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

Date: 9 May 2016 (Monday)

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Venue: Islands District Council Conference Room,
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong.

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 WONG Hon-kuen, Ken
Ms LEE Kwai-chun
Mr TANG Ka-piu, Bill, JP
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy
Mr KWONG Koon-wan
Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Ms FU Hiu-lam Sammi
Mr WONG Hoi-yu
Mr LAI Tsz-man
Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha
Mr LEE Chi-ngan
Ms KWOK Ka-ying

Attendance by Invitation

Ms NG Pun-wai, Sharon	Senior Statistician(CD), Census and Statistics Department
Mr LAI Hung-kim	Senior Census & Survey Officer (C)4, Census and Statistics Department
Mr KWAN Yau-kee	Chief Health Inspector(Islands) 2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHIU Wai-yip, Michael	Senior Health Inspector(Hawkers & Markets)Islands, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms YU Po-chun	Property Services Officer/Lantau, Architectural Services Department
Mr CHAN Tat-sum	Assistant Property Officer (Islands), Islands District Office, Architectural Services Department
Mr KAO Chung-lei	Acting Station Commander, Tung Chung Fire Station, Fire Services Department

Mr LI Wai-lok	Senior Station Officer, Hong Kong Regional Office, Licensing and Certification Command, Fire Services Department
Ms LEUNG Chiu-mei	District Engineer/Islands, Highways Department
Ms TAM On-kei, Susan	Deputy District Leisure Manager(Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAW Oi-ping, Apple	Assistant District Leisure Manager(Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHENG Chun-chuen	Sergeant of Police, Lantau North Division, Hong Kong Police Force
Ms SO Yim-ling, Brenda	Regional Officer/Hong Kong Island, Independent Commission Against Corruption
Mr PO Chi-lok, Thomas	Assistant Project Manager(SB)13, Education Bureau
Mr CHIU Kwok-keung	Senior Land Executive/Land Control (District Lands Office, Islands), Lands Department
Ms LAW Lai-chun, Gladys	Senior Executive Officer(Planning), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

In Attendance

Mr NGAI Ka-sing, Anthony	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr HAU Wing-man, Raymond	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Kit-yee, Kitty	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms KWOK Lai-kuen, Elaine	Senior Librarian (Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WATT Wai-yeung, Edwin	Senior Community Relations Officer (Hong Kong West/Islands), Independent Commission Against Corruption
Ms LUI Man-wai	Senior School Development Officer (Islands)1, Education Bureau
Mr CHAN Tat-kuen, Joseph	Social Work Officer (Planning & Coordinating), Social Welfare Department
Mr CHOW Chit, Joe	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, 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

Ms WONG Tan-lam, Connie	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Islands District Office
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Absent with Apologies

Mr CHAN Lin-wai

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### Welcoming remarks

The Chairman welcomed representatives from government departments and organisations as well as Members to the meeting. She then introduced Mr CHAN Tat-kuen, Joseph, Social Work Officer (Planning & Coordinating) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). Mr CHAN stood in for Mr CHU Kam-sing, Daniel.

2. Members noted that Mr CHAN Lin-wai was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

### I. Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting held on 7 March 2016

3. The Chairman said that the above minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by government departments.

4. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendments.

### II. Brief Note on the 2016 Population By-census (Paper CACRC 18/2016)

5. The Chairman welcomed Ms NG Pun-wai, Sharon, Senior Statistician (CD) and Mr LAI Hung-kim, Senior Census & Survey Officer (C) of the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) to the meeting to present the paper.

6. Ms Sharon NG briefed members on the content of the paper with the aid of PowerPoint presentation.

7. Mr Bill TANG expressed his concern that fraudsters might carry out scams by impersonating census officers. He enquired how citizens could report suspected cases. He suggested the C&SD consulting the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) on scam prevention so that citizens would not refuse interviews and hence affecting the effectiveness of data collection. Moreover, this by-census was conducted during the summer holiday when many citizens would be travelling. He feared that the C&SD might not be able to collect sufficient data.

