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Islands District Council
Minutes of Meeting of
Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee

Date : 28 November 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 LEE Kwai-chun (Chairman)
Ms FU Hiu-lam, Sammi (Vice-Chairman)
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, BBS
Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, JP
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS
Mr CHAN Lin-wai
Mr CHEUNG Fu
Mr FAN Chi-ping
Mr LOU Cheuk-wing
Mr WONG Man-hon
Ms YU Lai-fan
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy
Mr TANG Ka-piu, Bill, JP
Mr KWONG Koon-wan
Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Mr KWONG Kwok-kam, BH, JP
Mr WONG King-chuen
Mr CHAN Ngai-chung
Mr CHEUNG Ming-keung

Attendance by Invitation

Mr CHAN Hon-cheung, John	Senior Landscape Architect/Vegetation Maintenance (Urban & Islands), Highways Department
Ms MAK Woon-king, Betty	Acting Senior Landscape Architect/Vegetation Maintenance (New Territories West), Highways Department
Mr WONG Cheuk-him, Jason	Landscape Architect/Vegetation Maintenance (Special Duty), Highways Department
Dr CHAN Ying-lung, Ellen	Community Relations Manager, Environmental Protection Department
Ms CHAN Wai, Harriet	Senior Executive Officer (Community Relations)2, Environmental Protection Department

Ms Cathy WONG	Administrative Assistant (Community Relations), Environmental Protection Department
Mr CHAN Tak-yeung	Chief Engineer/Consultants Management, Water Supplies Department
Mr LEUNG Siu-kau	Senior Engineer/Consultants Management 5, Water Supplies Department
Mr HO Sing-yiu	Senior Chemist 4, Water Supplies Department,
Mr MAN Ka-leung	Mechanical Engineer/Consultants Management, Water Supplies Department
Mr HUI Fai-wing	Senior Superintendent (Cemeteries & Crematoria), Special Duties, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr LEUNG Chi-ming	Chief Health Inspector (Cemeteries & Crematoria), Special Duties 1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms Oliver CHEUNG	Managing Director, OZZO Technology (HK) Ltd.
Ms MA Sau-ping	Senior Environmental Consultant, AECOM
Mr WONG Kwok-fai, Alfred	Senior Engineer/HK 3, Water Supplies Department
Mr WONG Chi-piu, Alan	Engineer/Hong Kong (Distribution 4), Water Supplies Department
Mr SO Wan-chi	Assistant Inspector/Hong Kong (Distribution 4), Water Supplies Department
Mr LEE Kim-fai	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr LEONG Seong-iam, Sammy	Senior Inspector of Police (Assistant Divisional Commander (Operations & Crime) (Cheung Chau) of Marine Port District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHAN Cheuk-hung	Senior Inspector of Police (Assistant Divisional Commander (Operations & Crime) (Cheung Chau) of Marine Port District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr SHUM Wing-yeung, Ken	Geotechnical Engineer/Mainland West 51, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr LEUNG Kwok-to, Mike	Senior Building Surveyor/New Territories East 3, Buildings Department
Ms TAM On-kei, Susan	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Ching-yi, Annie	Assistant District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

In Attendance

Ms CHONG Yan-yee, Belinda	Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office
Mr CHOW Chit, Joe	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
Mr TANG Man-lung	Inspector of Works(1), Islands District Office
Mr NG Chi-wai	Inspector of Works(2), Islands District Office
Mr KWAN Yau-kee	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms LO Man-kam	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands), Lands Department

Mr LAW Tung-wah, Benji	Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHAN Chun, Calvin	Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr TO Chi-keung, Gary	Senior Transport Officer/Islands, Transport Department
Mr YEUNG Wai-tak, Victor	Senior Environment Protection Officer (Regional South)5, Environmental Protection Department
Ms LI Wing-ye, Wendy	Engineer 2 (Islands Division), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms LUN Chui-yuen, Janice	Fisheries Officer (Enforcement)1, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr FUNG Ho-lam, Chris	Agricultural Officer (Development),
Mr Benny CHAN	Representative, New Lantao Bus Co., (1973) Limited
Ms Sonja CHAN	Representative, New World First Ferry Services Limited

Secretary

Ms CHAN Nga-chi, Angie	Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office
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Absent with Apology

Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken	
Ms Cardi CHUNG	Representative, Hong Kong Tourism Board

Welcoming remarks

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments, representatives of organisations and Members to the meeting, and introduced the following department and organisation representatives who attended the meeting:

- (a) Mr TANG Man-lung, Inspector of Works(1) and Mr NG Chi-wai, Inspector of Works(2) of Islands District Office (IsDO) who stood in for Mr TANG Tai-king; and
- (b) Mr Calvin CHAN, Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District) of Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), who stood in for Mr Bill LI.

2. Members noted that Mr Ken WONG and Ms Cardi CHUNG, representative of Hong Kong Tourism Board, were absent due to other commitments.

I. Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting held on 26 September 2016

3. The above minutes were confirmed unanimously.

II. Enhancement Programme of Vegetated Slopes of Highways Department (Phased Replacement of Senescent Acacia)
(Paper TAFEHC 69/2016)

4. The Chairman welcomed Mr John CHAN, Senior Landscape Architect/Vegetation Maintenance (Urban & Islands), Ms Betty MAK, Acting Senior Landscape Architect/Vegetation Maintenance (New Territories West) and Mr Jason WONG, Landscape Architect/Vegetation Maintenance (Special Duty) of Highways Department (HyD) to the meeting to present the paper.

5. Mr John CHAN, Ms Betty MAK and Mr Jason WONG presented the paper with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

6. Mr Randy YU raised opinion as follows:

- (a) He supported the enhancement programme and hoped it would be implemented the soonest. Six years ago, the Islands Healthy City and Age-friendly Community Working Group in conjunction with the Conservancy Association conducted a survey in the area between Tai O and Pui O and found that the acacia on South Lantau Road were ageing with many diseases, half of them even suffered from fungal infection. He indicated that there was an earlier incident of acacia collapsing on South Lantau Road (Tong Fuk to Shui Hau section), fortunately causing no casualty. Although tens of trees with potential risk of collapse within the ambit of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) had been removed by the Department, the problem was only the tip of the iceberg. In addition to Cheung Tung Road (trial site in Islands District), he opined that the acacia on South Lantau Road and Keung Shan Road were also in danger of collapsing.
- (b) The second and third generations of acacia at the slopes on South Lantau Road were propagated from seeds and densely planted. For the sake of public safety, he hoped the above acacia would be removed under the programme to avoid the danger of collapse.
- (c) In addition to having many bends, there were acacia growing all over the South Lantau Road. He hoped HyD would make the road straight and remove the trees to reduce the danger to drivers. Nevertheless, tree felling aroused controversies over environmental protection and on the need to strike a balance between environmental protection and road safety, members of the public inclined to protect the environment than to perform tree felling. He suggested HyD to straighten the bends at South Lantau Road through the enhancement programme, remove the trees at the bends and replant new ones far away from the bends.
- (d) In addition, the enhancement programme in Wong Tai Sin District achieved satisfactory results as the tree canopies there were quite large. He enquired whether HyD would regularly prune the trees on South Lantau Road. He

hoped the Department would choose the species carefully to avoid similar situation in the future.

