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Islands District Council
Minutes of Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee

Date : 13 July 2020 (Monday)
Time : 10:30 a.m.
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Present

Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken (Chairman)
Mr WONG Chun-yeung (Vic-Chairman)
Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, MH, JP
Mr WONG Man-hon (Arrived at 10:50a.m.)
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS, MH
Mr CHAN Lin-wai, MH (Left at 12:45p.m.)
Mr HO Chun-fai
Mr HO Siu-kei
Ms WONG Chau-ping
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy
Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Mr TSUI Sang-hung, Sammy (Arrived at 10:35a.m and left at 1:25p.m.)
Mr FONG Lung-fei
Ms LAU Shun-ting
Mr LEE Ka-ho
Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho

Attendance by Invitation

Mr CHEUNG King-man	Senior Engineer/Islands, Drainage Services Department
Mr CHEUNG Fei-kit	Engineer/Drainage System Planning 4, Drainage Services Department
Dr YOUNG Lau-ching, Maria	Country Parks Officer (Lantau), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr TSANG Wai-man	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands), Lands Department
Mr YUEN Kwok-keung	Senior Land Executive /Lantau (District Lands Office, Islands), Lands Department
Mr HAU Chi-leung, Arnold	Property Service Manager/S(HKI) 4, Housing Department
Ms HUI Shuk-yee	Engineer/Islands 2, Transport Department
Mr KAO Hsi-chiang	Chief Health Inspector (Islands)2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms KO Sha-lee, Shirley	General Manager (Retail Business), Post Office

Mr YIU Men-yeung	Divisional Commander (Marine and Diving), Fire Services Department
Mr LEUNG Tak-yiu	Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer (Hong Kong), Fire Services Department
Mr AU Chun-bong	Superintendent (Ambulance) (Hong Kong West), Fire Services Department
Mr SHUM Ka-yam	Depot Commander Mount Davis Ambulance Depot, Fire Services Department
Mr LEONG Seong-iam, Sammy	Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District), Hong Kong Police Force
Dr Michelle WONG	Chief of Service (Family Medicine & Primary Healthcare), Hong Kong East Cluster, Hospital Authority
MS CHEUNG Pik-har	Ward Manager (Family Medicine & Primary Healthcare), Hong Kong East Cluster, Hospital Authority
Mr LEE Shun, Wilson	Senior Telecommunications Engineer (Regulatory 12), Office of the Communications Authority
Mr YUNG Siu-ye	Telecommunications Engineer (Regulatory 12), Office of the Communications Authority
Mr LEE Lap-chi, Alfred	District Secretary, Islands District Office
Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva	Architect (Works)5, Home Affairs Department
Mr LI Ming-yau	Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office
Mr SO Kin-leung	Acting Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Central & Western, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHU Chi-yan	Architect, Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Ltd.

In Attendance

Ms LEUNG Tin-ye, Christy	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia	Chief Leisure Manager(New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr KWAN Chung-wai, David	District Leisure Manager (Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHU Po-ye, Polly	Senior Librarian (Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Secretary

Ms TANG Yuen-shan, Serena	Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office
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## Welcoming Remarks

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

- (a) Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia, Chief Leisure Manager(New Territories West) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD); and
- (b) Ms CHU Po-yee, Polly, Senior Librarian (Islands) of LCSD who succeeded Ms KWOK Lai-kuen, Elaine

### I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 11.5.2020

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

3. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously without other amendment.

### II. Question on request for provision of rainstorm mitigation measures (Paper DFMC 23/2020)

4. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHEUNG King-man, Senior Engineer/Islands and Mr CHEUNG Fei-kit, Engineer/Drainage System Planning 4 of the Drainage Services Department (DSD) to the meeting to respond to the question.

5. Mr Randy YU briefly presented the question.

6. Mr CHEUNG King-man responded as follows:

(a) The Hong Kong Observatory issued the Red Rainstorm Warning Signal on 7 June this year and the highest hourly rainfall recorded at the rainfall station at Cheung Sha, Lantau Island was around 130 millimetres (ml), much higher than the threshold for issuing the Black Rainstorm Warning System at the rate of 70 ml per hour. After receiving the flooding report of Cheung Fu Street and Ham Tin Tsuen, Pui O, DSD immediately contacted the rural committee (RC) and residents and conducted an on-site inspection to understand the situation. The department was reviewing feasible improvement measures having regard to relevant information.

(b) As for provision of a forecast system on the opening and closing of the catchwater penstocks, DSD had maintained close liaison with the Water

Supplies Department (WSD) regarding drainage issues of the catchwaters. The two departments had inspected the opening and closing condition of the catchwater penstocks in South Lantau, and ensured closure of the catchwater penstocks upstream at places with relatively low drainage capacity such as Cheung Fu Street at all times to reduce the amount of stormwater discharged downstream. WSD said that it would continue with regular inspections to ensure that the penstocks were at normal position.