8. Ms Sharon NG gave a consolidated response as follows:
- (a) The C&SD had been in close liaison with the HKPF with regard to the by-census. She agreed that fraud cases had been on the rise. Therefore, the department would raise citizens' awareness of the by-census through television commercials, outdoor advertisements, social media and other channels.
  - (b) For verifying the identity of census officers, she indicated that census officers would not contact interviewees by telephone unless the latter had provided telephone numbers and email addresses to the C&SD for the by-census. In case of doubt, citizens could call the By-census Service Centre hotline to verify the identity of census officers.
  - (c) The C&SD understood that some citizens would be travelling during the by-census. Therefore, the department had allowed ample time for data collection. Moreover, e-questionnaires were available for this by-census. Citizens could complete the questionnaires at any time upon receipt of notification letters. The C&SD was confident that the statistical data would be successfully collected as required.
9. Ms Amy YUNG enquired how citizens could complete the e-questionnaires if they were away during the by-census and had not received the notification letters.
10. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that face-to-face interviews by census officers had only been arranged from 16 July to 2 August for citizens who had not completed the e-questionnaires. If many citizens had failed to complete the e-questionnaires by then, he wondered how the C&SD could ensure all the interviews would be completed in two weeks.
11. Ms Sharon NG said that the department would review the number of citizens who had not completed the questionnaires at the final stage of data collection and send "self-enumerated questionnaires" to these citizens. Those who were travelling during the by-census could send the completed "self-enumerated questionnaires" to the C&SD when they came back. Furthermore, according to past experience and taking into consideration that the proportion of citizens filling in the e-questionnaires would be higher than the 30% in 2011 census, the department had

employed sufficient temporary census officers to conduct face-to-face interviews to ensure that all interviews would be completed within the by-census period.

(Mr Randy YU, Mr Ken WONG, Ms Sammi FU and Mr LAI Tsz-man joined the meeting during discussion of this agenda item.)

(Ms Sharon NG and Mr LAI Hung-kim left the meeting after discussion of this agenda item.)

### III. Matters on Site Selection for 2017 Lunar New Year Fair in Islands District

(Paper CACRC 21/2016)

12. The Chairman welcomed Mr KWAN Yau-kee, Chief Health Inspector(Islands) 2 and Mr Michael CHIU, Senior Health Inspector (Hawkers & Markets)Islands of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), Ms YU Po-chun, Property Services Officer/Lantau and Mr CHAN Tat-sum, Assistant Property Officer (Islands), Islands District Office of the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD), Mr KAO Chung-lei, Acting Station Commander, Tung Chung Fire Station and Mr LI Wai-lok, Senior Station Officer, Hong Kong Regional Office, Licensing and Certification Command of the Fire Services Department (FSD), Ms LEUNG Chiu-mei, District Engineer/Islands of the Highways Department, Ms Susan TAM, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands) and Ms Apple LAW, Assistant District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), and Mr CHENG Chun-chuen, Police Sergeant Lantau North Division of the HKPF to the meeting to present the paper.

13. Mr KWAN Yau-kee introduced the contents of the paper.

14. Mr Holden CHOW said that Tat Tung Road Garden was more easily accessible than Man Tung Road Park but the former was smaller and could accommodate fewer stalls. He hoped the site selection could achieve a balance between the two factors.

15. Mr Bill TANG raised the following views:

- (a) The previous sites of Lunar New Year Fair had been inconvenient and hence could not attract experienced operators. Both sites under consideration this year were equipped with toilets and their ancillary

facilities were also more adequate than previous sites. He found Tat Tung Road Garden more convenient and believed it could attract residents from Tung Chung and South Lantau.

- (b) With reference to stall location, the non-emergency vehicular access and footpaths of Tat Tung Road Garden as well as the two basketball courts of Man Tung Road Park were available. Given that barrier-free accesses were available at both sites, coupled with operators' reactions at past biddings and the fact that the basketball courts of Man Tung Road Park were rather popular with local youths, he opined that Tat Tung Road Garden would be the more suitable venue.

16. Mr Eric KWOK concurred with holding the Lunar New Year Fair at Tat Tung Road Garden and enquired about the location of loading area at the site. He remarked that promotion had been inadequate for the past fairs and suggested distributing flyers in local housing estates next year.

17. Mr KWAN Yau-kee gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The proposed loading area of Tat Tung Road Garden was near the Tat Tung Road Public Toilet; as for Man Tung Road Park, the loading area would be located outside the park and opposite to the Seaview Crescent. He would provide the layout plan for Members after the meeting.
- (b) With reference to promotion of the Lunar New Year Fair, the FEHD had distributed flyers to local residents in the past. The department would review the effectiveness of promotional activities and increase the number of flyers if necessary.

18. Mr Eric KWOK enquired about the exact location of the loading area near the Tat Tung Road Public Toilet. He pointed out that there were many types of vehicles parked at the site with very limited space. He suggested the FEHD coordinate with the HKPF to designate a loading area there for the Lunar New Year Fair.