7. Mr WONG Man-hon supported the above programme and agreed that Cheung Tung Road be selected as the trial site in Islands District. He was concerned that many withered trees on South Lantau Road would fall during typhoons and yet HyD only performed tree pruning upon receiving reports from the residents. He reckoned that Cheung Tung Road was proposed to be the trial site of the programme just because the Department wanted to facilitate the completion of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. He hoped that South Lantau Road would be included as a trial site and suggested the Department to plant trees three to four metres from the roadside to avoid tree branches hanging over the road which would affect driving safety.

8. Mr Eric KWOK raised opinion as follows:

- (a) He asked whether the new plants to be planted by HyD would be more beneficial to the slope structure (in terms of holding water and soil gripping, etc.) than the acacia planted in early years.
- (b) He supported the programme but had reservation on large-scale removal of the acacia. The plant had been transplanted to Hong Kong for years and might have become a native species with a high ornamental value and contribution to the ecological environment. He enquired whether the Department would replant acacia elsewhere.
- (c) He reckoned that the recycling of yard waste introduced by HyD could not effectively dispose of the timber waste generated. He hoped HyD, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), LCSD and Environmental Protection Department (EPD) would explore an effective way to dispose the yard waste, for example, reusing it as garden fences or making use of it to produce saw dust which could be used as fertiliser, or else the yard waste produced from the programme would be disposed of at incinerators or landfills, thereby causing air pollution and destroying the environment.

9. Mr LOU Cheuk-wing said that while the trees could stabilise the soil and provide a green environment, senescent acacia would endanger public safety and should be removed as soon as possible. He enquired whether the trees planted on the slopes near the residential areas would be included in the enhancement programme. He cited the area between Kat Hing Back Street and the mountain behind Shek Tsai Po at Tai O, where the trees extended to the rooftop of residential buildings, which not only affected the living of residents but also posed a hazard of collapsing during typhoons. He suggested the Department to assign staff to conduct a site inspection and consider including the slopes and other tree species near the residential areas in the programme.

(Post-meeting note: As none of the trees at the area between Kat Hing Back Street and the mountain behind Shek Tsai Po at Tai O was maintained by HyD, therefore HyD has passed Mr LOU's concern to 1823 for follow-up by relevant departments.)

10. Mr CHAN Lin-wai concurred with Mr LOU Cheuk-wing and indicated that the acacia and other trees at the roadsides on Lamma Island posed danger to the pedestrians. He was worried that the environmentalists would object to tree removal and impede the implementation of the programme. He enquired HyD whether the removal of senescent acacia was supported by legislation.

11. Mr FAN Chi-ping indicated that the roots of a banyan tree near the Rural Committee (RC) office on Tung Chung Road stretched out to the road and the cycling track, causing damage to the pavement and making pedestrians and cyclists stumble. He found that the above problem had persisted for years without improvement. He hoped HyD would improve the above road section as well and suggested them to take into account the impact on road users when selecting the tree species to be planted in the future.

(Post-meeting note: Regarding Mr FAN's concern about the improvement works, HyD had liaised with the relevant department for follow-up and learnt that preparation was being made by the relevant department for the improvement works of the said road section.)

12. Mr Benny CHAN appreciated the programme because the above road was frequently used by the New Lantau Bus Co., (1973) Limited (NLB) and the Company also from time to time requested HyD to prune the roadside trees. The Company planned to deploy double-deck buses to operate on South Lantau Road, however, the trees on the road section (particularly the San Shek Wan to Mui Wo section) had not been pruned for years and many tree branches stretched out to the road. Therefore, he hoped HyD could implement the programme and prune the trees as soon as possible.

13. Mr John CHAN gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) HyD would closely monitor the situation on South Lantau Road and follow up proactively. In view of the busy traffic on South Lantau Road, the Department had to apply to the Transport Department (TD) for the implementation of temporary traffic arrangement, which was pending for TD's consideration. HyD would launch the programme at the trial site of Islands District soonest.
- (b) Regarding the second generation of acacia, the Department would step up efforts to deal with the acacia on the slopes under its ambit and would inform other departments which were responsible for maintaining roadside plants to follow up.
- (c) HyD would take into account the local circumstances in tree planting. Where future replanting was required on slopes under its ambit, HyD would take into account the visual impact or the future road development and avoid planting trees on road bends. On the suggestion of planting trees at a distance from the road, the Department would select suitable species according to the local circumstances when planting trees in the future. In case the road would be obstructed or there would be a danger of collapse when

the trees grew up, the Department would consider the plantation of shrubs or other plants.

- (d) On vegetation maintenance, HyD would ask the relevant division to strengthen the monitoring of withered branches after the meeting and inform other maintenance departments to follow up.
- (e) On the disposal of yard waste, some disposal methods were mentioned when presenting the paper. HyD in conjunction with EPD, AFCD and other departments would proactively explore ways (e.g. using the yard waste to cultivate edible fungus, etc.) to reduce yard waste.
- (f) HyD had no plan to replant acacia for the time being. The Department would select native species which had higher ecological value and more flowers.
- (g) On NLB's plan to deploy double-deck buses to operate on South Lantau Road, the Department would conduct a site inspection with Mr Benny CHAN after the meeting. Since some of the trees on that road section were maintained by other departments, the Department would invite the relevant departments to join the site inspection.

(Post-meeting note: HyD had progressively pruned the roadside trees under its ambit on South Lantau Road as appropriate. It had also passed on Mr Benny CHAN's concern to TD and learnt that TD had liaised with other relevant departments for follow-up.)

