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Minutes of Meeting of Islands District Council

Date : 20 February 2017 (Monday)
Time : 2:00 p.m.
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Present

Chairman

Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, BBS

Vice-Chairman

Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, JP

Members

Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS
Mr CHAN Lin-wai
Mr CHEUNG Fu
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken
Mr FAN Chi-ping
Mr LOU Cheuk-wing
Mr WONG Man-hon
Ms YU Lai-fan
Ms LEE Kwai-chun
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy
Mr TANG Ka-piu, Bill, JP
Mr KWONG Koon-wan
Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden
Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Ms FU Hiu-lam, Sammi

Attendance by Invitation

Mr LO Wai-chung, Stephen,
PDSM, PMSM

Dr Leo CHAN

Dr David SUN

Dr YIU Yuk-kwan

Dr Michelle WONG

Ms Kathy Cheung

Mr Kelvin CHENG

Mr TO Wing-yiu, Ellis

Mr CHAN Tsz-ho

Mr NG Kin-hon

Mr CHEUNG Chi-yeung, Fabian

Mr TAM Wai-man

Mr NG Chi-wai

Mr LAM Wai-man, Edwin

Ms LAW Lai-chun, Gladys

Ms HO Hoi-yan, Ava

Commissioner of Police, Hong Kong Police Force

Senior Manager (Transformation Projects), Hospital Authority
Deputy Hospital Chief Executive, North Lantau Hospital,
Hospital Authority

Chief of Service, Department of Family Medicine & Primary
Health Care, Kowloon West Cluster, Hospital Authority

Chief of Service, Department of Family Medicine & Primary
Health Care, Hong Kong East Cluster, Hospital Authority

Department Operations Manager, Department of Family
Medicine & Primary Health Care, Hong Kong East Cluster,
Hospital Authority

Manager (Transformation Projects), Hospital Authority

Senior Engineer/Design, Water Supplies Department

Engineer/Design, Water Supplies Department

Assistant Engineer/Design, Water Supplies Department

Senior Transport Officer/Public Pier, Transport Department

Marine Officer/Licensing & Port Formalities (Acting),
Marine Department

Senior Engineer/Projects,

Civil Engineering and Development Department

Engineer/Islands, Drainage Services Department

Senior Executive Officer (Planning),

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Assistant Public Relations Manager-External Affairs,
Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited

In Attendance

Mr LI Ping-wai, Anthony, JP

Ms CHONG Yan-yee, Belinda

Mr CHOW Chit, Joe

Ms HUI Yuen-mei, May

Ms CHAN Hing-kwan, Patty

Mr MA Hon-wing, Wilson

Ms TAM Yin-ping, Donna

Mr LI Kin-nga, Denis

Mr WONG Tat-ming

Mr LAM Ding-fung

District Officer (Islands), Islands District Office

Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office

Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office

Senior Liaison Officer (1), Islands District Office

Senior Liaison Officer (2), Islands District Office

Senior Engineer/Project Management (Islands),

Civil Engineering and Development Department

District Planning Officer (Sai Kung and Islands),

Planning Department

District Lands Officer (Islands), Lands Department

Administrative Assistant (Lands/Islands), Lands Department

District Social Welfare Officer (Central Western, Southern
and Islands), Social Welfare Department

Mr HO Ka-fei, Kelvin	Acting District Commander (Lantau), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr Richard Brinsley SHERIDAN	District Commander (Marine Port), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHAN Chun	Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr LI Man-piu, Bill	Neighbourhood Police Coordinator (Lantau District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr YUEN King-ho	Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHAN Kai-lam, Allan	Senior Property Service Manager (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan), Housing Department
Mr YUEN Hong-shing, Honson	Chief Transport Officer/New Territories South West, Transport Department
Mr KWAN Yau-kee	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHAU Chun-wing, Tomy	District Leisure Manager (Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Secretary

Ms Candy CHAN	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Islands District Office
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**Welcoming remarks**

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

- (a) Mr HO Ka-fei, Kelvin, Acting District Commander (Lantau) of Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF);
- (b) Mr YUEN King-ho, Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District) of HKPF;
- (c) Mr CHAU Chun-wing, Tomy, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD);
- (d) Mr WONG Tat-ming, Administrative Assistant (Lands/Islands) of Lands Department (LandsD);
- (e) Mr CHAN Kai-lam, Allan, Senior Property Service Manager (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan) of Housing Department who attended the meeting in place of Mr HSU Kam-lung; and
- (f) Mr MA Hon-wing, Wilson, Senior Engineer/Project Management (Islands) of Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) who attended the meeting in place of Mr LO Kwok-chung.

I. Visit of the Commissioner of Police to Islands District Council

2. The Chairman welcomed Mr LO Wai-chung, Stephen, Commissioner of Police (Commissioner) to the meeting for exchange with Members.

3. Mr Stephen LO said that the District Council was an important partner of the Police in implementing community policing initiatives, and the Islands District Council (IDC) had all along been working closely with Lantau and Marine Port Police District and the District Fight Crime Committee (Islands District) in crime prevention and maintaining community harmony and safety. He briefed Members on the law and order situation in Hong Kong and the Islands District in 2016 and the Commissioner's Operational Priorities 2017, and expressed gratitude for their trust and support and hoped that citizens would continue to work with the Police to prevent and combat crime to ensure that Hong Kong would remain a safe and stable city.

4. Mr Bill TANG appreciated the previous Islands District Commanders' endeavors in maintaining close liaison and cooperation with IDC in crime prevention. He opined that police work was recognized in the community and Hong Kong was one of the world's safest cities. Thanks to the police, the crime rate maintained at a low level. He said the case of the seven police officers had caused public concern over the difficult dilemma faced by the Police in political struggles. He enquired in what way the Police could continue to gain the trust and support of the public without its impartiality in law enforcement questioned. Regarding the proposal for criminalizing the act insulting the Police, he asked for the Commissioner's comments. In addition, it was shown that the Chief Executive Election and the events hosted in connection with the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region were among the Commissioner's operational priorities for 2017. He asked about the risk assessments conducted by the Police.

5. Ms Amy YUNG expressed her views as follows:

- (a) She was concerned that bid-rigging had become a common occurrence in recent years. Tender contracts for public estate maintenance as well as cleaning or security services involved huge sums, and bid-rigging might occur. There had been quite a number of complaints. She urged the Police to monitor closely and set up a working group to join hands with other relevant departments to combat bid-rigging.
- (b) On technology crime and online fraud, the Returning Officer of New Territories East constituency reported to the Police during the Legislative Council (LegCo) election in August last year that cutting remarks were made about her online, and a suspect was then arrested early the next morning. In the same month, consultation was launched by the Town Planning Board on the development of

Discovery Bay, and she found out that someone had made representations six times online and several times in writing in her name. She reported the case to the Tung Chung Police Station immediately and gave a statement and produced supporting evidence. In September the same year, the case was followed up by the Police, and she provided further information to the Police. More than five months had passed but no information was given on the progress of investigation. She criticised the Police for favoring others over her and other victims. She hoped the Commissioner would task the officers in Tung Chung Police Station and the Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau (CSTCB) to follow up and investigate her case promptly to prevent recurrence of similar crimes.

6. Mr Eric KWOK expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He appreciated the work of North Lantau Police District, especially in enhancing police presence in Yat Tung Estate and setting up a direct communication channel for the public. Before the Lunar New Year, he let the Police use his office to brief Yat Tung Estate residents on various crimes and explain the role of the Police and their law enforcement work. The briefing was attended by many residents and he hoped the Police would continue to enhance communication with the public.
- (b) He was concerned about illegal felling of *Aquilaria sinensis*, and was pleased that the Policy Address of this year had mentioned that action would be taken to combat the smuggling of endangered species (including *Aquilaria sinensis*). He had participated in conservation of *Aquilaria sinensis* for years and, to his dismay, found a large number of *Aquilaria sinensis* in Islands District (Lamma and Lantau Island in particular) had been felled by illegal immigrants. Although the Police had stepped up patrol, it could not stop illegal immigrants from entering the territory to fell *Aquilaria sinensis*.
- (c) In recent months, he received four requests for assistance involving financial intermediaries. The finance companies pursued the debts even after the victims had made a report to the police. He hoped the police would warn citizens of the traps.
- (d) He was concerned about the case of the seven police officers. It was imperative to maintain Hong Kong's law and order, and he hoped the frontline officers would exercise caution to avoid recurrence of similar incidents.

7. The Vice-chairman Mr Randy YU expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He was also concerned about the dilemma faced by the Police in cases of political struggles and enquired about the counter-measures of

Security Bureau and the Police and what the citizens or District Councils could do in future to cooperate.

- (b) He praised the work of the commanders and police community relations officers in the two police districts in Islands district. The police-community relations were good with high detection rate and low crime rate. He hoped the Commissioner and his colleagues would keep it up to maintain Hong Kong as one of the world's safest cities.
- (c) Despite a fall in overall crime rates, some categories of cybercrimes (e.g. online romance scams) were on an increase which was worrying. He noted that during the last-term of the LegCo, the police had applied for additional resources to increase manpower to fight crime, and enquired about the progress. The District Council would be ready to give assistance where necessary.
- (d) He appreciated that the two police districts in Islands District had worked hand in hand rather than on their own. If police officers could not reach the remote villages from land, the Marine Police would step up patrol in the coastal areas to make up for the shortfall, which would be of great help for maintaining law and order in Islands District. If Marine Police had more patrolling manpower, the law and order in remote villages would improve and it would be more effective in tackling the felling of *Aquilaria sinensis*.