19. Mr KWAN Yau-kee asked for professional advice from the representatives of government departments on the detailed arrangements of the Lunar New Year Fair.

20. Mr CHENG Chun-chuen concurred with Mr Eric KWOK's views on establishing loading area outside Tat Tung Road Public Toilet. He said the problems created by the alterations of bus stops in the vicinity of Tat Tung Road had yet to be solved. The latest traffic situation would only be known upon the completion of the new bus stop.

21. Ms Susan TAM raised the following views:

- (a) The LCSD was open to the proposal of holding the Lunar New Year Fair at Tat Tung Road Garden and requested the FEHD to provide the relevant information as soon as possible. Thereafter the Department could seek professional advice from the relevant government departments.
- (b) As mentioned in the paper, Ngong Ping 360 would use Tat Tung Road Garden on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays to ease visitor flow. She suggested the FEHD consult with Ngong Ping 360 and relevant stakeholders on the arrangements of the Lunar New Year Fair.
- (c) There were several emergency vehicular accesses in Tat Tung Road Garden. She suggested the FSD providing professional advice for the FEHD on the relevant arrangements of the Lunar New Year Fair as soon as possible.

22. Mr LAI Tsz-man was concerned about the large number of visitors to the Lunar New Year Fair who could make the bus stops and MTR Station in the vicinity of the site extremely crowded. Moreover, he could not comprehend why cooked food stalls could not be set up in Man Tung Road Park.

23. Mr Bill TANG concurred with the views of Mr LAI Tsz-man. He opined that the option of Tat Tung Road Garden should not be abandoned just because Ngong Ping 360 has reserved part of the garden area regularly. He suggested the FEHD negotiate with relevant stakeholders on the premise that the Lunar New Year Fair could create synergy with Ngong Ping 360 to attract more visitors. Furthermore, he requested the FSD assess the suitability of Tat Tung Road Garden to hold the Lunar New Year Fair as soon as possible. If it was found to be feasible, he would continue urging the LCSD to consider setting up an arts and crafts fair there.

24. The Vice-Chairman concurred with the views raised by Mr Eric KWOK and Mr Bill TANG that the promotion of the Lunar New Year Fair should be enhanced

and negotiation with Ngong Ping 360 should be conducted. She remarked that enhanced promotion of the Lunar New Year Fair could attract residents of Discovery Bay and South Lantau.

25. Mr Holden CHOW concurred with Mr LAI Tsz-man's concern about visitor flow at the Lunar New Year Fair. He hoped the FEHD provide more detailed information about the site options later.

26. Mr Eric KWOK considered Tat Tung Road Garden a suitable location for the Lunar New Year Fair as it could attract operators to bid for the stalls and create synergy with the relevant stakeholders. He hoped the government departments could solve the problems raised by Members.

27. The Chairman asked Members to decide on the location of the Lunar New Year Fair so that the government departments could follow up on the details of the relevant arrangement.

28. Members gave consent to the holding of the 2017 Lunar New Year Fair in Islands District at Tat Tung Road Garden.

29. Mr KWAN Yau-kee said the FEHD would seek professional advice from the relevant government departments on the arrangements for holding the Lunar New Year Fair at Tat Tung Road Garden.

30. Mr KAO Chung-lei said that the FSD was open to holding the Lunar New Year Fair at Tat Tung Road Garden and would conduct assessment and provide fire safety guidelines in accordance with the information provided by the FEHD.

31. The Chairman asked the relevant government departments to follow up on the arrangements of the Lunar New Year Fair and Members' comments.

IV. Annual Work Plan 2016-17 of Central Western, Southern and Islands District Social Welfare Office of Social Welfare Department  
(Paper CACRC 22/2016)

32. The Chairman welcomed Mr Joseph CHAN, Social Work Officer (Planning & Coordinating) of the SWD to the meeting to present the paper.