14. Mr Jason WONG added as follows:

- (a) HyD would take into account the local circumstances in tree planting and decide on the suitable species based on the form and aesthetic of the trees when they grew up. When implementing the programme earlier on Lung Cheung Road in Kowloon City, Yuen Chau Kok in Shatin and Fortress Hill Road in the Eastern District, the Department had taken into account whether the tree planting would obstruct the traffic flow.
- (b) On yard waste, HyD had liaised with a number of non-profit-making organisations to explore making wood chips from timber and mixing it with coffee grounds to cultivate edible fungus such as lingzhi fungus. The organisations concerned were applying funding for the study.
- (c) Planting other species could stabilise the slopes, whereas planting acacia only would make it easy for soil to be washed away from the slopes by the rain due to the small size of acacia leaves. The programme suggested diverse planting with multiple strata so that the leaves near the soil surface could be used to cover the slope and avoid the soil being washed away by the rain.

15. Ms Amy YUNG said that based on observation, hiking trails in Hong Kong were paved with concrete, whereas those in foreign countries were mainly paved with tree trunks. She suggested HyD to make reference to the practice of foreign countries to pave the hiking trails with acacia trunks so as to harmonise with the natural landscape.

16. Mr WONG Man-hon reiterated the request to HyD for considering the replacement of acacia on South Lantau Road to enhance the safety of the nearby residents and buses. He indicated that the deployment of double-deck buses was proposed by NLB several years ago and the work of TD now depended on the co-operation of HyD.

17. Mr Randy YU raised opinion as follows:

(a) He understood why HyD gave priority to Cheung Tung Road for implementing the programme, but as there was an urgent need to replace some of the acacia on South Lantau Road, he hoped the Department would implement the trial programme at both Cheung Tung Road and South Lantau Road.

(b) He concurred with other Members and hoped HyD would replace hazardous trees at other locations through the enhancement programme. He indicated that the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) had formulated the Greening Master Plan for years and set up an inter-departmental group to examine the greening efforts and inform other departments of the situation. He considered that HyD relayed Members' opinions to other departments had little impact and hoped it would consider setting up a working group for this matter, and he would be glad to assist in disseminating information to the residents. Moreover, since both the footpaths and traffic lanes were managed by HyD, he hoped HyD would pay attention to the situations of Tai O and Lamma Island and remove the senescent trees.

18. Mr CHOW Yuk-tong supported the programme but was worried whether HyD had sufficient resource and manpower to remove the trees.

19. Ms YU Lai-fun enquired about the implementation timetable of the programme. Regarding the danger posed by some acacia on South Lantau Road as mentioned by Members, she suggested HyD to prioritise these trees for enhancement.

(Post-meeting note: The pilot schemes of Islands District would commence progressively in mid-February 2017 to replace the senescent and high-risk acacia managed by HyD to ensure public safety.)

20. Mr FAN Chi-ping reiterated that HyD should first remove the hazardous trees and then progressively replace other trees. The trees managed by HyD on Tung Chung Road between Lung Tseng Tau and Chung Yan Road were in unsatisfactory condition.

21. Mr John CHAN responded that the duties of HyD included regular tree maintenance. Whenever hazardous trees were found, they would be handled immediately

instead of being included under the enhancement programme. Regarding that tree roots were exposed on footpaths on Kat Hing Back Street of Tai O and Tung Chung Road as reflected by Members, he said that roadside trees were maintained by LCSD and he would liaise with LCSD to conduct a site inspection with District Councillors of the district concerned.

(Post-meeting note: Regarding Mr FAN's concern about the improvement works, HyD had liaised with the relevant department for follow-up and learnt that preparation was being made by the relevant department for the improvement works of the said road section.)

22. Mr CHEUNG Fu said that the tree roots on Tung Chung Road were severely exposed and the footpath was managed by HyD. He suggested the Department to replace the trees on that road section to avoid the tree roots growing again after removal.

23. Mr Fan Chi-ping supplemented that the trees on Tung Chung Road were planted by HyD and managed by LCSD.

24. Mr John CHAN added that footpaths were managed by HyD and roadside trees were maintained by another department. He would invite the relevant department to conduct a site inspection with Members to handle the trees concerned. Moreover, the Government was very supportive of the programme. On manpower, HyD would perform a thorough tree survey later to assess the priority and work out the approach of the programme in order to estimate the manpower and resource required.

25. Mr Jason WONG added that the Department would re-assess the priority for implementing the programme at South Lantau Road and might implement the programme at both Cheung Tung Road and South Lantau Road.

(Post-meeting note: HyD agreed with the comment of Islands District Council (IDC) that many acacia on the slopes of South Lantau Road were in poor structural and health condition. Therefore, in response to Members' request, the Department would make arrangements in advance to include the slopes on South Lantau Road as Islands District pilot schemes of the enhancement programme in addition to Cheung Tung Road, and give priority to the phased replacement of the senescent and high-risk acacia so as to ensure public safety.)

(Mr Randy YU, Mr KWONG Koon-wan, Mr Bill TANG and Mr KWONG Kwok-kam joined the meeting at around 2:05 p.m., 2:25 p.m., 2:50 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. respectively.)

III. Pilot Campaign to Promote Lamma Island as a Green Community
(Paper TAFEHC 70/2016)

26. The Chairman welcomed Dr Ellen CHAN, Community Relations Manager, Ms Harriet CHAN, Senior Executive Officer (Community Relations)² and Ms Cathy Wong, Administrative Assistant (Community Relations) of EPD, to the meeting to present the paper.

27. Dr Ellen CHAN presented the paper with the aid of PowerPoint presentation and expressed the hope of using the IDC emblem on the pamphlets and posters of the pilot campaign.

28. Mr CHOW Yuk-tong agreed that the pilot campaign be implemented on Lamma Island by EPD and the Environmental Campaign Committee. Promoting a green community and enhancing the recycling facilities on Lamma Island, which was a tourist attraction, would not only improve environmental hygiene but also help promote tourism. He would appeal for support from the local community and opined that publicity and education (particularly for the students) should be enhanced to raise the awareness of environmental protection among the youths.

29. Mr CHAN Lin-wai agreed to implement the pilot campaign on Lamma Island and opined that the Lamma Island attracted many visitors as it was scenic and not yet commercialised. Moreover, the residents of Lamma Island attached importance to environmental protection and had a high level of environmental awareness. For example, there were emission reduction facilities such as wind turbines and solar power system on the island and the residents participated in food waste recycling programmes, etc. He hoped the pilot campaign could be extended to other outlying islands subject to its effective result on Lamma Island.