- (c) DSD inspected and cleared public stormwater drainage facilities regularly before monsoon and rainy season. It also conducted inspections again after rainstorm and would arrange clearance operations if the facilities were blocked.
- (d) Regarding provision of a temporary flood-proof car park, WSD discovered that the location flooded was a riverside carriageway with parking spaces during inspection in Ham Tin Tsuen, Pui O. The location was a low-lying area and Spring Tide occurred when a rainstorm hit the territory on 7 June. The tide rose and caused flooding. The department was studying feasible improvement measures.

7. Mr Randy YU expressed his views as follows:

- (a) Regarding the forecast system on the opening and closing of the catchwater penstocks, DSD quoted the reply of WSD which did not send representatives to the meeting. In addition, only DSD would be informed of whether the penstocks were opened or not. Some residents reflected to him that the penstocks were opened by WSD before and water gushed even if they were closed, he would ask the residents to take pictures for record if they saw it happen again. He requested DSD and WSD to follow up on the feasibility of the forecast system, and if the result was negative, Members had no choice but to consider alternative measures. He enquired how WSD would inform the residents and handle the situation when stormwater overflowed and gushed from the penstocks.
- (b) DSD mentioned that the catchwaters were regularly inspected and an inspection was conducted after the rainstorm on 7 June. He enquired if the department could provide relevant reports to Islands District Council (IDC).
- (c) As for provision of a temporary flood-proof car park, he understood that it was not easy to identify a suitable location but urged DSD to consider the proposal further. He recalled that the flooding condition at Cheung Fu Street was startling as he had never seen vehicles floating in Tai O until then.

- (d) Learning that there were flood storage ponds in both Happy Valley and Shek Kip Mei Park, he enquired whether DSD could construct a flood storage pond on outlying islands to minimise the risk of flooding.
- (e) DSD mentioned that measures would be taken to alleviate the flooding condition of the low-lying parking spaces in Ham Tin Tsuen. He hoped that an on-site inspection could be conducted with the engineers of DSD to understand how the situation would be dealt with.

8. Mr Eric KWOK considered it necessary to inspect the topography of Ham Tin Tsuen with DSD, the District Lands Office, Islands (DLO/Is) and Environmental Protection Department (EPD) again. He recalled that due to the passage of a typhoon in 2014, flooding occurred outside Ham Tin Tsuen and he had reflected the problem with the village representative of Ham Tin Kau Tsuen to DSD, DLO/Is and EPD. The location was later filled up for construction of small houses. Ham Tin Kau Tsuen comprised agricultural lands and ponds growing rice and lotus roots before development. A flood storage pond was formed during rainstorm and therefore serious flooding like the previous one would not have occurred. When DLO/Is approved construction of small houses, Members already proposed handling drainage system problem in priority. Ham Tin Kau Tsuen was a valley with two large streams in the middle and the end of the village and two streams at the back. Once it was hit by rainstorm, water would flow downstream. Flooding occurred at present due to the lack of proper planning in the past that no drainage facility including flood storage pond and drainage pipe was provided. The drainage facilities in use were only two pipes of a relatively small diameter discharging water into Pui O River. As such, flood water flew into houses very often and the seriousness of the problem was obvious. He requested to conduct a site inspection again in Ham Tin Tsuen with Mr HO Chun-fai, the village representative, DSD, DLO/Is and EPD to study improvement to the drainage facilities so as to prevent deterioration of the situation which might threaten the safety of the residents. To his understanding, accidents had occurred and a taxi driver was drowned after falling into a river. He urged relevant departments to squarely face the problem and improve the drainage facilities as soon as possible.

9. Mr HO Chun-fai expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He opined that problems of the “Conservation for the South” principle was involved and DSD as well as EPD should bear great responsibilities for the flooding problem. According to his personal experience, flooding occurred whenever there were spring tides or rainstorms over the past 25 years. In addition, the ever-increasing height of river bed resulted in seawater inundation. As stormwater could not be discharged, flooding occurred in low-lying areas. He criticised relevant departments for leaving the problem unresolved, which was a serious mistake. He was concerned that the cables laid underground would be destroyed in a flood and urged relevant departments to discuss and reach a consensus on measures to be taken expeditiously.
- (b) He pointed out that there were two new islands in Ham Tin Tsuen and the

river bed was expected to rise for one inch three months later. He urged relevant departments to follow up on the matter as soon as possible.