8. Ms Josephine TSANG expressed her views as follows:

- (a) The situation of Islands District was special. Taking Peng Chau as an example, the police officers generally did not leave after working for two consecutive days, but spent most of the leisure time on the island and interacted with residents. Peng Chau residents had great trust in them.
- (b) She appreciated that the Tung Chung Police Station provided support for security officers within the district frequently, e.g. conducting regular visits to explain the crime trends. On the other hand, the security officers were willing to provide information to assist police investigations.
- (c) She used to be an auxiliary police member and understood the difficulties faced by the frontline police officers. She was sorry about the conviction of the seven police officers. It would be a cause for concern if Hong Kong had human rights but not police rights. She hoped HKPF the Police would provide assistance to the seven officers as appropriate.

9. Mr KWONG Koon-wan expressed his views as follows:
- (a) Cheung Chau had a low crime rate and a high crime detection rate, making it difficult to apply for additional resources. With tens of thousands of people flocking to Cheung Chau daily during public holidays, the limited number of frontline police officers in Cheung Chau could hardly cope even with the support of auxiliary police. Given its relatively large expanse, he was worried that Cheung Chau, especially the surrounding area of the pier, would be in chaos if there were not enough patrolling officers and no crowd control measures were in place.
  - (b) Hordes of citizens and tourists also went to Cheung Chau on weekdays apart from public holidays. He hoped the police establishment in Cheung Chau would be strengthened which had been requested for years, and urged the Commissioner to consider the request.
  - (c) The electric police vehicle in Cheung Chau was out of service pending repair. He hoped the Police and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department would discuss the deployment of other electric vehicles promptly for patrol duty so that frontline officers would not need to patrol remote areas on foot or by bike, thus saving time and energy.
10. Ms YU Lai-fan expressed her views as follows:
- (a) She was concerned about drug abuse among the youths, especially the problem of local hidden drug users which she hoped the police would monitor closely.
  - (b) On illegal felling of *Aquilaria sinensis*, the police and the Mainland counterparts would step up efforts to fight cross-border crimes. The police had earlier arrested several illegal immigrants for felling *Aquilaria sinensis* on Lamma, and she hoped the police would continue to step up patrols.
  - (c) The two Rural Committees (RCs) on Lamma would work with the Police and provide a list of elderly residents in remote areas to promote the off-duty police officers watch scheme, in the hope of preventing crime. The scheme was well received.
  - (d) Regarding the case of the seven police officers, she believed that the law was fair and just and if the parties concerned decided to appeal, they should get a fair trial. She hoped the court would handle the matter so as to avoid conflicts.
11. Ms LEE Kwai-chun said some residents believed the sentences given to seven police officers were too heavy and would like to offer help.

12. Mr Stephen LO made a consolidated response as follows:

The case of the seven police officers

- (a) He thanked Members for their concern for the seven police officers, and HKPF would continue to give them support. The officers were actively considering an appeal. The rule of law was practiced well in Hong Kong and the appeal would be conducted smoothly.

Police-community relations and the work of police districts

- (b) opined that the trust and communication between police and the community should be bolstered. The Police did not want to be put in a difficult dilemma, but its duty was to maintain law and order and secure public order and security. The Police would not avoid or back away.
- (c) He had pointed out on different occasions or via the media or police social media network that the Police would remain neutral in law enforcement, regardless of the political motives or aspirations. He hoped the public would understand.
- (d) He thanked Members for supporting the work and initiatives of the two police districts in Islands District (e.g. maintaining direct communication with the police and the off-duty police officers watch scheme, etc.) and pledged that the force would continue to work to serve the community.

The Chief Executive Election and celebration events for the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR

- (e) Risk assessments were being conducted and sufficient police manpower would be deployed to ensure the election and celebration events were held safely and orderly.

Bid-rigging

- (f) The Police was gravely concerned about bid-rigging and had set up a working group under the Organised Crime and Triad Bureau to work with the ICAC and other departments to combat crimes arising from building maintenance works (including triad societies, intimidation and criminal damages, etc.) and step up publicity to remind citizens matters that they should pay attention to avoid being the victims of fraud.

Aquilaria sinensis

- (g) The Police was aware of the concerns of Members over *Aquilaria sinensis* and would strengthen intelligence collation and the patrol and enforcement operations at blackspots. Hong Kong had a long coastline and Mainlanders entered Hong Kong illegally from time to



time to axe *Aquilaria sinensis*. The Police would continue to combat such activities proactively.

#### Financial intermediaries

- (h) In many cases, the victims had entered into an agreement before reporting to police. It was difficult to prove a misleading conduct in an agreement that was entered between the victims and financial intermediaries on a one-to-one basis. Even though criminal investigation was underway, the financial intermediaries could still pursue the victims for the debts.
- (i) Publicity had been launched to raise public awareness of scams. New measures were also implemented to prohibit financial intermediaries from charging fees and require the appointment by money lenders to grant loans. If breaches of the Money Lenders Ordinance were found, the police would take enforcement actions.
- (j) It was hoped that the public would not fall prey to financial intermediary deception through the introduction of new measures and publicity campaigns.

#### Technology and cyber crime

- (k) Regarding the case of Ms Amy YUNG, Lantau Police District would follow up and give a reply.
- (l) Most of the staff of CSTCB had taken office. It was proposed to create a Chief Superintendent post, and the relevant staffing proposal was being discussed by the Establishment Subcommittee of the LegCo for endorsement as soon as possible.

#### Police manpower arrangement in Cheung Chau

- (m) The force experienced a manpower shortage and many districts were having manpower problem. During holidays and special events, police manpower was deployed from other districts for assistance. Cheung Chau's regular police establishment was unlikely to be given a boost in the near future, though additional manpower would be deployed to maintain order during bun scrambling in Cheung Chau.
- (n) The force would apply for resources and if approval was granted, manpower would be deployed according to the crime rate, number of cases reported to the Police, population and other special circumstances.
- (o) On the electric police vehicle, request would be made to the relevant department for expediting the repairs.

#### Drug problem

- (p) The Police was gravely concerned about the problem of drug abuse among the youths. Besides stepping up publicity, it would enhance cooperation with the Mainland and overseas counterparts to stop the flow of drugs into Hong Kong.

#### Others

- (q) It was now an offence to assault or obstruct police officers on duty, and the force would welcome a new legislation to facilitate its work. Since legislating against insulting police involved complex issues, further study was required.
- (r) He again expressed his gratitude to all for their concerns over the seven police officers. In spite of the difficulties and challenges ahead, the force would continue to serve the community with dedication to ensure Hong Kong remain a safe and stable city.

(Mr Randy YU joined the meeting at about 2:05 p.m.)

## II. Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting held on 19 December 2016

13. The Chairman said that the above minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by the government departments and Members, and had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

14. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendment.

## III. Hospital Authority General Outpatient Clinic Public-Private Partnership Programme (Paper IDC 3/2017)

15. The Chairman welcomed Dr Leo CHAN, Senior Manager (Transformation Projects), Dr David SUN, Deputy Hospital Chief Executive, North Lantau Hospital, Dr YIU Yuk-kwan, Chief of Service, Department of Family Medicine & Primary Health Care, Kowloon West Cluster, Dr Michelle WONG, Chief of Service, Department of Family Medicine & Primary Health Care, Hong Kong East Cluster, Ms Kathy Cheung, Department Operations Manager, Department of Family Medicine & Primary Health Care, Hong Kong East Cluster and Mr Kelvin CHENG, Manager (Transformation Projects) of the Hospital Authority (HA) to the meeting to present the paper.

16. Mr Kelvin CHENG presented the paper with the aid of PowerPoint presentation.

17. Mr Bill TANG welcomed the launching of the General Outpatient Clinic Public-Private Partnership (GOPC PPP) Programme by HA to channel chronic disease

patients to the private sector so as to free up certain capacity to meet the demand and reduce the waiting time for GOPC. He asked whether there would be any improvements to the quotas and whether there would be additional resources to increase the GOPC quota following the extension of the PPP Programme to 18 districts. Given that the medicines offered by the private and public sectors might be different, he asked what arrangements would be made by HA to assure members of the public.

18. Mr Eric KWOK enquired about the number of private doctors in Tung Chung and the daily outpatient attendance at North Lantau Hospital. He reckoned that if the GOPC of the hospital had not reached its maximum capacity, there was no need to channel the patients to the private clinics. As there were only a few private doctors within the district, he was afraid the result might not be as good as expected. He suggested HA to inject resources to enhance the GOPC service of North Lantau Hospital to cope with the local needs.

19. Mr LOU Cheuk-wing supported the PPP Programme and opined that it would offer convenience to people living in urban areas but not in remote areas (e.g. Islands District) where the population was small and the daily number of patients was not great and therefore the waiting time was not long. He was concerned that the medicines offered by the clinics in remote areas might be of lower quality, and hoped that HA would ensure the quality of medicines instead of implementation of the PPP programme.

20. Ms Josephine TSANG was pleased that HA launched the PPP Programme though she opined that the programme was not suitable for Peng Chau. She pointed out that there were 6 000-odd residents in Peng Chau with just a GOPC where the government doctor treated patients from Monday to Friday and on Saturday morning. She understood that it would be difficult for HA to get a doctor to station at Peng Chau but as the island's population was aging and the private doctor only practiced two days per week, the residents would have to consult the only government clinic on days when no private doctor was available. She suggested HA to subsidize the private doctors practicing in Peng Chau to ease the workload of Peng Chau GOPC doctors.