30. Ms Yu Lai-fan appreciated the pilot campaign as it could create a green and sustainable Lamma community, help promote sustainable environmental protection and enhance environmental awareness of the residents. She once found water bottles with unremoved labels in the three-coloured recycling bins on Lamma Island and considered that the promotion of clean recycling message should be stepped up at school.

31. Mr Eric KWOK raised opinion as follows:

- (a) He appreciated EPD for launching a large-scale environmental campaign in the community. However, he considered that the three-coloured recycling bins were poorly designed. People had to press down the lid to use it, but the lid was dirty and hence some people were reluctant to use it. As for the glass bottle recycling bin, it was very difficult for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) staff to move it when it was full. He suggested the Department to make reference to the recycling bin design in Taiwan which featured a hydraulic press lid and wheels to facilitate moving by staff. He also hoped the Government would implement the glass bottle and waste disposal charge scheme as soon as possible.

- (b) He considered waste reduction at source very important and hoped the Government would implement it seriously. While Hong Kong was well-positioned in terms of human resources and facilities to develop the recycling industry, it had lagged far behind the neighbouring regions (e.g. Japan, Taiwan and South Korea). With limited resources on earth at present, the recycling industry would have an influence on the development of the next generation. He asked EPD to reflect to the Government the importance of recycling industry.
- (c) Knowing that the Mainland no longer imported recycled plastic bottles, the recycling value of waste paper was low and the eco-blocks produced by glass bottles were non-recyclable, he enquired EPD how the large volume of recycled materials would be disposed.
- (d) He indicated that the collection of used clothes was very successful. For example, two non-profit-making organisations for the ethnic minorities collected used clothes in Yat Tung Estate and sent to their hometown for sale, which could reuse the resource and also create job opportunities.

32. Ms Amy YUNG said that the campaign only introduced publicity and education measures but did not mention the recycling industry and related Government subsidies. Moreover, while about eight tonnes of glass bottles were recycled monthly on Lamma Island as stated in the paper, there were a limited number of glass bottle recycling factories in Hong Kong and the glass bottles collected might eventually be discarded. As the Mainland no longer accepted plastic bottles for recycling as mentioned by Mr Eric KWOK, she suggested that Hong Kong should proactively develop the recycling industry, or else introducing more publicity and education measures would still be useless.

33. Dr Ellen CHAN gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Subject to the successful implementation of the pilot campaign on Lamma Island, EPD would consider extending the campaign to other communities. She noted the views of Ms YU Lai-fun.
- (b) Attaching great importance to the recycling industry, the Government has set up the recycling fund and the related Steering Committee chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration.
- (c) On the way forward of glass beverage containers recycling, the Legislative Council passed an enabling legislation concerning the “producer responsibility scheme on glass beverage containers” in May 2016. EPD was carrying out other preparatory work for implementing the scheme, which included drafting the subsidiary legislation and the details of the glass beverage containers recycling programme. At present, FEHD was responsible for the glass beverage containers collection service on Lamma Island, whereas the collection service for some bars in Lan Kwai Fong and Wanchai for example, was provided by non-profit-making organisations

through funding support from the Environment and Conservation Fund of EPD. However, the problem of waste glass beverage containers could not be resolved in the long run in this way. The Government would engage glass beverage containers management companies (i.e. contractors) to manage the service in the future. EPD had started the preparation of the producer responsibility scheme several years ago and expected to launch the scheme in 2018. By then, the Government would charge the beverage suppliers so as to cover the recycling expense payable to the contractors. In addition, the contractors were also responsible for proper treatment of the collected glass beverage containers. The main component of glass was sand, which could be used to produce eco-blocks, construction materials and even reclamation materials.

- (d) The recycling of plastic bottles encountered much difficulty owing to the wide variety and light weight of plastic and a high transportation cost. With a low oil price, the prices of raw plastic materials and recycled plastic materials were more or less the same at present. The situation of plastic bottle recycling might be improved when the oil price increased. Moreover, publicity and education was the focus of the campaign. The Department would educate members of the public to practise clean recycling because contaminated plastic had no value for recycling. Of course, the primary focus was on waste reduction at source. In the long term, EPD would consider how to develop plastic bottle recycling, including the possibility of extending the scope of the producer responsibility scheme to cover plastic bottles.

34. The Committee supported the pilot campaign and agreed to allow EPD to use IDC emblem on the publicity pamphlets and posters.

IV. Upgrading of Disinfection Facilities in Water Treatment Works (Paper TAFEHC 71/2016)

35. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHAN Tak-yeung, Chief Engineer/Consultants Management, Mr LEUNG Siu-kau, Senior Engineer/Consultants Management, Mr HO Sing-jiu, Senior Chemist and Mr MAN Ka-leung, Mechanical Engineer/Consultants Management of Water Supplies Department (WSD), to the meeting to present the paper.

36. Mr CHAN Tak-yeung presented the paper with the aid of PowerPoint presentation.

37. Ms Amy YUNG supported the project. She was concerned about the access of engineering vehicles to Cheung Tung Road during the carrying out of the proposed works at Siu Ho Wan Water Treatment Works (WTW), but WSD only explained the traffic arrangement for the proposed works at Silver Mine Bay WTW without mentioning that at Siu Ho Wan WTW. Members had repeatedly reflected at the meetings about the busy traffic on Cheung Tung Road with many engineering vehicles and buses running along. There were frequent occurrence of traffic accidents and some even caused casualties. She enquired whether WSD would adopt any measures to avoid accidents.

38. Mr Bill TANG enquired about the current transportation route of liquid chlorine from the Mainland to Hong Kong and considered that it could involve higher risk if liquid chlorine was transported via Cheung Tung Road. Moreover, WSD mentioned the installation of equipment such as a hydrogen system to reduce risk. He asked WSD to explain the risk posed by the planned installation of chlorine generation facilities.

39. Mr Randy YU supported the project and reckoned that it should be kept abreast of the advancement in the technology. Before leaving the meeting, Mr Holden CHOW asked him to reflect to WSD about the unavailability of treated water supply in some remote areas (e.g. Nim Shue Wan, Fan Lau, Yi O, etc.) in Islands District. He noted that IDC had set up the Working Group on Treated Water Supply to Remote Areas in Islands District to discuss the matter and hoped WSD would note Members' concerns.