- (c) After inspection of a section of a drain between Ham Tin Kau Tsuen and Ham Tin San Tsuen with the village representative, he considered it necessary to construct a drain of half to one metre wide from Kau Tsuen to the flood storage pond at the periphery of Ham Tin. He pointed out that a large amount of water could be discharged via the flood storage pond in the past. The outfall was very narrow with a width below 1 foot so stormwater was retained in the flood storage pond. He had requested DSD to widen the outfall but no follow-up work had been done. He agreed with Mr Eric KWOK that a site inspection at Ham Tin Tsuen with relevant departments should be conducted to follow up on the problem, or the consequences would be disastrous.
- (d) The villagers handled problems of the river themselves if any were discovered in the past. However, they were discouraged to do so or even prosecuted by relevant departments for such practice at present, which was the core of the problem. It was learnt that in a case, EPD said that the location concerned was out of its purview and passed the buck to DSD. Another case involved a drain covered with concrete at Lo Uk Tsuen near San Wai Tsuen which was one foot underground in the past but half metre above the ground at present. He had requested deepening of the drain to improve water discharge which was deemed infeasible by EPD. The stagnant water emitted stench about which a number of complaints were lodged. He queried whether no measure could be taken on grounds of environmental protection, and urged relevant departments to face up to the problem and follow up on it pro-actively.

10. Ms WONG Chau-ping said that only the flooding situation in South Lantau was stated in the question. Apart from South Lantau, Tung Chung was also seriously affected by the rainstorm on 7 June. She had raised the matter at previous meetings, pointing out that Tung Chung relied on two major drainage channels, Tung Chung Hang and Wong Lung Hang, for discharging stormwater, and urged DSD to show concern for it. She conducted four to five site inspections last year and discovered that the two channels were not up to standard. She had requested DSD to clear the trees, shrubs and vegetation in the middle of the channels hindering water flow but no measure had been taken, with which she was dissatisfied. Although the rainfall of Lantau Island only reached 70% based on Members' past experience, houses were flooded, agricultural lands were inundated and the water level of drainage channels surpassed the height of bridges. Members had discussed the issues several times, reflected the dangerous situation to the department and conducted a number of site inspections. She urged DSD to clear objects hindering water flow in the middle of the channels.

11. Mr Randy YU expressed his views as follows:

- (a) As mentioned by Mr HO Chun-fai, special attention should be paid to the low-lying areas near Ham Tin Tsuen which was under the dual impacts

of its topography as well as accumulation of sand and silt washed down from upstream in the river channel outside the village. Some residents proposed drilling a few holes under the kerbs for discharging water, which might not be an appropriate measure in his opinion as backflow might occur if the water level of relevant rivers and channels rose. He proposed that a site inspection with DSD should be conducted first to work out solutions and study the technical feasibility.

- (b) Mr HO Chun-fai mentioned the drainage channel near San Wai Tsuen. To his understanding, the drainage channel was across a road where CLP laid a power cable underneath. The road surface was therefore reduced by one third, resulting in inundation of the road. He pointed out that drainage was smooth under normal circumstances but the situation would be thorny if there was rainstorm like the one on 7 June. He had requested CLP to conduct a site inspection to review if the power cable could be relocated elsewhere such as the top of the bridge. However, it might block water flowing from the surface of the bridge to the channel during heavy rain. As such, concerted efforts should be made by CLP and DSD to tackle the problem.

12. The Chairman reminded Members to focus on the agenda items. Regarding problems related to EPD, he proposed a site inspection be conducted by DSD and EPD after the meeting to confirm the scope and feasibility of the works. He did not wish to stray off the subject to avoid endless discussion.

13. Mr CHEUNG King-man made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Regarding the inspection report on the opening and closing of the catchwater penstocks mentioned by Mr Randy YU, DSD would reflect the request to WSD and asked for provision of relevant information to DC.
- (b) Provision of a flood storage pond was a large-scale works involving complicated matters. The department would study feasible improvement measures.
- (c) As for accumulation of a large amount of debris and silt at the riverbed in Ham Tin Tsuen, the department noted Members' views and would proactively review the situation as well as follow up with relevant departments. The department would also conduct a site inspection with Members.
- (d) The department would inspect the condition of the drainage channels under the bridge in San Wai Tsuen
- (e) As for the situation in Tung Chung, he thanked Ms WONG Chau-ping and relevant village representatives for conducting site inspections. The

department would pro-actively follow up on the matter and step up clearing work.

14. Mr Randy YU said that the inspection report he requested was not the one from WSD but the one of the drainage facilities managed by DSD. A brief report would suffice.

15. Mr HO Chun-fai said that fishing vessels could sail from Pui O Beach to the river. However, the river had not been cleared since the provision of a drainage channel. The two beaches there had been combined into one. The river was invisible during low tide and the riverbed rose by over half metre. He opined that the key to solving the problem was to thoroughly clear the river as well as conduct repair and improvement work along it.