33. Mr Joseph CHAN introduced the contents of the paper.
34. Mr Bill TANG enquired about the completion and opening dates of the District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities (DSCPD) for Islands District, the category of the SWD-subsidised service that could not be provided on schedule, as well as whether the existing community services could handle the population growth in the district. He also asked the SWD to step up collaboration with the Labour Department and the Hospital Authority (HA) to strengthen career and healthcare support for the disadvantaged, the ethnic minorities and the chronically ill patients in the district.
35. Mr Holden CHOW said that he had mentioned the provision of simultaneous sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired in Islands District Council (IDC) meeting to cater for the growing population of Tung Chung. He noticed that some youths in the district had expressed interest in learning sign language. Therefore, he suggested the SWD provide basic sign language training for them to help the hearing-impaired persons living in Islands District.
36. Mr Eric KWOK said that he had reflected the complaints of Yat Tung Estate residents about the nuisance caused by late night young hangouts in Tung Chung. He had also expressed concern about the failure of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to tackle this problem. He urged the SWD to pay attention to the support services for loitering youngsters such as opening community facilities at night to maintain community harmony.
37. Mr Joseph CHAN gave a consolidated response as follows:
- (a) Concerning the progress of the establishment of the DSCPD, the SWD was helping the operating organisations to deal with leasing matters at the moment. The DSCPD was expected to open by early 2017.
  - (b) With the continual growth of population in the district, the SWD would continue to negotiate with the local NGOs to strengthen service and fight for more resources to keep pace with service demands. The Department would also maintain close liaison with the Labour Department and the HA to render employment-related support to the disadvantaged, the ethnic minorities and the chronically ill patients in the district.

(c) With reference to the provision of basic sign language training for the local youths, the SWD would invite NGOs to collaborate with qualified sign language training organisations in the area and provide the relevant courses in Tung Chung.

(d) With reference to the support services for late night young hangouts, the SWD would continue its collaboration with the LCSD to provide venue for the NGOs providing Overnight Outreaching Service for Young Night Drifters to organise activities at sports stadiums at night in order to facilitate contacts with youths to provide counselling service.

38. Mr Eric KWOK said that young night drifters often gathered around NGO service centres. He hoped the outreaching teams would make contact with them as soon as possible.

39. The Vice-Chairman said that the SWD had confirmed the reprovisioning of Hong Kong Phab Association Peng Chau Neighbourhood Elderly cum Children/Youth Centre (PCNC) on the first floor of Peng Chau Market in 2015. She enquired about the progress of reprovisioning and hoped for its early completion to provide service for the elderly in the district.

40. Mr Joseph CHAN said that the SWD would reflect Mr Eric KWOK's views to the NGOs and urge the outreaching teams to follow up and report progress to the department as soon as possible. Furthermore, the FEHD had agreed in principle to establish the PCNC on the entire first floor of Peng Chau Market. The SWD was following up with the FEHD to expedite the handover of the vacant premises to the relevant NGO for the commencement of the works as soon as possible.

41. Mr Bill TANG enquired about the opening date of the DSCPD.

42. Mr WONG Hoi-yu wanted to know why the works had not commenced given the reprovisioning plan of the PCNC had been approved nearly a year ago and the proposed site had been vacant for years.

43. Mr Joseph CHAN said that the SWD was assisting a NGO in Tung Chung to negotiate with Link Asset Management Limited on technicalities in order to sign the lease and reprovision its service as soon as possible. Its current venue could

then be vacated and be used by the DSCPD. If the project proceeded as planned, the DSCPD was expected to open in early 2017. As for the PCNC, the SWD was also actively following up with its redevelopment. The relevant NGO was anticipating the FEHD to transfer the site for the commencement of the works.

44. Mr LEE Chi-ngan hoped the SWD provide a reply to the opening date of the PCNC later.

45. Ms LEE Kwai-chun enquired about the reason for the slow progress in implementing the PCNC reprovisioning plan.

46. Mr WONG Hoi-yu hoped the SWD report the progress of the reprovisioning plan to the Committee at the next meeting.

47. The Vice-Chairman said that according to her understanding, the FEHD would proceed with the reprovisioning of the PCNC upon the submission of building plan of the Centre by the SWD.

48. Mr Joseph CHAN said that the SWD planned to reprovision the PCNC on the entire first floor of Peng Chau Market. The progress had been slow as the examination of exempted floor area application of the site by the relevant government departments was lengthy. The SWD also had to seek professional advice on the centre's access facilities, including whether the escalators and barrier-free accesses were suitable for use by the elderly and the handicapped. The department understood that Members and residents of Peng Chau hoped for the speedy reprovision and opening of the PCNC. The SWD had already provided the building plan to the FEHD in the hope that the lease could be signed shortly.

V. Work Plan 2016/2017 Regional Office (Hong Kong West/Islands) Independent Commission Against Corruption  
(Paper CACRC 23/2016)

49. The Chairman welcomed Ms Brenda SO, Regional Officer/Hong Kong Island and Mr Edwin WATT, Senior Community Relations Officer of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to the meeting to present the paper.

