later published information indicating deviation in the test results, and had since reopened the pitch. The safety of school children should be of paramount concern, and if the expert found after an independent investigation that the hazardous materials content did not exceed the prescribed levels or did not endanger the residents, DBSML should immediately notify and respond to questions in this chamber without delay. If the testing report of the independent laboratory was accurate, DBSML should close all pitches, including that near the community hall; if the testing report was incorrect, it should immediately notify the residents or apologize to the contractor. Finally, she condemned DBSML for being irresponsible by not attending this meeting to answer questions.

39. The Chairman remarked that the safety issues of Discovery College pitch should be followed up by EDB. She urged EDB to follow up and reply to Ms Amy YUNG as soon as possible. She opined that DBSML had provided a clear written reply for following up by the relevant organization, and asked Members to refer to the contents of the reply.

40. Ms Amy YUNG disagreed that DBSML had made a clear written reply, nor did it explain whether the pitch tested by the independent laboratory was managed by DBSML or ESF. She enquired whether the pitch concerned should continue to stay open.

41. Dr Clement LEE said in relation to the closure of some artificial turf pitches by ESF last December, the Bureau approached the schools concerned to gain an understanding of the situation. It was understood that ESF had completed the safety testing and

assessment of the artificial turf pitches and reopened the venues concerned. The Bureau would continue to maintain contact with the schools to remind them to take appropriate measures as necessary, including alerting students to the rules of using the pitches to ensure their safety.

42. Ms Amy YUNG was of the view that the written reply was not clear, and she would question DBSML through the Owners' Committee.

VI. 2017/18 Work Plan for Free Entertainment Programme at Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
(Paper CACRC 4/2017)

43. The Chairman welcomed Ms Kitty LEE, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

44. Ms Kitty LEE presented the paper. She said that LCSD would apply for \$501,900 from Islands District Council (IDC) for the implementation of free entertainment programme at Islands District 2017/18, for which the activities expenditure from April 2017 to February 2018 would be \$459,900, and the activities expenditure for March 2018 would be \$42,000 which was to be paid in the financial year 2018/19.

45. Ms LEE Kwai-chun hoped that LCSD would continue to organize popular entertainment programmes and increase their frequencies. Take Cheung Chau for example, each programme had an average attendance of over 100 people, an indicator of their popularity.

46. Members supported the holding of free entertainment programme at Islands District 2017/18, and endorsed in principle the funding application for \$501,900 for the implementation of the above plan.

47. The Chairman said that the above funding arrangements would need to be re-confirmed upon finalising allocations to the Committee for 2017/18.

VII. 2017/2018 Extension Activities of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Public Libraries in Islands District  
(Paper CACRC 5/2017)

48. The Chairman welcomed Ms Elaine KWOK, Senior Librarian (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

49. Ms Elaine KWOK presented the paper. She said that LCSD would apply for \$72,920 from IDC for the implementation of extension activities in public libraries in Islands District 2017/18, and the activities expenditure of \$2,565 for March 2018 would be paid in the financial year 2018/19.

50. Members supported the extension activities in Islands District Public Libraries for 2017/18, and endorsed in principle the funding application of \$72,920 for the implementation of the above plan.

51. The Chairman said that the above funding arrangements would need to be re-confirmed upon finalising allocations to the Committee for 2017/18.

VIII. Recreation and Sports Activities organized by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Islands District between April 2017 and March 2018  
(Paper CACRC 6/2017)

52. The Chairman welcomed Mr Raymond HAU, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)<sup>1</sup> of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

53. Mr Raymond HAU presented the paper. He said that LCSD would apply for \$8,063,713 from IDC for the implementation of recreation and sports programme in Islands District for 2017/18, and the activities expenditure of \$396,890 for March 2018 would be paid in the financial year 2018/19.

54. Members supported the recreation and sports programme in Islands District for 2017/18, and endorsed in principle the funding application of \$8,063,713 for the implementation of the above plan.

55. The Chairman said that the above funding arrangements would need to be re-confirmed upon finalising allocations to the Committee for 2017/18.

IX. Reports by Working Groups

(i) CACRC Activities Working Group

(a) Islands District Cultural Festival – Islands District Cantonese Opera Show In Celebration of the Lunar New Year

- The event was successfully held at the Concert Hall of Hong Kong City Hall on 3 and 4 of January 2017 with an audience of around 5 000.

(b) The 6th Hong Kong Games Jockey Club Vitality Run 3km Invitational

- The Organising Committee of the 6th Hong Kong Games had invited IDC to send a delegation to compete in “The 6th Hong Kong Games Jockey Club Vitality Run 3km Invitational” scheduled for 8 January 2017. Due to insufficient number of participants, the Islands District would not compete in the run.

(c) Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education’s Cooperation Scheme with District Councils 2017-18

- The Working Group had issued letters to invite 29 non-governmental

organisations (NGOs) as well as 26 primary and secondary schools in the district to submit activity proposals. The application deadline was set at 1 March 2017 (Wednesday).

(d) Ocean Park Low Income Families Community Care Programme

- Under the above programme, 300 people from low-income families in the Islands District would enjoy free admission to Ocean Park. The Working Group had liaised with NGOs in the district to recruit participants and provide information on the participating organisations to Ocean Park.

X. Reports on the work of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Islands District

(i) Cultural Activities

(Paper CACRC 1/2017)

56. The Chairman welcomed Ms Kitty LEE, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

57. Ms Kitty LEE presented the paper and supplemented the data about the attendances for the free entertainment programmes at Annex II:

| Date        | Programme                                  | Attendance (No.) |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 24 December | Children's Theatre — Variety Magic Company | 120              |

58. Mr Eric KWOK indicated that the above programme was quite popular with parents and children alike, and enquired whether this kind of event would be held next year.

59. Ms Kitty LEE said that LCSD organized an average of two entertainment programmes in each district on a monthly basis. The adjustment to the proportion of each type of programme would be dependent on the overall programme scheduling arrangement. She would contact Mr Eric KWOK later.

60. Ms Amy YUNG said that since the above programme was popular, she hoped that the department would consider organizing it at Discovery Bay.

61. The Chairman hoped LCSD could organize more activities in the Islands District where resources permitted.

(Post-meeting note : As the LCSD needed to co-ordinate the free entertainment programmes in all 18 districts in Hong Kong, in consideration of factors such as existing resources, technical support and manpower arrangements, the proposed work plan and mode of operation were now considered to be most cost effective. Members were welcome to advise on the proportion of different programme types in order to

organize programmes more relevant to the needs of the community. The department had contacted Mr Eric KWOK and Ms Amy YUNG after the meeting to follow up on proposed types of programmes.)

62. Members noted the contents of the paper.

(ii) Extension Activities held in Public Libraries  
(Paper CACRC 2/2017)

63. The Chairman welcomed Ms Elaine KWOK, Senior Librarian (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

64. Ms Elaine KWOK presented the paper.

65. Members noted the contents of the paper.

(iii) Sports and Recreational Activities  
(Paper CACRC 3/2017)

66. The Chairman welcomed Mr Raymond HAU, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

67. Mr Raymond HAU presented the paper.

68. Members noted the contents of the paper.

#### XI. Any Other Business

69. Members noted the revised list for group visits under the Community Involvement projects during the period between October 2016 and March 2017.

#### XII. Date of Next Meeting

70. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 6 March 2017 (Monday).

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