21. Dr Leo CHAN made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) It was estimated that around 35 000 patients would participate upon the roll-out of the programme to all 18 districts, with the costs involved amounting to over \$1 billion. In terms of effectiveness, the 35 000 patients who would have attended HA's GOPCs turned to the private sector after joining the scheme. Since its introduction in mid-2014, each participating patient could receive on average seven consultations from the private doctor each year and the GOPC quota could then be released for other patients in need.
- (b) The participating private medicine practitioners could use their own drugs or purchase drugs listed for the programme (including

anti-hypertensive and anti-diabetic drugs) at specified prices from the drug suppliers of HA. Subject to the patient's clinical condition, he could receive drugs for treating chronic diseases as at present. An appropriate duration of drugs would be prescribed according to his clinical needs and the next consultation.

- (c) On the number of private doctors in Tung Chung, HA had issued letters in mid-January this year to invite over 20 private doctors in Tung Chung to join the programme. Eligible private doctors were welcome to participate at any time.

22. Dr Michelle WONG said that under the programme, participating patients could select a private doctor who was practicing in another district or cluster. For example, a patient in Peng Chau could choose a private doctor practicing in Central or Wanchai District or continue to receive follow-up treatment at GOPC.

23. Dr YIU Yuk-kwan said that on raising the quota of GOPC, it was understood that there was a high demand for GOPC service in Tung Chung and hoped that the quota released through the PPP Programme could meet the demand. On the other hand, HA had been monitoring the overall growth of primary patients under the care of GOPCs, namely chronic disease patients, elderly patients and low-incomers to assess the demand for GOPC service, and would not stop monitoring or reviewing the condition of GOPCs because of the roll-out of the PPP Programme. Consideration would be given to increasing the GOPC quota where necessary.

#### IV. PWP Item No. 9356WF - Upgrading of Tung Chung Fresh Water Supply System (Paper IDC 4/2017)

24. The Chairman welcomed Mr TO Wing-yiu, Ellis, Senior Engineer/Design, Mr CHAN Tsz-ho, Engineer/Design and Mr NG Kin-hon, Assistant Engineer/Design of Water Supplies Department (WSD) to the meeting to present the paper.

25. Mr Ellis TO gave a briefing with the aid of PowerPoint presentation.

26. Mr Bill TANG said that Tung Chung Fresh Water Service Reservoir and Wong Lung Hang were hot spots among the local morning walkers and the residents hoped that facilities such as benches and lighting would be provided along the footpaths uphill. He hoped WSD would provide more ancillary facilities at these locations from a community standpoint to cater for the needs of residents. He also requested to conduct a site visit with the representative of WSD to discuss feasible options before the commencement of the works.

27. Mr FAN Chi-ping said that the villagers of Tung Chung, especially Sheung Ling Pei Village, were adversely affected and several villagers encountered fung shui problems when the existing service reservoir was built in 1993. Although Tung Chung RC (TCRC) supported the project for the benefit of the public, he hoped that WSD would promise to conduct traditional rituals (e.g. god worshipping) and

implement the measures proposed by TCRC. He was also concerned about the condition of roads in Wong Lung Hang and the potential impact on the surrounding traffic during construction. Since the proposed site was near Tei Po New Village and Chek Lap Kok New Village, he wished the department could plan the works comprehensively and implement necessary measures during construction.

28. Mr Eric KWOK appreciated that WSD acted promptly to construct a new service reservoir in Tung Chung to meet the future demand. He pointed out that according to the planning under the Tung Chung New Town Extension project, the population of Tung Chung East was expected to grow from the current 90 000 to almost 150 000. He enquired whether the proposed service reservoir could meet the future water demand arising from the anticipated population after the completion of the Tung Chung New Town Extension project; and if not, when WSD would plan for another service reservoir.

29. The Vice-chairman Mr Randy YU expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He was the member of that constituency and the villagers had raised their concerns to him. He was aware of the policy constraints as fung shui and Tun Fu ceremonies had been conducted when the existing service reservoir was built more than 20 years ago, and understood approval might not be granted if the ceremonies were to be carried out at the same location. He hoped the department would consider the impacts of the works on the area and respect the customs and traditions of the villagers and residents as much as possible.
- (b) Over the past two years, a number of traffic accidents had occurred near Tung Chung Road involving casualties. As the roads in nearby villages were not heavily trafficked, drivers of construction vehicles might lead to traffic accident due to speeding. He therefore suggested the department considering adding a clause to the works contract requiring the construction vehicles to comply strictly with the speed limits at Tung Chung Road with a view to ensuring road safety.

30. Mr Ellis TO made a consolidated response as follows:

Community facilities

- (a) The opinions of LCSD were sought. LCSD replied that there was no plan to install recreation and sports facilities on the roof of the service reservoir.
- (b) With regard to provision of additional street lights and lighting installations, the department would consider making appropriate provision in the design as far as possible.

Customs and traditions

- (c) The department respected the customs and traditions of the villagers

and residents and it is not uncommon for the contractors to perform god-worshipping rituals during construction stage. It would be stipulated in the works contract that a liaison group should be formed by the contractors with the RC to take care of the villagers' needs and observe as far as possible the customs and traditions of the villagers and residents.

#### Tung Chung New Town Extension Project

- (d) The project aimed to meet the development needs of Tung Chung up to 2020, whereas the water supply to Tung Chung New Town Extension Area was to be dealt with by the relevant departments.

#### Road safety

- (e) Site supervisory staff members were deeply concerned about road safety. Should there be any traffic incidents during construction, WSD would maintain close communication with TD and the Traffic Branch of HKPF and implement necessary measures to ensure smooth traffic flow as far as possible.

31. The Vice-chairman Mr Randy YU stressed that a review should not be carried out only after problems occurred during construction. He proposed to include a clause in the works contract requiring the construction vehicles to comply strictly with the speed limits and pay attention to road condition at all times. He reiterated that early warning should be given, rather than taking follow-up actions after the accident.

32. The Chairman concluded that the DC supported the project, and hoped that WSD would consider the views of Members and TCRC, and enhance communication with the villagers to minimise the traffic and environmental impacts to the vicinity.

#### V. Question on progress of redevelopment of the ferry pier at Pak Kok Tsuen (Paper IDC 5/2017)

33. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHEUNG Chi-yeung, Fabian, Senior Transport Officer/Public Pier of Transport Department (TD), Mr TAM Wai-man, Marine Officer/Licensing & Port Formalities (Acting) of Marine Department (MD), Mr NG Chi-wai, Senior Engineer/Projects of CEDD and Mr LI Ping-wai, Anthony, JP, District Officer (Islands) of Islands District Office (IsDO) to the meeting to respond to the question.

34. Mr CHAN Lin-wai presented the question.

35. Mr Anthony LI said that TD, CEDD, MD and IsDO had been following up the proposal of Mr CHAN Lin-wai and Ms YU Lai-fan. He learned that the Chairman Mr CHOW Yuk-tong and Mr Holden CHOW had approached the relevant bureaux and departments through different channels to relay their concerns. After

completion of the assessments by CEDD, the Government decided to adopt their proposal and incorporate the reconstruction of the pier at Pak Kok Tsuen, Lamma Island in the public works projects, in the hope that the ferries could berth alongside the pier to facilitate boarding and alighting. CEDD would commission consultants to study the potential environmental impacts, and conduct ground investigation for detailed design. Afterwards, CEDD would arrange gazetting the proposed works under the Foreshore and Sea-bed (Reclamations) Ordinance and apply for resources through the established procedures. The preliminary work was expected to take about three years to complete. On short-term improvement measures, IsDO had completed the anti-skidding surfacing works at the landing steps in the ferry pier last year and would carry out fence repairs and road re-surfacing and install additional lifebuoys this year.

36. Ms YU Lai-fan appreciated that the government departments had responded and followed up proactively, and initiated short-term measures to improve the pier. She considered that the three-year period for the preliminary work were too long and hoped that the relevant departments would provide a specific timetable for her to respond to public enquiries.

37. Mr Holden CHOW said that he and Ms YU Lai-fan and Mr CHAN Lin-wai had earlier attended a meeting with representatives of the government departments and told them that there was an urgent need to redevelop the pier. He also opined that the three-year period was too long and hoped that the relevant departments would shorten the time and expedite the works process.

38. The Chairman said he had from time to time relayed the views to the Government on Pak Kok Tsuen Ferry Pier, and was pleased that the Government had decided to carry out preliminary works for the redevelopment project. On behalf of the residents, he thanked the departments concerned for their efforts.

39. Mr NG Chi-wai supplemented that the preliminary work had to be carried out according to the established procedures and statutory requirements. With the tight schedule, if all went smoothly, the preliminary work would take about two and a half to three years to complete. The actual construction schedule would depend on the progress of the preliminary work and project scope. The concerned departments would expedite the preliminary work for early commencement of the project.

VI. Question on request for installation of CCTV at refuse collection point black spots  
(Paper IDC 6/2017)

40. The Chairman said that the written reply of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

41. Ms Josephine TSANG presented the question. She supplemented that illegal dumping was serious in Peng Chau and had requested FEHD to deploy more village vehicle drivers or outsource the refuse transportation, but to no avail. Before

and after the Lunar New Year, massive amounts of large furniture and construction waste were discarded at the refuse collection points (RCPs), affecting the cityscape and environmental hygiene. As there was a lack of bulky household RCP in Peng Chau, the problem of illegal dumping had become more serious. She suggested that CCTV cameras be installed at the RCPs to deter violations.