50. Ms Brenda SO introduced the contents of the paper.

51. Ms Amy YUNG raised the following views:

- (a) She noted that the ICAC had strived to heighten the public's awareness against corruption all along. The paper mentioned that the overall corruption situation in Hong Kong was still under control without sign of deterioration. However, according to the latest Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) published by Transparency International, Hong Kong's global rank had been falling continually from the 12<sup>th</sup> in 2009 to the 18<sup>th</sup> in 2015.
- (b) She considered the practice of cronyism in the political appointment system of Hong Kong had led to the deterioration of corruption situation. The handing out of treats (snake soup feasts, vegetarian dinners, moon cakes and Tuen Ng Festival dumplings) by some NGOs to the electors during elections and search services of Companies Registry that could not provide the detailed information of commercial activities of registered companies were examples of a lack of transparency in Hong Kong. She expressed worries that Hong Kong's international reputation would be affected.
- (c) She urged the ICAC to take reference to international anti-corruption standards and face the abovementioned problems squarely. She also hoped the ICAC would report the actual corruption situation in Hong Kong.

52. Ms Brenda SO responded as follows:

- (a) In the 2015 CPI, Hong Kong's score had improved by one point from 74 in 2014 to 75 in 2015. Notwithstanding the slight drop in the ranking, the improvement in the overall score indicated that Hong Kong's corruption situation had remained stable without any sign of deterioration. The community continued to be served by a clean civil service and businesses continued to enjoy a level playing field. She pointed out that the CPI was a poll of polls based on international/regional opinion surveys, which reflected the perception of respondents rather than the actual corruption situation in a particular country or territory. The recent high profile cases involving former government officials and senior executives of listed company might have influenced public perception of the corruption situation in Hong Kong, but also highlighted the effectiveness of Hong Kong's anti-corruption regime. She quoted from a number of international

surveys which had continued to rank Hong Kong among the cleanest places in the world.

- (b) She remarked that corruption in the community had remained at a very low level. According to the 2015 ICAC Annual Survey, only 1.3 per cent of the respondents said they had come across corruption in the past 12 months. The survey also showed that 97 per cent of the respondents said the ICAC deserved their support. The ICAC would continue to disseminate anti-corruption messages to the public including the strengthening of publicity and education on clean elections.
- (c) The ICAC was determined to fight corruption rigorously and impartially, regardless of the background, status and position of the persons involved. In recent years, the conviction rates had maintained at high levels of over 80 per cent, exerting deterrence in the community.

53. Ms Amy YUNG hoped the ICAC provide objective and comprehensive data to reflect accurately the probity of Hong Kong. She questioned the adequacy of the laws in Hong Kong as the persons involved in corruption cases were not necessarily prosecuted although uncovered by the media. She hoped the ICAC face this problem squarely and urged the Home Affairs Bureau to take the lead in promoting probity.

54. Ms KWOK Ka-ying pointed out that the paper did not mention the Panama Papers. She asked if the ICAC would formulate new measures to plug the loopholes of the system of declaration of interests by public officers.

55. Ms Brenda SO gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The ICAC was empowered to investigate alleged corruption cases under the Independent Commission Against Corruption Ordinance, the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance and the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance. It is for the Secretary for Justice to decide whether or not a prosecution should be instituted and brought to trial in court in all cases where investigation had been completed. As for the unprosecuted cases, they must be reviewed by the Operations Review Committee before the investigation could be terminated. The work of the ICAC had always been under effective monitoring.

- (b) The ICAC had provided corruption preventive advice for public bodies and held seminars for public servants consistently to illustrate the importance of handling conflicts of interests properly and declaration of interests. She cited the briefing session for Members of the 18 District Councils (DCs) by the Home Affairs Department in April this year as an example. She said during this briefing session and another visit to the ICAC, the Commission had explained to Members the anti-corruption laws and the importance of compliance with the declaration system to prevent the Common Law offence of misconduct in public office as a result of mishandling of conflicts of interests.

56. Ms Amy YUNG cited several examples to illustrate the continual fall of Hong Kong's CPI, including the absence of "separation of powers" among the executive, legislative and judicial branches in Hong Kong, limitations on press freedom, and the failure to eradicate bid-rigging in building maintenance works. She expressed tremendous worries about the integrity and the corruption situation in Hong Kong.