16. Mr CHEUNG King-man said that DSD would pro-actively follow up on the clearing of river channels.

17. The Chairman asked relevant departments to conduct a site inspection with the Members concerned after the meeting to further follow up on the matter.

(Post-meeting note: DSD had been clearing the rivers in Ham Tin Tsuen and San Wai Tsuen, Pui O from July to early September this year. River clearing work in Tung Chung was also completed in August. In addition, DSD and relevant departments conducted a site inspection with Members and village representatives in Ham Tin Kau Tsuen, Ham Tin San Tsuen and San Wai Tsuen in Pui O as well as Cheung Fu Street to understand the situation on 14 August this year. DSD was studying feasible improvement measures to tackle the flooding problem.

(Mr Sammy TSUI joined the meeting at around 10:35 a.m.; Mr WONG Man-hon joined the meeting at around 10:50 a.m.)

### III. Question on request for improvement of Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site (Paper DFMC 24/2020)

18. The Chairman welcomed Mr KWAN Chung-wai, David, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD; Dr YOUNG Lau-ching, Maria, Country Parks Officer (Lantau) of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) as well as Mr TSANG Wai-man, Administrative Assistant/Lands and Mr YUEN Kwok-keung, Senior Land Executive /Lantau of DLO/Is to the meeting to respond to the question. The Highways Department (HyD) said that the matter was out of its purview and therefore did not send representatives to the meeting. The written replies of WSD, LCSD, AFCD, DLO/Is and the Planning Department (PlanD) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

19. Mr FONG Lung-fei briefly presented the question.



20. Mr FONG Lung-fei expressed his views as follows:
- (a) To his observation, a number of persons practised Tai Chi, exercised and sang at Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site every morning. At present, the residents practised Tai Chi on a low platform made of environmentally friendly wood which was too small to accommodate the large group of people practising Tai Chi and dancing. Therefore, a larger space was needed. He enquired whether relevant departments would consider widening the low platform and moving the chin-up bars backward.
  - (b) As for toilet facilities, some residents reflected to him the poor hygiene condition of mobile toilets at the picnic site which had been emitting stench. He proposed constructing a septic tank and using stream water for flushing. It was learnt that the picnic site in Aberdeen was well equipped with a permanent toilet where stream water was used for flushing and washing hands. He enquired by which department was the road section from Tei Po Village to the gate of WSD managed.
  - (c) Despite having a daily pedestrian flow of over 500 and sometimes over 1 000, Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site lacked fitness equipment at present. As such, he proposed provision of fitness equipment there for resident use.
21. Mr Eric KWOK said that the issue had been raised years ago. Regarding provision of street lamps, he considered the written reply of WSD too general. He said that it was easy to purchase online cheap solar-powered street lamps with good performance and little difficulty to install. Due to safety considerations, lamp posts with a larger diameter might be installed given that they were more secured. He urged WSD to pro-actively consider his views.
22. The Chairman reminded Mr Eric KWOK that WSD did not send representatives to the meeting.
23. Mr Eric KWOK said that WSD should have sent representatives to the meeting to respond to Members' questions and proposed relaying his views to the department in form of letter by the Secretariat. He enquired whether the two mobile toilets were managed by LCSD.
24. Mr David KWAN said that the mobile toilets were managed by AFCD.
25. Mr Eric KWOK criticised the cleaning contractor of the mobile toilets for dereliction of duty which led to poor hygiene condition. He urged AFCD to monitor the contractor to ensure management and cleaning work were properly performed. He said that the toilets at Tsing Ma Bridge were also hot and stuffy with stench in summer in the past. There were neither fans nor lights inside and residents using the toilets had to turn on the torch of their mobile phones for lighting. As such, he proposed provision of solar-powered fans and lights, and the toilets at Tsing Ma Bridge were now equipped

with relevant facilities. He urged the department to do the same for the two mobile toilets at Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site.

26. Mr WONG Chun-yeung expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He said that the “Proposed District Minor Works (DMW) Projects for District Facilities Management Committee in 2020/21” (Paper DFMC 36/2020) under agenda item XVIII would be discussed later. His proposal for DMW project for construction of an outdoor fitness park was attached to the paper. He proposed incorporating Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site into the works site, moving the chin-up bars to the proposed fitness park and providing sit-up equipment as shown in figure 2.2 in the question. As many city dwellers enjoyed exercising, outdoor fitness parks should be provided to keep abreast with the times. Such facility did not occupy much space and could accommodate over 10 persons doing different sports activities at the same time. He enquired if Members agreed and the Chairman approved incorporating the works site at Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site into the DMW proposal for construction of an outdoor fitness park.
- (b) Since mid-2016, Oriental Daily News regularly published articles pointing out that Wong Lung Hang, including the rivers, country trails, streams and minor roads there, which was under the purview of AFCD, had the South Asians washing clothes from time to time, leaving behind a large amount of rubbish which damaged the environment. He urged AFCD to note the problem and follow up with relevant departments. Being named the top of five dragon streams in Tung Chung, Wong Lung Hang was a site with conservation value. He hoped that AFCD would pro-actively consider his views.