40. Mr WONG Man-hon also supported the project.

41. Mr CHAN Tak-yeung gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) On the traffic arrangement for Silver Mine Bay WTW, WSD had conducted a traffic impact assessment to determine the most suitable transportation route. As for the transportation route of sodium hypochlorite solution to Cheung Sha and Tai O WTWs, the assessment result indicated that it would be more suitable for Silver Mine Bay WTW to provide sodium hypochlorite solution to Cheung Sha and Tai O WTWs. The transportation route would pass through South Lantau Road to ease the traffic pressure on Tung Chung Road.
- (b) There would not be frequent access of engineering vehicles during the works period of Siu Ho Wan WTW. Regarding the transportation of the chlorine generation facilities purchased from overseas and construction materials to Siu Ho Wan WTW, it was anticipated that about four trips would be required each month, which would be arranged during off peak hours to avoid traffic pressure on the roads. Moreover, WSD would conduct a traffic impact assessment prior to the commencement of works to minimise the impact of the materials transportation on the road traffic. He thanked Ms Amy YUNG for the opinions and would closely monitor the traffic situation on Cheung Tung Road.

(Post-meeting note: Arrangement would only be made for Silver Mine Bay WTW to provide sodium hypochlorite solution to Cheung Sha and Tai O WTWs for disinfection of drinking water. The same arrangement was not required for Siu Ho Wan WTW.)

- (c) On the current arrangement of importing and transporting liquid chlorine from the Mainland, the liquid chlorine was transported via Cheung Tung Road to Siu Ho Wan WTW with a maximum of about two times each month. Upon the implementation of the new project, importation and transportation of liquid chlorine would no longer be required for Hong Kong and only transportation of sodium hypochlorite solution to small WTWs would be

needed, thus eliminating the risk associated with the storage and transportation of liquid chlorine.

- (d) He noted that IDC set up a working group in 2016 to discuss matters concerning treated water supply to remote areas in Islands District, including the treated water supply to Yi O. WSD would proactively follow up and closely liaise with Members to respond to the needs of the community.

42. The Committee unanimously supported the above project.

(Mr Holden CHOW left the meeting at around 3:55 p.m.)

V. Mui Wo Lai Chi Yuen Cemetery Extension
(Paper TAFEHC 72/2016)

43. The Chairman welcomed Mr HUI Fai-wing, Senior Superintendent (Cemeteries & Crematoria) Special Duties and Mr LEUNG Chi-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Cemeteries & Crematoria) Special Duties 1 of FEHD, Ms Oliver CHEUNG, Managing Director of OZZO Technology (HK) Ltd. and Ms MA Sau-ping, Senior Environmental Consultant of AECOM, to the meeting to present the paper.

44. Mr HUI Fai-wing and Ms Oliver CHEUNG presented the paper with the aid of PowerPoint presentation.

45. Several Members raised opinion as follows:

- (a) Mr WONG Man-hon indicated that the above project had been long-awaited and hoped that it could commence and be completed as soon as possible. He suggested FEHD to incorporate the widening of two main junctions into the project, which included the junction between the single-lane road to Lai Chi Yuen Cemetery and the hiking trail near the Cemetery (J2) as well as the hiking trail section near the Cemetery (P2), as there was insufficient space for vehicles to make a U-turn.
- (b) Mr Randy YU concurred with Mr WONG Man-hon. He understood that it was difficult to widen the entire road due to the limited resources, but hoped that the U-turn areas at some road sections could be improved. He rendered conditional support to the traffic control proposal set out in the paper and hoped FEHD would consider enhancing other road facilities.
- (c) Mr Eric KWOK enquired whether FEHD would consider widening the single-lane road connecting the Lantau Island and Lai Chi Yuen or converting it into a double-lane road. In view of the increased passenger flow and traffic flow upon the completion of the project, he was worried that in the event of traffic accidents, the access of emergency vehicles and evacuation arrangement would be difficult. Regarding the two bus stops at the junction between South Lantau Road and the single-lane road towards Lai Chi Yuen Cemetery

(J1) as well as the junction between South Lantau Road and Lai Chi Yuen Tsuen village road (J3), he enquired whether the bus stops would be provided at the road bends or middle section of the road to allow boarding and alighting of passengers. As for J1, the road section from Pui O to Mui Wo was a downhill road, if no bends were available for buses to stop, the situation during the Ching Ming and Chung Yeung Festivals would be very dangerous. The situation was the same at J3. As such, he hoped FEHD would consider relocating the above two bus stops to the bends. Moreover, he enquired whether car parks would be provided at the road section on South Lantau Road near the single-lane road towards Lai Chi Yuen Cemetery (P3).

- (d) Ms Amy YUNG said that as stated by FEHD, a total of 24 sites in the 18 districts of the territory were identified for construction of public columbarium facilities and Lai Chi Yuen was the identified site in Islands District. She pointed out that FEHD identified another site at Sham Shui Kok Drive in Siu Ho Wan but only consulted Tsuen Wan District Council on the Siu Ho Wan project because part of North Lantau was under the ambit of Tsuen Wan District Council. In view that the residents of Islands District would be affected, she hoped the Department would consult IDC on the columbarium facilities construction project at Sham Shui Kok Drive in Siu Ho Wan.
- (e) Mr CHEUNG Fu hoped FEHD would enhance and widen both J1 and the road section of P3 near Silver Mine Bay, and set aside sufficient space for the boarding and alighting of passengers.

46. Ms Oliver CHEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) During the Ching Ming and Chung Yeung Festivals, emergency vehicles could still use the single-lane road to Lai Chi Yuen Cemetery. The road would not be closed during the two festivals to allow access by buses, emergency vehicles and special vehicles, whereas pedestrians could use the footpaths at the roadsides. She believed that the condition of vehicle-pedestrian conflicts would not occur. P3 was the location where the data on pedestrian and vehicle flows were collected for the traffic impact assessment but not the site of new car park.
- (b) On the arrangement of bus stops, the existing locations of bus stops would remain unchanged. According to the assessment on pedestrian flow conducted at the footpath connecting the bus stops and the roads nearby, the footpath was of sufficient width to accommodate grave-sweepers walking to Lai Chi Yuen Cemetery. Nevertheless, detailed planning of the special traffic arrangement for the two festive days with TD and the Police was required. Other cemeteries also implemented special traffic and crowd control arrangements for the two festive days at present.

47. Mr LOU Cheuk-wing said that the project had been in discussion for a long time and should commence the soonest. He enquired whether the niches were exclusively for

use by the residents of Mui Wo and was worried that the number of niches could not meet the demand if they were open to all Hong Kong people.

48. The Chairman said that, drawing reference from Cheung Chau, the number of niches could be progressively increased after the implementation of the project.