57. Ms Brenda SO said that the ICAC had a statutory duty to accept and handle corruption complaints related to building management. If receiving a corruption report involving bid-rigging, the Commission would investigate the complaint in accordance with the law. The Operations Department of the ICAC had a standing section specialising in investigation of corruption cases related to building management and maintenance. In April last year, the ICAC set up a special task force to investigate several inter-related complaints in order to strengthen the combat against the relevant corruption activities. With reference to corruption prevention, the ICAC continued to provide assistance to owners' corporations (OCs) and flat owners by taking the initiative to contact newly established OCs and OCs which had received repair orders from the Buildings Department or safety directions from the FSD. The ICAC also supported the OCs and flat owners through the publication of the *Building Maintenance Toolkit*, provision of an enquiry hotline service and establishment of a thematic website. It also worked closely with the relevant government departments, public organisations and professional bodies.

58. The Chairman asked Members to consider giving support for the "All for Integrity" Publicity Project for Islands District 2016/17.

59. The Committee supported the abovementioned project.

(Mr Bill TANG left the meeting during discussion of the agenda item.)

(Ms Brenda SO left the meeting after discussion of the agenda item.)

VI. Question on progress of construction of a special school in Tung Chung  
(Paper CACRC 19/2016)

60. The Chairman welcomed Mr Thomas PO, Assistant Project Manager (SB) of the Education Bureau (EDB) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of the EDB had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

61. Mr Bill TANG tendered apologies for leaving early, and Mr Holden CHOW presented the question on his behalf.

62. Mr Thomas PO responded as follows:

- (a) EDB launched the School Allocation Exercise in February 2015 to invite applications from eligible school sponsoring bodies to operate a new special school with boarding facilities for children with mild, moderate and severe intellectual disability, proposed to be built in Area 108, Tung Chung. The proposed new school premises was eventually allocated to the Hong Chi Association (HCA).
- (b) To shorten the preparation time of this school building project, the ArchSD had in parallel completed the recruitment of the consultant for the school building project while EDB was conducting the School Allocation Exercise. Upon completion of the allocation process and announcement of the result in October 2015, EDB, ArchSD, the consultant and HCA immediately had a meeting and visited two special schools under HCA in order to collect information for better understanding of the teaching facilities and needs of special schools, with a view to ensuring the smooth progress of the new premises' design work.
- (c) After reviewing the progress of school design and the maturity of the project, and considering that the nature of the project was more appropriate to come under the purview of the Community Affairs, Culture and

Recreation Committee (CACRC), EDB planned to consult CACRC in July this year. Consultation documents would be submitted by then for comments and support from the Committee.

- (d) EDB would conduct district consultation and maintain close liaison with the sponsoring body and relevant stakeholders for their opinions before seeking funding approval from the Legislative Council for the construction of this special school. If all went well, the works were expected to commence by early 2017 at the earliest and complete by the first half of 2019.

63. Mr Holden CHOW said that he and Mr Bill TANG hoped the bureau would submit the consultation documents as scheduled for implementing the project expeditiously.

64. Mr Thomas PO said that EDB planned to consult CACRC in July and there should be no delay in the implementation timetable of the project.

(Mr Thomas PO left the meeting after discussion of the agenda item.)

VII. Question on installation of additional street posting boxes near Discovery Bay North Plaza

(Paper CACRC 20/2016)

65. The Chairman said the Hongkong Post could not arrange representatives to attend the meeting but had provided a written reply for perusal by Members.

66. Ms Amy YUNG presented the question.

67. Members noted the written reply of the Hongkong Post and had no other comments.

VIII. Question on the ex-Peng Chau Nim Shue Wan Shu Chun Public School

(Paper CACRC 24/2016)

68. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHIU Kwok-keung, Senior Land Executive/Land Control (District Lands Office, Islands) (DLO/Is) of the Lands



Department and Ms Gladys LAW, Senior Executive Officer (Planning) of the LCSD to the meeting to respond to the question.

69. Ms Amy YUNG presented the question.

70. Mr CHIU Kwok-keung said the DLO/Is would keep an open mind to the proposal and would process the applications from other government departments in relation to the proposal in accordance to prevailing practice.

71. Ms Gladys LAW said that the LCSD was open to the proposed use of the school for leisure purposes. If the Islands District Leisure Services Office would take charge of the management of the relevant facilities, the Planning Section of the department would be glad to offer assistance.

72. Ms Amy YUNG said that the LCSD had called her to arrange for a site visit. However, as government vehicles had no free access into Discovery Bay, the site visit had been cancelled eventually.

73. Mr LAI Tsz-man said that according to his understanding, the relevant site had been returned to and was under the management of the DLO/Is after the cessation of the operation of the school. Other government departments had to submit applications to the DLO/Is for use of the site to cater for their needs. He questioned if the proposal to convert the school to recreational facilities had to go through certain procedures first and that it was not suitable for the Committee to consult with the LCSD at this stage.