42. Mr Ken WONG criticised that FEHD just provided a written reply devoid of any kind of interaction. He expressed his views as follows:

- (a) Without the provision of facilities for disposal of bulky refuse/construction waste, the residents resorted to dumping the waste at the collection points, resulting in poor hygiene conditions in the surrounding area. FEHD was only responsible for collecting the household refuse. LandsD was informed to arrange contractors to clear up the construction waste which would take several months to do so.
- (b) With the charging for disposal of construction waste being brought into force, construction waste was frequently found being dumped near the RCPs. He was afraid that the refuse would be disposed of everywhere if the Government failed to carry out the preparatory work properly for the waste charging scheme before its implementation.
- (c) Without power and water supplies and sufficient lighting at night, the RCP in Peng Chau was in poor condition, and people were reluctant to go near and just dumped the refuse outside. He urged the department to provide water supply and lighting and improve the hygiene of the RCP.
- (d) Although FEHD had allocated one more village vehicle for refuse collection, no extra driver was provided. Owing to the remoteness of the refuse transfer station, the cleaning worker might have to take around 25 minutes to transport the refuse each time, and with refuse piling high to save time, the vehicle might hit the pedestrians.
- (e) The performance of the outsourced refuse collection services in Cheung Chau and Lamma was satisfactory, and he queried why the department did not outsource the relevant service in Peng Chau. He hoped the department would actively consider outsourcing the service to solve the problem.

43. Mr FAN Chi-ping expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He had earlier seen construction workers dispose of construction waste near the RCP in Ma Wan Sun Tsuen, resulting in accumulation of refuse. Large amounts of old furniture were dumped there after the Lunar New Year, making it difficult for buses to make a U-turn. The problem had persisted for some time, and he hoped FEHD would arrange staff to conduct a site visit to tackle the problem quickly.



- (b) Despite the strengthening of patrol and prosecution, little deterrent effect was shown. He proposed FEHD to install CCTV cameras for deterrence and not to reject the proposal for privacy concerns. The records of CCTV could also be adduced as evidence for prosecution. The matter had been under discussion for some time and the department should implement the measure the soonest possible to prevent the problem from worsening.

44. Mr Bill TANG said that CCTV cameras should be installed at the RCPs throughout the territory after the introduction of the waste charging scheme to deter violations, or illegal dumping could not be prevented.

45. Mr KWAN Yau-kee made a consolidated reply as follows:

- (a) With regard to the proposal for installation of CCTV cameras, FEHD had launched a pilot scheme on installation of Internet Protocol cameras in late 2016 at six refuse dumping blackspots in three districts. The pilot scheme would be reviewed after six months. If the result was found to be satisfactory, the department would consider extending the scheme to other districts. The pilot scheme had now been implemented for just about two months and the result would be available only after a review in the middle of this year.
- (b) Village vehicles had to be driven by qualified drivers of FEHD. There were currently vacancies of village vehicle drivers. The Islands District Environmental Hygiene Office was following up with the FEHD Headquarters on the filling of the vacancy.
- (c) A review would be conducted on the refuse collection service in Peng Chau, including the possibility of outsourcing the street cleaning service. If the latter was feasible, the department could incorporate the relevant provisions in the new contract after the expiry of the current outsourcing street cleaning contract of Islands District. FEHD would continue to monitor the refuse dumping blackspots closely and step up patrol and prosecution where necessary.
- (d) Regarding the serious refuse problem near the RCP in Ma Hang Chung, Tung Chung raised by Mr FAN Chi-ping, follow-up actions had been taken and staff from the Intelligence Unit had been despatched there for inspection and prosecutions were instituted on several occasions. The department would continue to take action if violations persisted.
- (e) The written reply was provided by the Islands District Environmental Hygiene Office on behalf of the department. He was present at the IDC meeting and could reply to Members' questions if necessary.

46. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said there were sufficient qualified drivers in the market for operating village vehicles. If FEHD had difficulty recruiting village vehicle drivers, outsourcing would be the simplest solution.

47. Ms Josephine TSANG supplemented that the manpower shortage of FEHD had been a long-standing problem and the workload was heavy. The village vehicle drivers had to drive and clear away the refuse and the working conditions were not attractive enough for job seekers. She urged FEHD to consider outsourcing the refuse collection service as soon as possible.

48. The Chairman said the refuse collection service in most of the areas in Islands District had been outsourced, and hoped that FEHD would consider outsourcing the relevant services in Peng Chau. Also, he hoped FEHD and the relevant departments would monitor the blackspots of construction waste dumping and take remedial actions.

49. Mr KWAN Yau-kee supplemented as follows:

- (a) FEHD was only responsible for collecting the household refuse, excluding construction waste. He appealed to the public to obey the law and arrange with the contractors approved by the Environmental Protection Department for collection of construction waste. He hoped Members would convey the above message to the residents.
- (b) Regarding the proposal for outsourcing, FEHD would add the relevant provisions to the new contract upon the expiry of the current street cleaning service contract of Islands District, and therefore could not contract out the refuse collection service in Peng Chau right away. Consideration would be made with this approach.
- (c) For old-style RCPs without power and water supplies, they would be upgraded gradually through the reprovisioning programme of FEHD.

50. Mr Ken WONG said that due to lack of large RCPs in Peng Chau, it could not help solve the problem by appealing to the public not to dump bulky refuse or construction waste illegally. The situation in Islands District was different from urban areas, and the department could not deploy additional manpower to patrol near the RCPs at any time. He appreciated that the FEHD workers collected bulky refuse dutifully and hoped that CCTV cameras would be installed at the RCPs, or the problem would worsen.

51. Ms Josephine TSANG enquired when the new outsourcing contract would come in force, and reiterated the need to install CCTV cameras in the RCPs of Peng Chau. She also quoted examples illustrating the urgency of providing water supply to RCPs.

52. Ms LEE Kwai-chun said it was imperative to deal with the problem of refuse disposal without delay.

53. Mr KWAN Yau-kee said that the expiry dates of the outsourced street cleaning service contracts of Islands District would be provided after the meeting. With regard to the installation of CCTV cameras, the pilot scheme, which lasted for half a year, would be reviewed in the middle of the year. Depending on the review and the effectiveness of the scheme, the department might consider extending it to other districts. It would report the findings of the review to Members.

(Post-meeting note: The relevant outsourced street cleaning service contracts of Islands District would end on 30 June 2017 and 31 March 2019 respectively, and the new contract would take effect from 1 July 2017. Time constraints made it impossible to include the refuse collection service in Peng Chau in the new contract commencing on 1 July 2017. FEHD intended to adopt direct purchase arrangement, and if things went smoothly, it was expected that the refuse collection service in Peng Chau could be outsourced to the service contractor within the year on a trial basis.)

VII. Question on request for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to provide temporary public toilet at Sai Tai Road  
(Paper IDC 7/2017)

54. The Chairman said that the written reply of FEHD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

55. Mr KWONG Koon-wan presented the question. He was dissatisfied with the written reply of FEHD and expressed his views as follows:

- (a) In the written reply, the department mentioned that there were five public toilets near Sai Tai Road, Cheung Chau but they were converted from aqua privies and small in size. The male toilet at Tsan Tuen Road, for example, was only about 40-odd square feet and the size did not meet the requirements of the prevailing Buildings Ordinance. The steps at the entrance of the toilet also caused inconvenience to the disabled and the elderly. The five toilets were built in the early years for villagers as some village houses were not equipped with toilets. They had been built for several decades and did not meet the current requirements. He criticised that the written reply of FEHD had not taken into account the actual situation.
- (b) FEHD stated that two temporary toilets had been provided at Sai Tai Road for visitors, but they were unhygienic and smelly. Although the workers kept cleaning them, the high usage and the people flow made the odour lingering.

- (c) The proposal for providing more toilets at Sai Tai Road had been discussed for years. Given that FEHD would not need to pay for the construction costs, he questioned why FEHD could not bear the future maintenance and repair costs. He hoped the department would review the feasibility and consider building a temporary toilet at Sai Tai Road, adopting the model of the one at Central Promenade which was made from two 40-foot containers in a simple design and the costs involved were not high.

56. Ms LEE Kwai-chun said that Sai Tai Road was long with heavy people flow, and would cause inconvenience to residents and visitors alike if no toilet was available. She opined that there was suitable space on Sai Tai Road for building a toilet and was puzzled that the works could not be carried out. She hoped FEHD would consider the proposal seriously and implement it without delay.

57. Mr KWAN Yau-kee said that for public toilets built by other departments for management by FEHD, their future operation and maintenance costs would have to be borne by the relevant departments, otherwise FEHD would not take over the management. Now there were public toilets and temporary toilets near Sai Tai Road, and if the lead departments paid for the day-to-day operation costs, FEHD would consider taking over the management of the facilities. FEHD would review the toilet facilities thereat and provide more temporary toilets where necessary, and request the service contractors to step up the cleaning service. He proposed to arrange a meeting with the relevant Members and departments after the meeting to discuss the future operation and maintenance cost arrangements for the proposed toilet.

58. The Vice-chairman Mr Randy YU said that the works proposal was put forward in 2012 when he was the Chairman of the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC), and had been incorporated in the list of District Minor Works (DMW). Five years had passed and the works estimate increased from \$5 million to about \$8 million. He enquired about the future day-to-day operation and maintenance costs, and whether the relevant departments would be required to spend tens of millions or hundreds of thousands per year in operation and maintenance, or had other considerations. If FEHD was unable to secure funding for managing a toilet, raising money in the community or an allocation under the DMW programme could be an option. He opined that there should be no further delay.

59. Ms Belinda CHONG supplemented that the project cost estimate was around \$5 million in 2015, with the annual recurring operating expense estimated by FEHD to be around \$400,000. In 2016, IsDO discussed the project proposal further with Mr KWONG Koon-wan and FEHD, and that the latest project estimate had increased to over \$8 million. As the estimated annual recurrent expenses (around \$400,000) already amounted to more than half of the total annual recurrent provision for the Islands District under the District Minor Works Programme, the recurrent expenses of the project could not be covered.

60. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that the project had been dragging on for five years and he was disappointed that FEHD could not pay for the annual operation cost of around \$400,000. He hoped Mr KWAN would relay to the FEHD Headquarters and the relevant bureaux that while the project costs could be covered by the provision for DMW, the future maintenance costs should be borne by FEHD instead of IDC.

61. Ms LEE Kwai-chun remarked that the construction and management of public toilets fell under the purview and responsibility of FEHD. It could not shrug off its duty simply because the toilets were not built by the department. The unsatisfactory ventilation and sanitation of the two temporary toilets deterred people from using them. She recognised that there was an actual need for the project and urged FEHD to follow up promptly without delay.

62. Mr YUNG Chi-ming said that the management of public toilets should be under the responsibility of FEHD. As some village houses near Sai Tai Road (e.g. Round Table Village) were not equipped with toilets, the five public toilets were mainly used by villagers and people had difficulty finding toilets along Sai Tai Road. He hoped FEHD would follow up the matter proactively and not put it off.

63. Mr KWAN Yau-kee said that FEHD would arrange a meeting with IsDO and the relevant Members after the meeting to discuss the relevant issues, e.g. whether a toilet was to be built, the party responsible for construction and the future operation cost arrangement.

64. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said it would be for Members to decide whether a toilet was to be built, and that IDC would pay for the project costs while the day-to-day operation costs were to be borne by FEHD etc.

65. Ms Josephine TSANG enquired which department was now paying the cost of the temporary toilets. Their sanitary condition was poor, and the entrance stone steps and slippery floor on rainy days would also pose a hazard to the elderly. She opined that the provision of temporary toilets was not cheap but in unsatisfactory condition, and questioned why they were not replaced with a permanent one. She was worried that the cost estimate would continue to increase if there was further delay.

66. The Chairman asked Mr KWAN Yau-kee to relay Members' views to FEHD for follow-up.

(Post-meeting note: FEHD had a meeting with IsDO on 23 February 2017 to discuss the future operation and maintenance cost arrangements for the proposed toilet. The matter would be followed up.)

(Ms Josephine TSANG left the meeting at around 4:24 p.m.)

VIII. Question on provision of public toilet at Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier, Lamma Island  
(Paper IDC 8/2017)

67. The Chairman welcomed Mr LAM Wai-man, Edwin Engineer/Islands of Drainage Services Department (DSD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The joint written reply of Architectural Services Department (ArchSD), TD and DSD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

68. Ms YU Lai-fan presented the question.

69. Mr Edwin LAM introduced briefly the joint written reply of ArchSD, TD and DSD.

70. Ms YU Lai-fan appreciated that the relevant departments were carefully considering and studying the issue relating to the construction of a public toilet at Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier. The ferry pier was more than 50 years old and there had never been any toilet facilities, causing much inconvenience to passengers. She noted that the relevant departments were also conducting a feasibility study on sewerage connection to the public sewerage system and asked whether an eco toilet could be provided at the ferry pier as an interim measure for the residents and visitors.

71. Mr Edwin LAM said that the construction of toilets at the ferry pier was under the ambit of TD and ArchSD and he would convey Ms YU Lai-fan's views to the departments.

(Post-meeting note: On 21 February this year, DSD conveyed to TD and ArchSD the views on provision of an eco toilet at the pier in the interim for their consideration.)

IX. Question on provision of a government complex in Tung Chung  
(Paper IDC 9/2017)

72. The Chairman welcomed Ms TAM Yin-ping, Donna, District Planning Officer (Sai Kung and Islands) of Planning Department (PlanD) and Ms LAW Lai-chun, Gladys, Senior Executive Officer (Planning) of LCSD to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of PlanD and LCSD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

73. Mr Holden CHOW presented the question.

74. Ms Donna TAM and Ms Gladys LAW briefed Members on the written replies respectively.

75. Mr Holden CHOW said that according to the replies of the departments, a "Government, Institution or Community (GIC)" site had been reserved in Tung Chung Area 1 for development of a town hall/civic centre. He proposed that a government

complex be built comprising a recreation and sports centre, a market and a cooked food centre, etc. On provision of market, he was aware that public markets would be included in the public housing developments in Tung Chung Areas 56 and 39. It was mentioned in the Policy Address of this year that sizable public markets would be built in Tung Chung New Town Extension Area. He urged the Government to release the site details and the project timetable once the suitable sites were identified. He considered that the GIC site in Tung Chung Area 1 was suitable for development of a sizable government complex (including a public market) to cater for the needs of the present and future residents in Tung Chung and the extension area.

76. Mr Bill TANG was afraid that the Government planned without action. He cited the civic centre project at Tung Chung Area 1 as an example, which was a leisure and cultural service project of former Municipal Councils and followed up by the LegCo since 2001 but yet to be implemented. He learned that Mr Holden CHOW was proactively seeking the support of LegCo for implementation of the civic centre and town park project in Islands District expeditiously. With the development of Tung Chung, its population would grow to 260 000, and the Government should not wait till the population reached that level before commencing preparatory work, or the 260 000 residents would have to wait for ten more years to enjoy such facilities, which would cause widespread discontent. He would pursue the early implementation of the projects through different channels. On identifying the sites for markets, given that the term of the current Government would expire in less than four months, he hoped the relevant departments would announce the sites identified the soonest possible.

77. Ms Donna TAM said that the proposed site for public market should be near the planned densely populated residential areas and close to the public transport network (e.g. the planned MTR station). PlanD was in active discussion with the Food and Health Bureau and FEHD and would report to DC when further information was available.

78. The Chairman requested the relevant departments to note and consider Members' views.

X. Question on increasing the parking spaces for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities  
(Paper IDC 10/2017)

79. The Chairman said that the written reply of TD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

80. Mr Holden CHOW presented the question and was disappointed that TD had not arranged representatives to attend the meeting. He was dissatisfied with the department's reply. As stated in his question, if there were not enough parking spaces at Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities, people going to Macao and Zhuhai would park their vehicles at Tung Chung Town Centre and then use public transport, resulting in more chaos and serious congestion in Tung Chung Town

Centre. While 10 000 parking spaces would be available in the neighbouring areas, Hong Kong provided only 650. It was baffling that TD considered 650 parking spaces could meet the demand.

81. The Vice-chairman Mr Randy YU agreed with Mr Holden CHOW, and claimed that he had reflected to the Government on a number of occasions that 650 parking spaces would in no way cope with the future demand. He criticised that TD adopted the criteria in the early years that the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) was built for logistics purpose and for serving Pier No.10 without taking tourism into consideration. It was understood that there were plans to provide underground shopping and parking facilities on the artificial islands, which were still being studied. He was afraid that if no parking spaces were available after the commissioning of HZMB, Hong Kong would be the laughing stock of the world. He hoped the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) would face the issue squarely. He was not pleased that the reply of THB/TD had not responded to the question of Members and hoped that a response would be given.

82. The Chairman requested the Secretariat to convey the views of Members to THB/TD.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had conveyed Members' views to THB/TD.)

XI. Question on request for MTRCL to install additional wide gates and escalators at Tung Chung Station  
(Paper IDC 11/2017)

83. The Chairman welcomed Ms HO Hoi-yan, Ava, Assistant Public Relations Manager-External Affairs of MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) to the meeting to respond to the question.

84. Mr Holden CHOW presented the question.

85. Ms Ava HO responded as follows:

Passengers entering and exiting Tung Chung Station

- (a) According to the statistics for November 2016, the number of passengers exiting Tung Chung Station during the morning peak period (i.e. 8:00am - 9:00 am) was around 3 000 with the number entering the station around 5 000. For the evening peak period, the numbers of passengers entering and exiting the station were more or less the same at around 4 000. On average, around 40 000 passengers entered and exited Tung Chung Station every day, and the numbers for entry and exit were similar.
- (b) According to the observation, the passenger flow was heavier during the morning and evening peak periods, resulting in congestion for a



short period on the platforms. Under the normal circumstances, all passengers could leave the platforms about 3.5 minutes after the train arrived at the station.

- (c) Crowd management measures were taken during the morning peak hours. For example, platform assistants were deployed to regulate the passenger flow near the escalators and direct people in need to use the lifts. At present, there were five escalators in use at Tung Chung Station, of which three defaulted to upward movement from the platforms to the station lobby hall.

#### Proposal for additional wide gates

- (d) Wide gates were generally installed at the MTR stations near the customer service centres and the lifts linking the platforms and station lift lobbies for the convenience of people in need. There were two wide gates in Tung Chung Station, one at Exit B for people to enter and the other at Exit D near the Citygate for exit.
- (e) MTRCL would consider installing additional wide gates at Exit A of Tung Chung Station depending on the passenger flow. If everything from procurement to installation and testing, etc. went smoothly, the installation of wide gates was expected to be completed in late 2020.

#### Proposal for additional escalators

- (f) At present, space had been reserved at Tung Chung Station for installation of escalators connecting the platform with the station lobby hall.
- (g) MTRCL would consider factors such as the number of people benefited, number of users and the technicalities and resources involved when providing lift facilities. At present, there were five escalators in Tung Chung Station, of which three defaulted to upward movement for diverting passenger flow during peak hours.
- (h) According to the observation, the order on the platform was good during peak hours and the station facilities could cater for the needs of passengers. MTRCL would consider installing two more escalators at the enclosed stairway area and provision had been set aside for the works. If things ran smoothly, the works were expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2023.