49. Mr CHOW Yuk-tong said that the Lai Chi Yuen Cemetery site was endorsed by eight RCs at that time, so the residents of the eight districts were allowed to use the cemetery. He did not oppose to the proposed site of the project but opined that the paper had not clarified the eligibility of niche users or whether the niches could be used by non-Islands District residents. The eight RCs at that time allowed the burial of non-Islands District residents in cemeteries outside the district. If about 790 niches would be provided by the project for use by all the Hong Kong people, it would certainly fail to meet the demand. Moreover, since public columbarium facilities were not available in Peng Chau, he enquired whether the residents of Peng Chau could use the niches of Lai Chi Yuen Cemetery.

50. Mr HUI Fai-wing gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Owing to geographical factor, FEHD considered that an appropriate number of niches should be offered to the residents of Islands District. This policy had been adopted since the Regional Council era. If these niches were open for application by residents of other districts, it would reduce the number of niches reserved for Islands District residents. Therefore, FEHD had no plan to change the policy for the time being. The Lai Chi Yuen Cemetery extension was expected to be completed by the end of 2019. By then, if the public or the local community considered it necessary to review the policy, and provided that the geographical factor was no longer a major consideration, the Department would review the policy with relevant departments.
- (b) FEHD had considered the feasibility of widening the single-lane road in order to provide more niches. However, the road widening works would require the cut-back of part of the slope beside the road and the performance of slope stabilisation works, which involved a huge cost and was not cost-effective. Moreover, the adjacent area of Lai Chi Yuen Cemetery was a country park site, where slope stabilisation works and tree felling activities would require the performance of environmental impact assessment and the approval from the Country and Marine Parks Board, involving a complicated and lengthy process, and affecting the environment. As such, FEHD considered that niches should be provided to the residents first to solve the problem of insufficient niches as soon as possible.
- (c) The two sites to the east and the west of Sham Shui Kok Drive, Tsuen Wan were among the 24 potential sites identified for columbarium development. He was aware that the two sites were geographically located in the vicinity of Islands District and IDC Members were concerned about the development plan. Relevant information would be provided to IDC after the meeting.

51. Mr CHEUNG Fu indicated that location J3 proposed by the Department was a single-lane road, at which the loading and unloading of passengers might cause traffic congestion. He thus requested FEHD to consider providing a bus stop at J1.

52. Mr HUI Fai-wing noted the opinion of Members. The Committee unanimously supported the project.

(Mr Bill TANG left the meeting at around 4:30 p.m.)

VI. Question on proposed replacement of fresh water pipes in Mui Wo
(Paper TAFEHC 62/2016)

53. The Chairman welcomed Mr Alfred WONG, Senior Engineer/HK 3, Mr Alan WONG, Engineer/Hong Kong (Distribution 4) and Mr SO Wan-chi, Assistant Inspector/Hong Kong (Distribution 4) of WSD, to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of WSD had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

54. Mr Randy YU presented the question.

55. Mr Alfred WONG briefly presented the written reply.

56. Mr WONG Man-hon enquired whether WSD had ever replaced the water pipes in Mui Wo (e.g. near the pier). Since drainage works were underway on the road concerned, he suggested WSD to discuss with the Drainage Services Department before commencing the works to avoid working on their own and causing inconvenience to the district.

57. Mr CHEUNG Fu said that the water pipes connecting Shek Pik and Pui O (48 inches in diameter) had been in use for decades with frequent seepage, which might cause danger. He enquired whether the Department would consider replacing the water main section.

58. Mr Randy YU thanked WSD for repairing the water pipe quickly after the burst and was aware of the difficulty in the repair works. A number of works (including drainage and environmental improvement works) were currently in progress at Silver Mine Bay and there were works to commence near the pier. He suggested WSD's works schedule be complemented with that of other departments, e.g. laying water pipes during road excavation, so as to complete the works earliest to minimise the inconvenience caused to Mui Wo residents. He also hoped WSD would inspect the water pipes that had not been replaced for early repair or replacement.

59. Mr Alfred WONG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Records showed that only the water pipe on Mui Wo Heung Sze Wui Road was not yet replaced. The water pipe on that road section was ductile iron pipe which had been used for about 20 years with acceptable condition. However, the Department would closely monitor the water pipes in the entire district, including leakage detection and proactive inspection, and

repair immediately wherever pipe leakage was found. The Department would replace the water pipe when necessary.

- (b) As for the 48-inch diameter water pipe mentioned by Mr CHEUNG Fu, the Department would regularly inspect the water pipe which was now in an acceptable condition. The Department was very concerned about the conditions of large water pipes and would repair immediately once problem was found during inspection.

60. Mr CHEUNG Fu said that the Department mentioned the laying of new water pipes on the lower road in a consultation paper about six years ago. Although the 48-inch diameter water pipes had been used for about 60 years, the Department considered it safe. He opined that this indicated the Department's lack of preparation for crisis. In the event of water pipe burst, the village houses nearby would be affected. He urged the Department to replace the water pipes as soon as possible.

61. The Chairman asked WSD to note the opinion of Members.

(Mr FAN Chi-ping left the meeting at around 4:35 p.m.)

VII. Question on improvement works for the refuse collection points at Lutheran Village and Peak Road West, Cheung Chau
(Paper TAFEHC 61/2016)

62. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEE Kim-fai, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control) of FEHD, to the meeting to respond to the question.

63. Mr KWONG Koon-wan presented the question.

64. Mr LEE Kim-fai indicated that for the sake of safe operation, the Department could not provide suspended lighting system at the two refuse collection points, but would continue to explore the feasibility of installing electricity supply at the two locations. The Department had liaised with HyD for provision of street lights beside the refuse collection points to improve the lighting there and of the adjacent areas and was now waiting for the result. In addition, the refuse collection point on Peak Road West would be enlarged. Having obtained approval from the Lands Department for a larger allocated site, the Department was working on the design and would build a new aluminum refuse collection point.

VIII. Question on police patrol at Cheung Chau Pier during holidays
(Paper TAFEHC 65/2016)

65. The Chairman welcomed Mr Sammy LEONG, and Mr CHAN Cheuk-hung, Assistant Divisional Commander (Operations & Crime) (Cheung Chau) of Marine Port District, HKPF to the meeting to respond to the question.

66. Mr KWONG Koon-wan presented the question.

67. Mr Sammy LEONG said that police officers were deployed from Cheung Chau Police Station to the Cheung Chau New Ferry Pier during weekends and holidays, and a police post was also set up at the pier. When ferries berthed, the police officers at the police post would patrol the new ferry pier and the vicinity of the public pier and implement crowd control measures. With no increase in the police establishment in Cheung Chau, police officers at the police post might be deployed to handle unexpected incidents near the pier, and so during such time, there might not be any police officer on duty or on patrol. The Police would continue to maintain order in Cheung Chau and serve the public.