74. Mr WONG Hoi-yu said that the school in question had been vacant for years. He and Mr LAI Tsz-man were both concerned about the implementation procedures of the relevant proposal.

75. Mr LAI Tsz-man enquired about the procedures required to change the use of this school site to leisure facilities and whether permission from the Town Planning Board had to be obtained.

76. Ms Amy YUNG asked the representative of the DLO/Is to brief Members on the actual procedures involving a change in the use of schools.

77. Mr CHIU Kwok-keung said that in general, if government departments proposed to construct facilities on vacant government land, they should identify suitable sites and then submit applications to DLO/Is. DLO/Is would circulate their applications to the relevant government departments (including the Planning Department) for comment.

78. Mr Eric KWOK questioned the LCSD for arranging site visit for Ms Amy YUNG instead of liaising with the DLO/Is first for the proposal.

79. Ms Gladys LAW said the LCSD had liaised with the DLO/Is for information about the vacant government land mentioned in the paper. However, the department could have a better understanding of the actual situation there if site visit could be arranged.

80. The Chairman asked the relevant departments to follow up Members' questions.

(Mr CHIU Kwok-keung and Ms Gladys LAW left the meeting after discussion of the agenda item.)

IX. Question on provision of HSBC passbook update machine service in Tung Chung  
(Paper CACRC 26/2016)

81. The Chairman said the The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) could not arrange representatives to attend the meeting but had provided a written reply for perusal by Members.

82. Ms Sammi FU presented the question.

83. Mr Holden CHOW said that Tung Chung residents not only needed passbook update machine service but banking service in general badly. However, some larger banks in Hong Kong had yet to open branches in Tung Chung. He had raised requests to the relevant banks in the previous-term IDC meeting and had obtained similar replies as this time. He asked the Secretariat to record this matter.

84. Mr Eric KWOK said that he had requested the HSBC to establish an Express Banking Centre in Tung Chung before. He was baffled by the banks' failure

to provide services to cope with the population growth in Tung Chung and instead their services had in fact deteriorated. He asked if the Committee could write to the HSBC to reiterate the urgent needs for banking services of Tung Chung residents and request the banks to take up their corporate social responsibilities.

85. The Chairman asked Members if they agreed to write to convey their views to the HSBC in the name of the Committee.

86. The Committee endorsed the abovementioned proposal.

(Ms CHOI Kwok-por left the meeting during discussion of the agenda item.)

(Post-meeting note: the HSBC appreciated the Committee's concern about banking services in the district. At present, the HSBC had installed three Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) at Fu Tung Estate and Yat Tung Estate. There was also an Express Banking Centre at Citygate where there was an ATM, a Cheque Deposit Machine and a Multi-function Machine. Although the HSBC could not provide Passbook Update Machines or more Express Banking Centres for local clients, the views of the Committee and local clients had been conveyed to the relevant departments of the bank and would serve as a reference during the regular service reviews of the district.)

X. Question on the medical service in North Lantau  
(Paper CACRC 27/2016)

87. The Chairman said the HA could not arrange representatives to attend the meeting but had provided a written reply for perusal of Members.

88. Ms Sammi FU presented the question.

89. Mr Holden CHOW said that he had reflected to the HA about the urgent needs for specialist services (for example, nephrology and urology) of the local residents. He also called for the provision of these services at the North Lantau Hospital shortly so that the residents did not have to seek medical consultation in other districts. Moreover, he suggested the pharmacy extend its service hours to 24 hours so that medicine could be available to the A&E patients round-the-clock.

XI. Reports by Working Groups

(i) CACRC Vetting Group

90. The Chairman said that the Vetting Group had processed 42 funding applications for Community Involvement Projects to be held from June to August this year at the meeting held on 11 April. The proposal had been submitted to and endorsed by the Committee in form of circulation paper.

(ii) CACRC Activities Working Group

(a) Co-operation Scheme with District Councils 2016-2017

- The Working Group had submitted the funding applications of the three organisations recommended by this district including Islands Community Foundation Association, Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Tai O Community Work Office and Cheung Chau Rural Committee Integrated Youth Centre to the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education for consideration on 11 April and was awaiting its reply.

(b) Islands District Cultural Festival

- At the meeting held on 22 April, the Working Group proposed three activities to be held between July 2016 and February 2017 including “Love Music Islands District Youth Music Concert”, “Golden Oldies Concert in Celebration of the National Day” and “Islands District Cantonese Opera Show In Celebration of the Lunar New Year”. The proposal had been submitted to the IDC and the Committee for consideration.