86. Mr Holden CHOW was pleased that MTRCL took forward the proposal for providing more wide gates and escalators at Tung Chung Station, but remarked that their completion in 2020 and 2023 was too slow. He reiterated that the lift systems in Tung Chung Station were unable to divert large volumes of passengers from the platforms fast enough. The problem had been dragging on for a long time and he

hoped MTRCL would review the timetable to expedite the progress and complete the works early. In view of the earlier arson attack in the MTR station, he urged MTRCL to consider the safety issue and open up the enclosed stairway area for installation of escalators the soonest possible so as to divert passengers more effectively in case of accidents or major incidents.

87. Mr Eric KWOK enquired about the maximum number of passengers that Tung Chung Station was designed to handle. Following the population intake in Ying Tung Estate, the population was expected to grow by ten thousand. The public housing project to be completed in two years' time in Tung Chung Area 39 could accommodate 12 000 people. In other words, there would be about 22 000 more people using Tung Chung Station in three to four years. If the current 4 000 commuters during office hours were already the maximum that Tung Chung Station could handle, he worried that the situation would become even worse in future and hoped MTRCL would monitor the situation and take remedial measures.

88. Ms Sammi FU said that there were fewer passengers using Exit D of Tung Chung Station. The wide gate near Fu Tung Street was provided for exit only. Residents of Tung Chung North (e.g. Coastal Skyline and Seaview Crescent) had to enter the station through Exit C at Citygate, but those carrying bulky baggage had to detour to Exit A for entering through the wide gate. As Exits C and D were positioned side by side and close to each other, she suggested that, before the installation of an additional wide gate at Exit A, the wide gate at Exit D be defaulted to allow entry and exit so that residents entering from Exit C could use Exit D for entry. People with bulky baggage could also enter directly through Exit D without having to detour to Exit A. That could help improve the passenger flow.

89. Mr LOU Cheuk-wing said that in the past, residents taking MTR from urban area to Tung Chung could change bus to Tai O even when there were just five minutes left. Now that Tung Chung MTR Station was busier, people had to queue to exit the platform and the station and might then miss the bus. He hoped MTRCL would complete the works early to divert the passenger flow around Tung Chung Station.

90. Ms Ava HO made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) MTRCL noted Members' concerns and opinion and would review the work schedule and relevant arrangements.
- (b) The data for passenger flows at Tung Chung Station were primarily used for calculating the length of time required for diverting passengers from the platform, not for finding out the number of passengers entering and exiting the station each day. As stated earlier, the passengers in the station could take the lift to leave the platform after about 3.5 minutes. As the train on Tung Chung Line ran at 4-8 minutes' interval, the passengers of the earlier train would have largely left the platform for the station lobby hall before the next train arrived. She could explain in more details after the meeting if necessary.

- (c) Regarding Ms Sammi FU's suggestion about having the wide gate at Exit D of Tung Chung Station defaulted to allow both entry and exit, she would relay to the corporation. After studying the passengers' travel pattern with frontline colleagues, she would contact the members concerned.
- (d) Regarding Mr LOU Cheuk-wing's view, MTRCL would monitor and review the arrangements.

91. Mr Eric KWOK was concerned that Tung Chung Station was already very crowded and if the population of Tung Chung increased by more than 20 000 in three years, Tung Chung Station would be unable to handle. He requested the representative of MTRCL to relay the problem of growing population to the corporation.

92. The Chairman requested MTRCL to consider and follow up the views and concerns of Members.

## XII. Question on Tung Chung West Extension (Paper IDC 12/2017)

93. The Chairman welcomed Ms HO Hoi-yan, Ava, Assistant Public Relations Manager-External Affairs of MTRCL to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of THB had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

94. Mr Bill TANG presented the question.

95. Ms Ava HO said that at present the overall planning and development of Hong Kong's railway system was formulated under the direction of the HKSAR Government. MTRCL would work with the Government as best as it could to take forward the future railway development. The projects of Tung Chung West Extension and Tung Chung East Station were set out in the Railway Development Strategy 2014 (RDS-2014), and MTRCL was invited by THB in January 2017 to submit a proposal for the above projects. Preparatory work was underway and MTRCL would commission the consultants shortly to conduct the technical studies. A proposal would be submitted to THB in a timely manner upon the completion of the studies.

96. Mr Bill TANG enquired when MTRCL would submit the proposal and the estimated completion date of the projects.

97. Ms Ava HO said that the preliminary technical assessments and studies were underway and the implementation date could not be ascertained for the time being.

98. Mr Eric KWOK said that THB announced in September 2014 the RDS-2014 which set out the implementation of seven new railway projects (including

Tung Chung West Extension and Tung Chung East Station) with the implementation period clearly stated to be between 2020 and 2024. He hoped the Government would implement the projects of Tung Chung West Extension and Tung Chung East Station between 2020 and 2024 as promised, and that it and MTRCL would not shift responsibility to each other.

99. Ms Ava HO noted Members' opinion.

XIII. Question on construction of an indoor sports centre at Tung Chung Area 39  
(Paper IDC 13/2017)

100. The Chairman welcomed Ms Gladys LAW, Senior Executive Officer (Planning) of LCSD and Mr CHOW Chit, Joe, Assistant District Officer (Islands) 2 of IsDO to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of Home Affairs Department (HAD) and LCSD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

101. Mr Bill TANG presented the question.

102. Ms Gladys LAW briefed Members on the written reply.

103. Mr Joe CHOW said that IsDO understood the demand of Members for a community hall in Tung Chung West, and had relayed to LCSD the plan for incorporating a community hall in the indoor sports centre project in Tung Chung Area 39. IsDO would continue to monitor the implementation progress made by LCSD and follow up on the details with LCSD and relevant departments in a timely manner.

104. Mr Bill TANG understood that although there were five sports centres in Islands District, Tung Chung residents could not enjoy the facilities in other districts. He was pleased that the Policy Address proposed the provision of an indoor sports centre in Tung Chung Area 39 but was afraid that the Government just planned the project without any implementation timetable. According to the written reply, the relevant departments would complete the technical feasibility study on the project in five years for commencement of the works. He opined that the five years required for the technical feasibility study were too long since Tung Chung already had a population of more than 40 000 which would increase by another 10 000 with the population intake of the public housing development in Tung Chung Area 39 in 2018, and the demand for a sports centre would be great. He hoped that a more specific timetable could be provided to avoid further delay. Lastly, he enquired whether LCSD, HAD or HAB was the lead department of the entire project (including the sports centre and community hall) and if LCSD had launched the preparatory work, such as preliminary design and geological survey.

105. Mr Eric KWOK was disappointed with the reply of LCSD. As Mr Bill TANG did, he queried LCSD for taking a long time (five years) to carry out the technical study, and hoped that the department would not repeat the planning blunder

of Yat Tung Estate. Cultural nurturing and sports development were crucial to one's personal growth. While the Government emphasised the need for enriching our education system, pursuing people-based governance and addressing people's pressing needs, LCSD made no decision after deliberation and took no action after making a decision. Yat Tung Estate now had a population of around 46 000 and the population would increase by around 12 000 when the housing development in Tung Chung Area 39 was completed. With the new HOS housing development in Tung Chung Area 27 which could accommodate around 5 000 residents, there would be around 62 000 residents in Tung Chung West (near Yat Tung Estate) in three to four years. On the other hand, there was a lack of sports and cultural facilities in the district. To avoid Yat Tung Estate becoming another "town of sadness", he opined that there was an urgent need for the indoor sports centre and hoped the department would change its rigid mindset. He requested LCSD to convey Members' views to the bureau.

106. Ms Gladys LAW explained that before implementation of the indoor sports centre project, the department would consult IDC on the proposed facilities of the project and then carry out the technical feasibility study and detailed design. Following the announcement in the Policy Address, the department had started to consider the proposed facilities such as whether a market or civic centre was to be incorporated in the indoor sports centre project. There was no schedule of starting the preliminary study at that stage. She noted Members' comments and would report to Members on the progress in due course.

#### XIV. Question on Tung Chung Community Services Complex (Paper IDC 14/2017)

107. The Chairman welcomed Mr LAM Ding-fung, District Social Welfare Officer (Central Western, Southern and Islands) of Social Welfare Department (SWD), Ms TAM Yin-ping, Donna, District Planning Officer (Sai Kung and Islands) of PlanD and Mr Anthony LI, District Officer (Islands) of IsDO to the meeting to respond to the question.

108. Mr Bill TANG presented the question.

109. Mr Anthony LI gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The existing Tung Chung Community Services Complex was formerly a government building which had been vacant for years. In 2007, noting that the building was not designated for any development purpose at that time, IsDO requested ArchSD to carry out basic refurbishment work in the premise in order to make the best use of the land. IDC gave support in 2009 for introduction of the Community Service Partnership (CSP) Programme, under which four non-government organisations (NGOs) were allowed to use the said building for provision of community services. As there was now a

development plan for the site, it would have to be surrendered to the Government.

- (b) Acknowledging that the community services provided by the four NGOs were well received by the community, IsDO had been proactively exploring options with Development Bureau (DEVB), PlanD, CEDD and SWD for extending the CSP Programme. After discussions with Mr FAN Chi-ping, Chairman of TCRC and the NGOs concerned, IsDO was now proactively exploring options to make use of the buildings of the former Tung Chung Public School at Tung Chung Fort to continue part of the services currently provided at the Tung Chung Community Services Complex after basic refurbishment was carried out with the assistance of CEDD.
- (c) The above proposal could revitalise the dilapidated former Tung Chung Public School and at the same time allow continuation of part of the services provided at the Tung Chung Community Services Complex.
- (d) The Tung Chung Public School was situated on land licensed to TCRC. He thanked the TCRC for its support to the proposal and Mr FAN Chi-ping for his assistance in surrendering the land licence.