27. Dr Maria YOUNG made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) There were two mobile toilets at Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site at the moment. The department had been monitoring the performance of the cleaning contractor and reviewing the necessity to step up cleaning. The frequency of cleaning had been increased at weekends and on public holidays during the epidemic. The department noted Members’ views and would continue to pay attention to the cleaning issues to ensure the toilets were hygienic.
- (b) Regarding the proposal for provision of solar-powered lights and exhaust fans at the two mobile toilets, the department would consider Members’ views and review how to improve the facilities there.
- (c) In response to Mr WONG Chun-yeung’s remark on news reports about people washing clothes and leaving rubbish at the streams near Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site, she learnt that the location was out of the area of the country park. It was in the middle of the trail connecting to Wong

Lung Hang Picnic Site where stone kerbs were built for people to go into the streams and wash clothes. She emphasised that the above location was out of the country park's area and believed that relevant departments would follow up on the matter accordingly.

28. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho was aware that a number of questions raised at previous meetings were related to the management of DLO/Is, which often mentioned the necessity to take into account whether other departments had submitted relevant applications in its response. Understanding that it was government procedure, he pointed out that the problem lay in the absence of relevant departments at the meetings, which rendered discussion of the matter concerned impossible. Members could only discuss among themselves according to the departments' written replies, resulting in ineffective and vain discussion. He opined that the departments should have sufficient time for preparation after receiving invitation from the Secretariat. Unfortunately, many departments refused to send representatives to the meetings to respond to Members' questions. Since such problem had existed for years, he asked the Chairmen of committees to pay extra attention and step up communication with government departments.

29. Mr WONG Chun-yeung said that according to the representative of AFCD, the location specified in the news reports was out of the area of the country park. He queried if such remark was genuine and opined that preservation of natural environment including streams and rivers was within the scope of work of AFCD. He said that there had been news reports since 2016 about visitors damaging the natural environment of rural areas every week. He was discontented with AFCD's response and opined that even if the department could not request the Police to enforce the law, it should proactively follow up on Members' views.

30. Mr FONG Lung-fei expressed his views as follows:

- (a) While it was stated in the written reply of PlanD that "According to the Notes for the Outline Zoning Plan, provision of open area and lamp posts as well as minor works and other public works coordinated or implemented by the Government were always permitted uses in 'Green Belt zones'. It was believed that relevant departments would respond to the arrangements for facilities in the picnic site and whether conversion of the trail connecting to the picnic site to jogging trail with fitness stations was appropriate.", DLO/Is claimed that "no information on implementation of the proposal had been received from relevant departments.". He enquired which "relevant departments" were referring to in both replies.
- (b) As for the problems of the toilets, solar-powered toilets were provided in the lower area of Tei Po Village but the toilets in the upper area were still very dilapidated. He was aware that water vehicles pumped water to the toilets every morning and left within five minutes.

- (c) Having discovered that rubbish disposed of at Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site was not removed after a week, he enquired which department was responsible for collecting rubbish, and queried if the department conducted regular cleaning work. He understood that the location was geographically remote but cleaning should be conducted at least two or three times a week. A number of foreign domestic workers or foreigners visited the place during holidays. Although rubbish including wine bottles to be disposed of was properly wrapped and placed at kerbside or near rubbish bins, it continued unremoved for a week very often.
- (d) It was stated in the written reply of LCSD that “If the land concerned was feasible in land use planning, Members who wished to put forward the suggestion could consider submitting a DMW proposal to the District Facilities Management Committee and the department would tie in with relevant departments to carry out feasibility study”. He enquired which “relevant departments” were referred to and wished to understand the feasibility of the works.
- (e) He enquired whether Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site was under the management of LCSD or AFCD. To his understanding, some chin-up bars were deteriorated with loosened items posing a potential danger. He enquired if regular inspection or maintenance work was conducted. The department was informed by the residents that the mat under the chin-up bars had been replaced but the chin-up bars were neither repainted nor renovated.