68. Mr KWONG Koon-wan indicated that he had reflected the issue concerned to the representative of the Police at the Fight Crime Committee meeting earlier. The staffing establishment of police in Cheung Chau was not increased due to the low crime rate in Cheung Chau. Nevertheless, he hoped Cheung Chau Police Station would proactively explore the deployment or addition of manpower to ensure that at least one uniformed police officer would be on patrol near the pier during public holidays.

69. Mr YUNG Chi-ming learnt that the Police arranged uniformed and plainclothes police officers to patrol the vicinity of the pier in the recent few weeks.

70. The Chairman suggested that two police officers be deployed to patrol at the vicinity of the pier from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. during holidays.

71. Mr Sammy LEONG considered the above suggestion of the Chairman feasible and would consider making the arrangement for staff deployment.

IX. Question on the hillside behind Phase III, Hillgrove Village of Discovery Bay
(Paper TAFEHC 66/2016)

72. The Chairman welcomed Mr Ken SHUM, Geotechnical Engineer/Mainland West of CEDD and Mr Mike LEUNG, Senior Building Surveyor/New Territories East 3 of Buildings Department (BD), to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of BD and Discovery Bay Services Management Limited (DBSML) had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

73. Ms Amy YUNG presented the question with video and photos and expressed disappointment at the absence of representative of DBSML at the meeting. She said that the slope maintenance works commenced on 6 June this year and covered a wide scope. The works were expected to be completed in late November according to the written reply of DBSML but were still ongoing. As seen from the video and photos, heavy machinery was breaking up the kerbs at the site last week, causing serious noise nuisance and air pollution which affected the lives of residents.

74. Mr Mike LEUNG briefly presented the written reply of BD and supplemented that the grey area shown on the photo indicated the hoardings of a construction site and the works did not involve road construction.

75. Mr KWONG Koon-wan requested BD to provide a breakdown of the locations and numbers of outstanding Dangerous Hillside Orders (DHOs) in the Islands District after the meeting.

76. Mr Mike LEUNG said that the above would be relayed to the division in charge of DHOs issuance to follow-up.

(Post-meeting note: BD provided a breakdown of the locations and numbers of outstanding DHOs in the Islands District as follows:

Number of outstanding DHOs in the Islands District (As at end-October 2016)					
	Cheung Chau	Lamma Island	Peng Chau	Lantau Island	Total
1. DHOs being handled by the Authorised Persons (APs) and Registered Geotechnical Engineers (RGEs) appointed by the owners or responsible persons	10	3	1	11	25
2. DHOs being handled by the slope works consultants employed by the department on behalf of the owners or responsible persons pursuant to the Buildings Ordinance (BO)	6	2	3	13	24
3. DHOs still not yet expired	29	0	0	0	29
4. DHOs already expired	21	12	7	33	73
Total	66	17	11	57	151

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77. Ms Amy YUNG raised the questions as follows:

- (a) She enquired BD about the total number of DHOs issued in the Islands district, including those not yet complied. She said that the Department issued a DHO because the slope was liable to become dangerous. Among the 151 outstanding DHOs, 25 DHOs were being handled by the APs and RGEs appointed by the owners or responsible persons, 24 DHOs were being handled by the slope works consultants employed by the Department on behalf of the owners or responsible persons pursuant to the BO, 29 DHOs not yet expired and the remaining 73 DHOs already expired. The situation was worrying. She enquired what follow-up actions would be taken and whether a deadline would be set.
- (b) The works were expected to be completed in late November this year as stated by the developer but were still ongoing now. She enquired whether the Department would monitor the works progress, whether the site would be designated for other development purpose, and whether vegetation would be planted at the site upon the completion of works.

78. Mr Mike LEUNG responded as follows:

- (a) Regarding the slopes with outstanding DHOs and not being handled, Slope Safety Section of BD would consider prosecuting the slope/lot owners pursuant to the BO. As for the 24 DHOs owners of some DHOs could not be located, the Department had arranged default slope works consultants to follow up pursuant to the BO to ensure that the required slope works would be properly implemented.
- (b) Regarding the slope works behind Hillgrove Village, the responsible AP earlier advised that the works would be completed in about a month subject to the progress. After the completion of the slope works, the AP was required to submit the certificate of completion and relevant documents to BD for checking.

79. Mr Eric KWOK enquired whether the above works involved any outstanding DHO.

80. Mr Mike LEUNG indicated that the slope works behind Hillgrove Village was not related to a DHO.

81. Mr Ken SHUM said that DBSML had commissioned an Engineering Consultants to conduct a natural terrain hazard study on the natural terrain behind Hillgrove Village. The study concluded that the natural terrain poses potential landslide risk to Hillgrove Village. The Engineering Consultants proposed the installation of a debris-resisting barrier at the above site to mitigate the potential landslide risk from the natural terrain. CEDD agreed with the study result and considered that the installation of the debris-resisting barrier is for public safety.

X. Question on the hygiene of Tung Chung North Park
(Paper TAFEHC 64/2016)

82. The Chairman welcomed Ms Susan TAM, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)2 and Ms Annie WONG, Assistant District Leisure Manager (District Support)/Islands of LCSD, to the meeting to respond to the question.

83. Ms Sammi FU presented the question.

84. Ms Susan TAM indicated that LCSD conducted a site inspection with Ms FU on 24 November this year. Highly shade-tolerant species such as *Sansevieria trifasciata* and *Epipremnum aureum* would be planted in the flower bed under the flyover outside Tung Chung North Park to beautify the environment. Foliage plants such as *Asparagus densiflorus 'Myers'* would also be planted in the roadside amenity area outside the park. Upon the completion of landscape gardening works, the Department would liaise with Ms FU to conduct another site inspection. Regarding the refuse issue, the outsourced cleaning contractor of LCSD was responsible for cleaning the park area, and LCSD was responsible for the horticulture maintenance of the flower bed outside Tung Chung North Park. The relevant department was informed to clear away the refuse outside the park.

(Post-meeting note: LCSD completed the landscape gardening works at the roadside flower bed on Man Tung Road (under the flyover near Tung Chung North Park) on 30 December 2016.)

(Ms Amy YUNG left the meeting at around 5:15 p.m.)