110. Mr Bill TANG was very grateful to IsDO for its efforts and the TCRC for its active support and co-operation. He welcomed the proposal which he believed could help revitalise the villages and foster exchanges between the urban and rural areas. He enquired about the interim arrangement. He hoped IsDO would continue to explore with The Link the feasibility of using part of Yat Tung Estate Car Park Nos. 1 or 3 to provide community services. He also suggested the Government to include the provision of space for community services in the land sale conditions, so that community services (e.g. childcare service, employment service and services for the ethnic minorities, etc.) would be included in residential developments to meet the needs of the community. Moreover, he enquired whether SWD had any plan to build a community services complex in Tung Chung West.

111. Mr Eric KWOK commended IsDO for noticing in the early years the inadequacy of community services in Yat Tung Estate and converting the former traffic police base to a temporary services complex for providing services to assist the ethnic minorities, youths and women. He welcomed the continued provision of such services at the former Tung Chung Public School. In the long term, he suggested relevant departments to consider making use of the vacant government land adjacent to Tak Yat House of Yat Tung (II) Estate to build a new community services complex.

112. Mr Anthony LI responded as follows:

- (a) With regard to Members' proposal of making use of the government land adjacent to Tak Yat House and in Tung Chung West to continue the CSP Programme, IsDO had earlier conducted a study with DEVB, PlanD, CEDD, LandsD and SWD and noted that the implementation of

the CSP programme was a result of the existence of a vacant old government building, which allowed IsDO to make the best use of the land for provision of community services. However, the services currently provided at the Tung Chung Community Services Complex were additional services outside SWD's existing policies, and thus it would be difficult for SWD to obtain resources for building a new complex to provide these additional services.

- (b) With the support of the TCRC, IsDO was currently exploring to extend part of the services under the CSP Programme at the vacant premises of the former Tung Chung Public School, with a view to making the best use of land and revitalising the school premises.
- (c) IsDO also studied with The LINK the proposal of using the car parks. The LINK indicated that in view of the keen and growing demand for parking spaces in Yat Tung Estate, consideration must be given to the provision of parking spaces.
- (d) On interim arrangement, IsDO would first complete the refurbishment of the former Tung Chung Public School, and would only surrender the Tung Chung Community Services Complex after the relocation of the NGOs. IsDO would continue to maintain close liaison with relevant departments and NGOs.

113. Ms Donna TAM said that regarding the planning of the Tung Chung Community Services Complex site, the department was aware of the keen demand for community services. Thus, flexibility has been provided in the relevant Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) to allow the provision of social welfare facilities at the site to meet the community needs. Planning application for social welfare facilities is not required. In finalising details of the development, developers could be requested to provide some floor space for social welfare services as needed. However, advice from SWD should be sought and relevant policy support should be obtained.

114. Mr LAM Ding-fung remarked that the services currently provided by the four NGOs at the Tung Chung Community Services Complex were not funded by SWD. The NGOs were operating as social enterprises, mainly offering services such as vocational retraining and employment support. As these were not SWD-subvented services, the department was unable to reserve land to build a new social welfare facility for the organisations concerned. SWD was nevertheless glad to provide advice and support to these organisations in identifying new sites.

(Mr Holden CHOW left the meeting at around 5:25 p.m. and Mr Ken WONG left the meeting at around 5:30 p.m.)

XV. Question on cancellation of Lantau Closed Road Permit  
(Paper IDC 15/2017)

115. The Chairman welcomed Mr YUEN Hong-shing, Honson, Chief Transport Officer/New Territories South West of TD to the meeting to give response. The written reply of TD had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

116. Mr LOU Cheuk-wing presented the question.

117. Mr Honson YUEN briefly presented the written reply.

118. Mr LOU Cheuk-wing did not accept TD's written reply and expressed his views as follows:

- (a) Tai O residents had been requesting for the construction of a coastal road connecting Tung Chung and Tai O for over 20 years. He did not agree with TD's saying that at present Tung Chung Road and South Lantau Road had sufficient capacity to meet the traffic need without having to construct another road. While endeavor was made to develop Lantau, it was imperative for the Government to improve its traffic and road network.
- (b) Tung Chung Road and South Lantau Road were transport roads built in early years to facilitate the construction of Shek Pik Reservoir and were designated as closed roads since the 1970s. As members of the public going to South Lantau by vehicles had to apply for a Lantau Closed Road Permit, the number of vehicles on the road was limited and traffic was very smooth. With the development of Lantau, the above roads had become the necessary access roads for residents and thus the Government could no longer restrict the access of vehicles for the sake of conservation. The relaxation of restrictions on vehicle access to South Lantau by TD earlier had not caused any traffic congestion. He opined that opening the two roads could facilitate tourism development in Tai O and increase job opportunities, thereby attracting the return of residents.
- (c) At present, it required at least 50 minutes to travel from Tai O to the urban area and approximately an hour if the bus detoured to Sha Tsui and Ma Po Ping. During holidays, it took a total of about 2.5 to 3 hours to wait for buses travelling from Tung Chung Town Centre to Tai O and vice versa. He urged the Government to construct a coastal road connecting Tung Chung and Tai O to shorten the travel time from about 50 minutes to about 15 minutes, thereby improving the external transport of Tai O and Lantau.
- (d) He criticised TD for refusing to construct the coastal road on the grounds of leisure and conservation and that the roads had yet to reach



saturation. He requested TD to lift the closed road restriction at Tung Chung Road and South Lantau Road to allow free access of vehicles, in order to find out whether the roads had reached their saturation.

119. Mr Randy YU expressed his views as follows:

- (a) It was perplexing that, in respect of the overall transport development of South Lantau Road and the Lantau Island, the Government had neither taken palliative measures nor solved the problem at its roots. According to TD's written reply, "the southern part of Lantau Island (South Lantau) was a conservation area. Tung Chung Road and roads in South Lantau were designated as closed roads by TD since the 1970s to restrict the access of vehicles, with a view to protecting the conservation area from being damaged and ensuring its long-term sustainable development", which was self-contradictory. He was brought up in Tai O where the resident population in the 1970s was about 20 000 (or about 30 000 in total including the mobile population). However, due to its inaccessibility, the population in Tai O had now dropped to only about 2 600 with 35 senior citizens less each year on average. How could its long-term sustainable development be ensured? The road closure arrangement not only restricted vehicle access but also restricted the development of roads.
- (b) As mentioned by Mr LOU Cheuk-wing, in the early years, South Lantau Road was just a works transport road and the infrastructure of which was not up to standard. Where road works were needed, the time required was longer than that of other roads. He cited a current development project in Cheung Sha in which road works were required for laying of public utilities such as sewerage system and electricity. However, due to the lack of road infrastructure, two to three months were needed for the road excavation works. Moreover, there were over 10 traffic lights along the road, and the travel time between Tung Chung and Tai O was thus further lengthened by 10 minutes from the original 40 minutes, impeding the sustainable development in that area.
- (c) During holidays, there was a large number of outside coaches picking up and dropping off passengers at Tai O bus terminus, which caused road blockage and affected residents taking bus. Some tourists spent as long as an hour queuing for the buses. Although TD had increased the frequency of ferries, it was not a long-term solution and certainly not an approach to promote sustainable development. He supported the opening of the above-mentioned roads to allow access of vehicles, in order to find out whether the roads had sufficient capacity.

120. Mr WONG Man-hon also concurred that the two roads mentioned above should be fully opened and the closed road permit arrangement should be abolished. He did not understand why a fee was charged only for the Lantau Closed Road Permit in Hong Kong. TD had even announced earlier that the fee would be increased. He

hoped TD would enhance communication with Lantau residents to avoid discontent. He indicated that despite repeated requests made by Mr LOU Cheuk-wing, relevant departments had not listened to the opinion of the local community to enhance road facilities. It would be difficult to cope with the development of Tung Chung and Lantau in the absence of an efficient road network.

121. Mr FAN Chi-ping said that currently Tung Chung residents could only use the above roads after applying for a Closed Road Permit. Apart from the village representatives, other residents might not be granted permission, resulting in division among the villagers. As such, he agreed that the Lantau Closed Road Permit be cancelled and the roads be open to the public.

122. Mr CHEUNG Fu said that according to TD, the roads had not reached saturation, and the key lies with the restriction on vehicle access. He supported Mr LOU Cheuk-wing's proposal to construct a coastal road connecting Tung Chung and Tai O to divert traffic, and hoped that the proposal would be incorporated in the comprehensive traffic and transport study for Lantau.

123. The Chairman said that the Lantau Development Advisory Committee had discussions on the road and traffic and transport infrastructure (including the proposal of constructing a coastal road connecting Tung Chung and Tai O) for Lantau Island. He considered that conservation and traffic needs were equally important and hoped a balance be struck between the two needs to facilitate development in the area. He requested TD to consider and study the opinion of Members.

(Mr FAN Chi-ping left the meeting at around 5:55 p.m.)

XVI. Annual report on District-led Actions Scheme  
(Paper IDC 16/2017)

124. The Chairman welcomed Mr Joe CHOW, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

125. Mr Joe CHOW briefly presented the paper.

126. Mr Bill TANG enquired whether matters concerning the funding for re-provisioning and the future maintenance and management of On Tung Street Soccer Pitch had been resolved.

127. Mr Anthony LI said that at an earlier DFMC meeting, Members proposed to utilise the funding of the DMW programme to refurbish the soccer pitch. IsDO, LCSD and the District Lands Office, Islands proposed after discussion that the day-to-day operation of the On Tung Street Soccer Pitch could be handled by the District Management Committee (DMC), with the maintenance and operation expenses to be paid using the resources under the District-led Actions Scheme (DAS). In other words, the soccer pitch would not be managed under the usual mode of management of LCSD. It would be treated as a special item under DAS and would

be open to the public once the relevant works were completed. IsDO would consult DMC shortly and if the latter gave its support, the proposal would be taken forward.