(c) Funding Scheme for Women's Development 2016-17

- “Women's Employment” was the theme for this year. The Working Group had written to invite women's organisations and non-profit organisations in the district on 25 April to submit activity proposals and collaborate with the Working Group to implement their projects.

(d) Cancellation of Current Account of the Working Group

- After reporting to the Committee in March this year, the Working Group had cancelled its current account on 26 April. The Working Group had agreed to use the remaining \$5,000 to finance the activities

of the Islands District Cultural Festival.

91. Mr Holden CHOW said that according to the report of the Activities Working Group, the Islands District Cultural Festival aimed to promote art and culture at the district level and foster a sense of belonging among the residents. As “The 13th Dance on Islands” presented by Hong Kong Islands Cultural & Art Association was a cultural activity, he asked if it could be included in the programme of the Islands District Cultural Festival.

92. The Chairman said the relevant suggestion would be conveyed to the Activities Working Group for discussion and consideration.

93. Members endorsed the reports of the two working groups mentioned above.

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

### (i) Cultural Activities (Paper CACRC 15/2016)

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

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

| Date     | Programmes                                                            | Attendance<br>(No.) |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 22 April | Choral Concert –Hong Kong City Choir                                  | 90                  |
| 1 May    | Modern/Jazz Dance – The New Territories<br>Dancing Group of Hong Kong | 160                 |
| 8 May    | Folk Concert–Honour Production and<br>Performance Company             | 100                 |

96. Members noted the paper.

(ii) Extension Activities held in Public Libraries  
(Paper CACRC 16/2016)

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

98. Ms Elaine KWOK presented the paper.

99. Ms Amy YUNG said that according to Annex I, North Lamma Public Library had conducted two reading programmes with a total attendance of 2 persons. She wondered if the abovementioned activities had only 1 participant each.

100. Ms Elaine KWOK confirmed the abovementioned attendance. She said the figure referred to the number of Lamma Island participants in the programmes who had returned their reading materials to the library and was for February's attendance.

101. Ms Amy YUNG said that the number of participants of the North Lamma Public Library programmes was lower than those of similar programmes held in public libraries in Peng Chau and Cheung Chau. She attributed it to a lack of promotion and suggested enhancing the publicity of relevant activities or channelling the resources to other districts.

102. Ms Elaine KWOK said that the public libraries would continue to enhance publicity to attract more participation from Lamma Island residents. She expressed gratitude for Members' opinions.

(iii) Sports and Recreational Activities  
(Paper CACRC 17/2016)

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

104. Mr Raymond HAU presented the paper.

105. Members noted the paper.

XIII. Any Other Business

(i) Sport For All Day 2016

106. The Chairman said that the LCSD had written to invite all DCs to participate in “Sport For All Day” and the letter had been referred to Members for their perusal. She proposed to support the event and assist in its promotion and publicity activities in the district.

107. The Committee endorsed the abovementioned proposal.

(ii) Public Education Activities on Rehabilitation 2016-17

108. The Chairman said that the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) would continue to allocate \$53,000 to each district this year to sponsor public education activities on rehabilitation in all 18 districts in Hong Kong as well as activities of “2016 International Day of Disabled Persons”. She suggested the “Islands District International Day of Disabled Persons Working Group” continue to follow up matters concerning utilisation of the relevant fund for the abovementioned activities.

109. The Committee endorsed the abovementioned proposal.

(iii) Funding Scheme for Age-friendly Community

110. The Chairman said that the LWB and the Elderly Commission implemented the “Funding Scheme for Age-friendly Community” in 2016-17 and had allocated \$53,000 to each district to sponsor works related to the promotion of age-friendly community at the district level. She suggested the CACRC Activities Working Group follow up on the relevant matters.

111. The Committee endorsed the abovementioned proposal.

(iv) The 6<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Games

112. The Chairman said that the 6<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Games would be held in 2017. Its Organising Committee had invited each DC to appoint a Member as Committee Member. In accordance with the previous arrangement, the Chairman of the CACRC would be the Organising Committee Member of the 6<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Games.

113. Mr Anthony NGAI said that there had been 182 athletes in the Islands District delegation of the last Games. They won the second runner-up and the first runner-up in athletics and cheering team competition respectively. He anticipated brilliant performance from the Islands District Delegation at these Games again.

114. The Committee authorised the display of the IDC logo by the Organising Committee of the 6<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Games for the relevant promotion activities and materials.

#### XIV. Date of Next Meeting

115. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 4 July 2016 (Monday).