XI. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Project
(Paper TAFEHC 67/2016)

85. The Chairman welcomed Mr TANG Man-lung, Inspector of Works(1) and Mr NG Chi-wai, Inspector of Works(2) of IsDO, to the meeting to present the paper.

86. Mr TANG Man-lung reported the latest progress of the projects below:

- (a) Improvement to road pavement outside the public lavatory at 33B Chung Hing Street and Chung Hing Back Street, Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-569)
Improvement to footpath between no. 1 and no. 66, San Hing Street, Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-649)
Improvement to existing drainage channel near electricity station at Pak She Back Street, Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-664)

The relevant drawings and contractual documents were under preparation. The works were expected to commence in April next year.

- (b) Construction of rainshelter at Lo Tik Wan leading to Lamma Winds, North Lamma (IS-DMW-585)

IsDO conducted a site inspection earlier with the project proponent. As there was no suitable place for construction of a rainshelter, the proponent agreed to cancel the project.

- (c) Construction of footpath between Tai Peng and Lamma Winds, North Lamma (IS-DMW-606)

IsDO reconfirmed the alignment of the footpath with the project proponent earlier and the advance preparatory works (such as posting notice, etc.) were in progress.

- (d) Extension of staircase near house no. 24 at Nam Wan Shan Teng Tsuen, Peng Chau (IS-DMW-669)

As there were street lights and lamp poles within the works area, IsDO would later conduct a site investigation and collect data.

87. Mr NG Chi-wai reported the latest progress of the projects below:

- (a) Construction of pavilion near lamp post V6448 at Luk Tei Tong, Mui Wo (IS-DMW-629)

Tendering exercise for the works would be conducted in December this year.

- (b) Improvement to paving at Tai Long Wan Village, Tai O (IS-DMW-632)

The works were completed in early October this year.

(Post-meeting note: The works were completed in September this year.)

88. Members and guests discussed the projects below. The main points were as follows:

- (a) Formation of fire breaks and grass cutting

Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that while IsDO had removed most of the weeds in the vicinity and the fire breaks of the Mini Great Wall, Cheung Chau, problems were still found in the unallocated government land nearby, for example, the coastal view and rocks of peculiar shapes were obstructed by weeds. He urged IsDO or District Lands Office, Islands (DLO) to weed the area as soon as possible.

Mr TANG Man-lung indicated that IsDO carried out regular weeding in the rural areas mainly to prevent weeds blocking the road and to install fire breaks.

For grass cutting other than the above purposes, he asked DLO to consider assisting in weeding.

The Chairman hoped relevant departments would carry out large-scale weeding instead of cutting weeds within a three-foot range on both sides of the pavement.

- (b) Improvement to footpath at Tai San Street and Tai San Back Street, Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-610)

Mr YUNG Chi-ming enquired whether the works would be completed in July next year. As the Cheung Chau Bun Festival would be held in May, it would be more desirable if the works were completed in May.

Mr TANG Man-lung said that the works projects under planning included improvement to the road pavement outside the public lavatory at 33B Chung Hing Street and Chung Hing Back Street, Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-569), improvement to footpath between no. 1 and no. 66, San Hing Street, Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-649), improvement to existing drainage channel near electricity station at Pak She Back Street, Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-664) and extension of staircase near house no. 24 at Nam Wan Shan Teng Tsuen, Peng Chau (IS-DMW-669). Upon the completion of the above four projects, IsDO would proceed to carry out the works at Tai San Street and Tai San Back Street (IS-DMW-610), which were expected to commence after the Bun Festival.

- (c) Improvement to footpath between no. 1 and no. 66, San Hing Street, Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-649)

Mr YUNG Chi-ming enquired whether the works would be completed in February next year. Since the Bun Festival parade had to pass through this road, he hoped the works could be completed before the Bun Festival.

Mr TANG Man-lung said that IsDO had been preparing the works drawings and the contractual document. The works were expected to commence before April next year and would take about two to three months. If things went smoothly, the works were expected to be completed in July or August next year. In response to Members' opinions, IsDO would consider giving priority to the above works for completion before the Bun Festival.

- (d) Restoration of the Raw Water Supply System at Mui Wo (IS-DMW-577)
Construction of Drainage Channel at rear of Pak Ngan Heung Village, Mui Wo (IS-DMW-609)
Improvement to footpath near house no. 1 at Lung Mei Tsuen, Mui Wo (IS-DMW-643)

Mr WONG Man-hon enquired whether the three works above would be completed by the end of next year.

Mr NG Chi-wai said that the preliminary investigation works of project no. IS-DMW-577 had been completed. Upon the completion of the design plan, he would consult and invite Mr WONG to a joint site inspection. The project was expected to commence in September next year. The advance works of project no. IS-DMW-609 had been completed and the design plan was being made. He would consult and invite Mr WONG to a joint site inspection in due course. The project was expected to commence in April next year subject to Mr WONG's consent on the plan and the finalisation of the works schedule. Moreover, the field investigation works of project no. IS-DMW-643 was in progress. IsDO conducted a site inspection with Mr WONG earlier and would then perform land surveying and design the alignment. Mr WONG would then be consulted. IsDO would formulate the works schedule after the location was confirmed.

- (e) Improvement works to access road from lamp post no. FB 6574 to lamp post no. FB 6579 at Pui O, South Lantau (IS-DMW-665)

Mr CHEUNG Fu enquired when the works would be completed.

Mr NG Chi-wai said that IsDO had carried out the tendering exercise for the preliminary investigation works to determine the width and height of the pavement and whether the drainage nearby would be affected. IsDO was preparing the design plan and would consult Members later in order to commence the works as soon as possible.

89. Members endorsed the paper and noted IsDO's report.

XII. Report by Working Group

- (i) Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee Activities Working Group

90. The Chairman said that the working group report had been faxed or emailed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting (see Reference 1 for details). Members were welcome to give comments.

91. Members had no comment and endorsed the above working group report.

- (ii) Islands Healthy City and Age-friendly Community Working Group

92. Mr Randy YU said that the working group report had been faxed or emailed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting (see Reference 2 for details). He asked the Committee to note that the working group initially proposed to organise the Green Lantau tree planting event at Nei Lak Shan on 29 April 2017 or 6 May 2017. However, as Ngong Ping 360 would have the power cables replaced, the date of the above event was yet to be confirmed. If the event could not be held during the planting season (i.e. April to May), it would be postponed to 2018.

93. Members had no comment and endorsed the above working group report.

XIII. Any Other Business

94. No other matters were raised by Members.

XIV. Date of Next Meeting

95. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m. The date of next meeting was scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on 23 January 2017 (Monday).

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