31. Dr Maria YOUNG made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Regarding the two toilets at Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site, the cleaning contractor cleaned the toilets, conducted desludging work and refilled water every day. The toilets were equipped with flushing and hand washing facilities. AFCD regularly monitored the performance of the contractor and was fully aware of its work condition. It would follow up with the contractor in case any problems arose.
- (b) As for cleaning of the venue, AFCD was responsible for deploying staff to remove rubbish regularly while the cleaning contractor was responsible for cleaning the toilets. The department noted Members’ views and would closely monitor and inspect the situation as well as step up rubbish collection.
- (c) As for the fitness facilities at Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site, she learnt that some safety mats were uneven. The contractor had agreed to replace the mats as per the department’s request. Given that some highly utilised facilities would be decolourise, the department would pay attention to the situation and repainted as necessary as well as study the feasibility of renovation.

32. Mr TSANG Wai-man thanked Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho for his understanding of the role of DLO/Is. He said that “relevant departments” referred to the managing departments, which was AFCD in the case of Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site. He had nothing to supplement to AFCD’s response.

33. Mr David KWAN said that the written reply of LCSD focused on Mr FONG’s proposal for provision of fitness facilities along the road. Given that the proposed road section was managed by several departments including PlanD, DLO/Is and WSD, LCSD was required to consult them whether provision of facilities at places under their purview was acceptable after identifying suitable locations. The department could only follow up on the works concerned if there was no opposition to the proposal and the site was deemed feasible after inspection by technical divisions. To his understanding, the road section where vehicles of AFCD and WSD would pass through was relatively narrow. As such, appropriate locations should be identified. If there was no opposition from relevant departments and the locations were considered suitable, the department would implement the works concerned under DMW programme.

34. Ms WONG Chau-ping said that the residents accessed to the country park via Wong Lung Hang Country Trail. The representatives of Tei Po Village and Chek Lap Kok Village had reflected and complained about various problems along the trail including the ever-increasing number of stray dogs as they were fed by visitors. She was discontented that the problem of excessive number of stray dogs remained unsolved. Tung Chung RC wrote to AFCD one or two months ago for the matter. The department deployed staff for inspection later without devising any concrete solutions, resulting in growing number of stray dogs which suffered from skin diseases and attacked the residents and visitors. Stray dogs mainly appeared at the entrance of Tei Po Village where people going to the country trail must walk past.

35. Mr WONG Chun-yeung asked the representative of AFCD to respond to his question of whether nature conservation, rivers, streams and rocky beaches near Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site were within its purview. If yes, he requested the department to face squarely the problem he raised and follow up.

36. Mr FONG Lung-fei expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He enquired if the department would consider replacing the mobile toilets if it had no intention to provide a permanent toilet. He said that as the toilets at Tsing Ma Bridge had been replaced by new mobile toilets with solar-powered lights, those at Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site should also be replaced. To his observation, stench emitted under wind and people within 50 metres could smell it. In addition, he had never seen water vehicles approach to connect the foul water pipes.
- (b) He enquired which department’s purview the road section from Tei Po Village to the gate of WSD fell within. He contacted the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) after discovering dog carcasses at the road section earlier and was informed that a section towards the front was not managed by FEHD. He enquired about the

delineation so as to figure out if he should seek assistance from FEHD or AFCD in the future.

- (c) He pointed out that lamp posts and wooden posts with “Wong Lung Hang San Wai Village” and numbers could be seen when walking from Tei Po Village. He enquired if the above facilities were derelict and pointed out that there were cables but no street lamp. As morning walkers went up the hills from 3 a.m. every day, it would be safer to provide street lamps which enabled them to go downhill following the light in the dark or when getting lost. He hoped that relevant departments could cater for the needs of hikers and study provision of such facilities.

37. Mr LEE Ka-ho said that according to the response of AFCD, the mobile toilets of Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site were regularly cleaned. However, some residents reflected that the toilets still emitted stench after cleaning so he agreed with other Members about replacing the facilities. He was aware that FEHD and other government departments had plans to replace existing toilets and improve the facilities of mobile toilets. The Director of Audit’s Report also set out FEHD’s management of mobile toilets, including the two special ones outside Tung Chung Fire Station and those at public transport interchanges of different design. He opined that AFCD should pro-actively consider going with the times by not sticking to mobile toilets with enclosed design which emitted stench regardless of frequent cleaning. He understood the difficulties of AFCD as the mobile toilets were provided in country parks which were geographically remote. However, he opined that AFCD should explore if any new technologies could help improving the facilities and consider the views of various Members raised at the meeting.

38. Mr WONG Chun-yeung opined that the improvement proposal regarding outdoor fitness equipment raised by Mr FONG Lung-fei might not be implemented. He enquired if other Members agreed to incorporate the views of Mr FONG into his DMW proposal and mark in brackets Mr FONG’s suggestion. To implement the proposal in a more convenient, expeditious and effective manner, he hoped that it could be endorsed at the meeting to incorporate Mr FONG’s suggestion on equipment improvement into his proposal.

39. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho enquired which document Mr WONG Chun-yeung was referring to.