128. Mr Bill TANG appreciated the endeavors of District Officer (Islands) to help resolve matters proactively concerning the re-provisioning of the soccer pitch.

129. Mr Eric KWOK also lauded the work of IsDO for bringing benefits to the well-being of Yat Tung Estate residents.

130. Members noted the contents of the paper and endorsed the proposals therein.

XVII. Progress report of Major Projects in Islands District  
(Paper IDC 2/2017)

131. The Chairman welcomed Mr MA Hon-wing, Wilson, Senior Engineer/Project Management (Islands) of CEDD.

132. Mr Wilson MA briefly presented the paper.

133. Several Members raised enquiries and expressed views in respect of the following:

(a) Tung Chung New Town Extension - Detailed design and Site Investigation (Item No.799CL)

Tung Chung New Town Extension - Construction (Item No. 786CL)

- Mr Bill TANG enquired about the project progress, e.g. whether the environment impact assessment had been completed, the OZP had been approved and if consultants were to be engaged to address the relevant issues before the commencement of works.

(b) Improvement of fresh water supply to Cheung Chau (Item No. 333WF)

- Ms LEE Kwai-chun enquired whether the project would be completed in March 2017 as scheduled.

(c) Outlying Islands Sewerage Stage 2 - Upgrading of Cheung Chau and Tai O sewage collection, treatment and disposal facilities (Item No. 354DS)

- Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that the above project was scheduled to commence in mid-2015 but was deferred to the second quarter of 2018. He enquired why the project was still in the detailed design stage and whether it was due to problems with getting funding. The project was important to and greatly needed by Cheung Chau residents, and he hoped it would be implemented without further delay. He also requested the relevant department to provide a map to illustrate the location of the project.

(d) Improvement works at Tai O (Stage 2 and remaining works)(Item No. 417RO)

Improvement works at Mui Wo - Remaining phases (Item No. 414RO)  
New Wang Tong River Bridge (Item No. 6850TH)

- Mr Randy YU appreciated that CEDD had listened to residents' opinion when conducting the improvement works at Tai O (Phase 1). The commencement and completion dates of the above works were however still under review or yet to be confirmed, and he hoped the relevant departments would set the project target dates for follow up by Members and residents. With regard to the schedule for improvement works at Tai O (Phase 2 Stage 2), the residents were concerned over the progress of the two proposed footbridges. There was not enough space for access by ambulance, and the elderly living in stilt houses in Sun Ki had asked from time to time how they could receive help timely and properly in life-threatening situations (e.g. during a heart attack).
- Mr LOU Cheuk-wing said CEDD had promised to proceed with the works of Tai O Twin Bridges after the completion of the plaza works under the improvement works at Tai O (Phase 2). He hoped the timetable for the twin bridges project would be available the as soon as possible.
- Mr WONG Man-hon said that the Wang Tong River Bridge could not cope with the traffic. The construction of a new bridge had been discussed for years. He hoped that a timetable would be finalised the as soon as possible.

(e) Expansion of mountain bike trail networks in Mui Wo and Chi Man Wan, South Lantau (Item No. 5290RS)

- Mr WONG Man-hon and Mr CHEUNG Fu said that the mountain bike trail would encroach part of the footpath and the villagers were worried that pedestrian-vehicle conflicts would arise in future. They requested to widen the road section between Mui Wo and Shap Long Village Office to eight feet wide and hoped that CEDD would follow up on the request.

(f) Outlying Islands Sewerage Stage 2 – Lamma Village Sewerage Phase 2, Packages 1 and 2 (Item Nos. 397DS and 355DS)

- Ms YU Lai-fan said that the works of Part 1 were underway. A digging and excavation were already carried out on a portion of the road, she hoped the department would speed up the works in view of unforeseeable changes in weather. Residents had asked if all sewers could be connected to the public sewerage system on Lamma Island after the completion of works.

134. Ms Donna TAM and Mr Wilson MA responded as follows:

(a) Tung Chung New Town Extension - Detailed design and Site Investigation (Item No.799CL)

Tung Chung New Town Extension - Construction (Item No. 786CL)

- The Tung Chung Extension Area OZP had been approved by the Executive Council, and the environment impact assessment report was also completed with an environmental permit issued. Last year, the LegCo approved funding for the detailed design and site investigation and CEDD had commissioned consultants to conduct the relevant works. The detailed design of reclamation works was expected to be completed in 2017, and the Government intended to submit a funding request to the Finance Committee of LegCo in late 2017 for the reclamation works in Tung Chung East to provide land for Tung Chung East Extension and construction of trunk roads.

135. Mr Wilson MA made a consolidated response as follows:

(a) Improvement of fresh water supply to Cheung Chau (Item No. 333WF)

- The work progress was as stated in the paper. CEDD could request relevant departments to provide further details for Members if needed after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: WSD supplemented that the laying of fresh water pipes on land and in the sea was completed in January 2017. The land restoration and after-care works were underway and expected to be completed in September 2017. )

(b) Outlying Islands Sewerage Stage 2 - Upgrading of Cheung Chau and Tai O sewage collection, treatment and disposal facilities (Item No. 354DS)

- The project item No. 197CL was originally undertaken by CEDD but now handed over to DSD for implementing with the project item No. 354DS concurrently. According to the information of DSD, the project item No. 354DS was now in the detailed design stage. The department would refer the enquiry of Mr KWONG Koon-wan to DSD.

(c) Improvement works at Tai O (Stage 2 and remaining works)(Item No. 417RO)

Improvement works at Mui Wo - Remaining phases (Item No. 414RO)

- The department noted Members' views. Issues relating to the remaining works were being dealt with and the work schedule was under review.

- (d) New Wang Tong River Bridge (Item No. 6850TH)  
Outlying Islands Sewerage Stage 2 - Lamma Village Sewerage Phase 2,  
Packages 1 and 2 (Item Nos. 397DS and 355DS)
- The paper already covered the information provided by the Highways Department and DSD, and he had nothing to add.
- (e) Expansion of mountain bike trail networks in Mui Wo and Chi Man Wan, South Lantau (Item No. 5290RS)
- The works concerned mainly the expansion of the existing mountain bike trail networks, excluding improvement works of the footpath. He would convey Members' views to the colleague in charge of the project.

136. With reference to project item No. 5290RS, Mr WONG Man-hon supplemented that the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department supported the widening of the footpath. He hoped CEDD would follow up on the matter proactively.

137. Mr CHEUNG Fu supplemented that the footpath was built by IsDO for villagers' use. With encroachment from the mountain bike trail, CEDD should widen the road section to avoid pedestrian-vehicle conflicts and prevent accidents.

138. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that the paper was presented by CEDD but the major projects listed therein involved other departments. He proposed that the Chairman invite the representatives of CEDD and relevant departments to the meeting in the future so that Members could enquire about the details of the projects stated in the paper.

139. Mr Randy YU requested the relevant departments to complete the review of the New Wang Tong River Bridge project and the improvement works at Tai O and Mui Wo (remaining works) early. Again he sincerely hoped that they would set the target completion dates and report the latest progress to the respective Rural Committees and the Member of the concerned constituency so that they could answer public enquiries.

140. The Chairman requested CEDD to consider and follow up on Members' opinion.

(Post-meeting note: At the meeting of Mui Wo RC on 23 February, CEDD and the consultants reported the latest progress of the improvement works at Mui Wo. Mr Randy YU was also updated on the progress at the meeting on 15 March. At the meeting of Tai O RC on 9 March, CEDD and the consultants briefed the RC and Mr Randy YU on the latest progress of the improvement works at Tai O. Then at the joint meeting of the Chairmen of various RCs of Islands District on 14 March, CEDD reported to Mr WONG Man-hon, Mr CHEUNG Fu and other RC Chairmen of Islands District the scope of improvement works on the existing

mountain bike trail along the road section between Mui Wo and Shap Long and the road widening works between Shap Long New Village and Ngau Kwu Wan as proposed originally.)

XVIII. Report on the Work of the Islands District Management Committee (January 2017)  
(Paper IDC 17/2017)

141. Members noted and endorsed the paper.

XIX. Reports on the work of the IDC Committees  
(Paper IDC 18-21/2017)

142. Ms YU Lai-fan supplemented that the Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee (CACRC) had received a letter from HSBC earlier that it would open an Express Banking Centre at Shop No. 112H, 1st floor, Fu Tung Shopping Centre, Fu Tung Estate, Tung Chung with effect from 2 March this year with the provision of ATM, cheque deposit and passbook updating facilities.

143. With reference to Paragraphs 6 and 8 of the work report of CACRC, IDC approved in principle the allocation of \$501,900 and \$8,063,713 for LCSD to organise entertainment, recreation and sports programmes for 2017/18 in Islands District.

XX. Allocation of DC funds

(i) Up-to-date Financial Position on the Use of DC funds  
(Paper IDC 22/2017)

144. Members noted and endorsed the paper.

145. Mr Bill TANG said that an arts and crafts fair was held during the Spring Lantern Festival on 11 February this year by local organisations and it was funded by sponsorship from institutions. He hoped that funds would be provided to the Working Group on Promotion of Bazaar Development in Islands District in future for holding events.

(ii) Approval for Using DC Funds by circulation from 1 December 2016 to 31 January 2017  
(Paper IDC 23/2017)

146. Members noted and endorsed the paper.

XXI. Date of Next Meeting

147. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. The next meeting would be held on 24 April 2017 (Monday) at 2:00 p.m.

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