40. Mr WONG Chun-yeung said that he was referring to item 25 in Annex 1 of Paper DFMC 36/2020, his DMW proposal “Request for construction of an outdoor fitness park”. He was aware that there were spaces for provision of fitness equipment near Tat Tung Road Garden and wished to incorporate Mr FONG Lung-fei’s suggestion on fitness equipment into his proposal. Even if his proposal could not be endorsed at the meeting, he hoped that Members would agree to incorporate the suggestion concerned into his proposal to increase work efficiency.

41. The Chairman proposed leaving it for discussion with agenda item XVIII later to avoid confusion.

42. Dr Maria YOUNG made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) In response to the question of Mr WONG Chun-yeung about people piling up stones and washing clothes in the midstream of Wong Lung Hang, she pointed out that the location was out of the purview of the country park and reiterated that designated staff patrolled and enforced the law regularly there. She believed that staff of the Conservation Branch had handled the issue once it was reported by the media. She would relay Members' concern to relevant officers for follow-up.
- (b) Regarding the existence of stray dogs at the entrance of Tei Po Estate mentioned by Ms WONG Chau-ping, she learnt that Tung Chung RC had written to AFCD which had deployed staff for site inspection and follow-up. She would relay Members' views to the officers responsible for animal management after the meeting for further-follow-up.
- (c) In response to the problems of mobile toilets at country parks raised by Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr LEE Ka-ho, she said that AFCD regularly reviewed the toilet facilities at country parks. The two mobile toilets at Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site were the traditional ones in blue. She understood that new toilets were installed with solar panels which could generate a small amount of electricity for exhaust fans and lights in the toilets. The department had tested the equipment at Lantau Country Park but it was still at the preliminary stage. It had also placed solar panels of a new model at Pak Kung Au to provide electricity for the mobile toilets. The effectiveness of the panels was being reviewed and improvement would be made gradually. After taking into account other factors, the department would study replacement of the toilets at Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site if it was deemed feasible to provide better ventilation systems and ancillary facilities.

43. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that toilets of new model were provided at the lower part of Tei Po Village but no such facility was provided at an upper location 1 km apart. He enquired if AFCD would consider launching the pilot scheme at the toilets there in priority.

44. Dr Maria YOUNG said that the department would assess relevant views and consider replacing the facilities or not having regard to the usage and condition of the toilets.

(Post-meeting note: The department would replace the facilities of the mobile toilets at Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site from October 2020.)

(Post-meeting note: The IDC Secretariat had relayed Members' views to WSD.)

IV. Question on provision of benches in the vicinity of Yat Tung Estate  
(Paper DFMC 25/2020)

45. The Chairman welcomed Ms LEUNG Tin-ye, Christy, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> of Islands District Office (IsDO) as well as Mr TSANG Wai-man, Administrative Assistant/Lands and Mr YUEN Kwok-keung, Senior Land Executive /Lantau of DLO/Is to the meeting to give response. HyD, claiming that it was not responsible for following up on the matter, did not send representatives to the meeting. The written replies of DLO/Is and PlanD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

46. Mr FONG Lung-fei briefly presented the question.

47. Ms Christy LEUNG said that regarding the proposal for provision of benches and shelters at the pavement of Chung Yan Road outside Mun Yat House, IsDO noted that Mr FONG Lung-fei submitted a DMW proposal for provision of rain shelters at the location concerned to the Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries, Environmental Hygiene and Climate Change Committee (TAFEHCCC) on 2 June this year. If the proposal was endorsed, IsDO would conduct preliminary review and site inspections with Members to understand the actual location of the works and study if it conflicted with Mr Eric KWOK's proposal for construction of a walkway cover at Chung Yan Road. Although no Member had submitted DMW proposal for construction of rain shelters outside Chau Yat House, the site was very close to the location proposed by Mr FONG Lung-fei, and therefore IsDO proposed processing the proposals in one go. If one of the sites was inappropriate, the facilities could be constructed at another one instead.

48. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that palm trees and Chinese banyan trees were densely grown along the area outside Chau Yat House. Chinese banyan trees had relatively wide crowns covering the bauhinias between trees and were easily blown off by strong wind. The shrubs were of different height and wilted plants which were not cleared became the habitats of rodents. Although keeping of dogs was prohibited in public housing estates, a number of elderly members were allowed to keep companion dogs. As such, he proposed removing the shrubs and converting the area into a dog park to provide activity space for pets and prevent dog fouling. To his understanding, the railings were managed by the Lands Department (LandsD) but he did not know which department's purview the area enclosed by the railings fell within.

49. Mr WONG Chun-yeung agreed that due to lack of recreational facilities in the area, many singleton elderly were reluctant to go out. He urged IsDO to study provision of shelters and boulder roads for use by the elderly and deploy staff to conduct site inspections with Members. Some elderly members reflected to him that there was no baseball pitch in the estate so the South Asian baseball team often practised in the vicinity of Golden Ox Square in Yat Tung Estate, causing danger to passers-by. Some singleton elderly were hit by a baseball and fell on the ground. The baseball team, however, continued to practise regardless of the situation. Although the above incident might be an individual case, he attributed the cause to the lack of community facilities and urged IsDO to listen to Members' views and implement the works expeditiously.



50. Mr Eric KWOK said that according to the written reply of PlanD, “relevant departments should consider if provision of seats and shelters at the location was appropriate given that it is on a pavement”. He enquired of IsDO if it implied that provision of seats at the proposed site would not breach applicable regulations if the site was deemed appropriate by relevant departments and endorsed by Members.

51. Ms Christy LEUNG said that to her understanding, the location was on a pavement. PlanD reminded that relevant departments have to consider whether the pavement was wide enough for provision of rain shelters to prevent causing obstruction to pedestrians.

52. Mr Eric KWOK requested IsDO to enquire of PlanD, which did not send representatives to the meeting, if relevant laws allowed provision of seats at the above location after the meeting. If not, there was no need to continue with the discussion.

53. The Chairman asked the representative of LCSD to respond if the amenity areas at the road section concerned was under the department’s jurisdiction.

54. Mr David KWAN said that the subject location were outside LCSD’s jurisdiction despite the department took up horticultural maintenance at the amenity areas.

55. Mr FONG Lung-fei expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He did not request provision of rain shelters on the pavement but hoped that seats could be provided near the “Green Belt” site there for elderly members and people walking dogs to rest. It was learnt that same facilities were provided in Tung Chung North but the pavement outside Yat Tung Estate was enclosed by railings. He believed that the railings were managed by LandsD but was not sure which department’s purview did the area within the railings fall within. He pointed out that the railings and Green Belt site occupied more space than the pavement and enquired if the railings could be removed to widen the pavement for the residents to rest in the shade under the trees. He also reminded relevant departments to pay attention to the location of tree roots underground during works implementation.
- (b) The Green Belt site outside Yu Tung Road was overgrown with grass with some as tall as a person. He hoped that relevant departments could conduct grass cutting work and construct recreational facilities to eliminate mosquito breeding.
- (c) Yat Tung Estate was by the hillside and areas between roads were mostly Green Belt sites. He was concerned that overgrown of plants would affect environmental hygiene and cause mosquito problems. As such, he proposed reducing the size of the Green Belt sites near the housing estate to prevent shrubs from being a hiding place of rodents. In addition, fallen

leaves, rubbish and plastic bags retained stagnant water which attracted mosquito breeding of.

56. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho understood that IsDO had pro-actively respond to the questions. Unfortunately, PlanD did not send representatives to the meeting so progress could hardly be made in the discussion. He hoped that the Secretariat could put it on record.

57. The Chairman agreed with the views of Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho and would discuss the matter with the Chairmen of various committees. He said that a number of departments also provided only written replies to Members' questions, and therefore the matter could not effectively discussed at the meeting.

58. The Chairman asked IsDO to respond to questions on amenity areas.

59. Ms Christy LEUNG noted that plants at the location were under the horticultural maintenance of LCSD and said that IsDO would discuss provision of rain shelters with other departments. Once the proposal was endorsed, IsDO would invite relevant Members to a site inspection to confirm the actual location of the works.

60. Mr FONG Lung-fei enquired if LCSD had cut the aerial roots of the Chinese banyan trees. He was concerned that the aerial roots extended to the ground would gradually become tree trunks which might lead to a number of problems if they were not handled timely. He said that the aerial roots of a number of Chinese banyan trees had extended to the shelter above the seats at Yat Tung Estate Lai Shuk Ying Memorial Plaza and hoped that the department would be aware of the situation. In addition, although FEHD sprayed insecticide at Green Belt sites, insecticide spray might not reach places near the ground if the shrubs were too tall. He hoped that relevant departments could draw up a grass-cutting timetable and reduce the use of mosquito spray to minimise adverse effect on the environment.

61. Mr David KWAN said that the department would not cut the aerial roots of Chinese banyan trees on purpose but could conduct site inspections and study improvement measures. He also agreed to arrange undergrowth cutting.

V. Question on provision of covered access within Ying Tung Estate  
(Paper DFMC 26/2020)

62. The Chairman welcomed Mr HAU Chi-leung, Arnold, Property Service Manager/S(HKI) 4 of the Housing Department (HD) and Ms HUI Shuk-yee, Engineer/Islands 2 of the Transport Department (TD) to the meeting to respond to the question.

63. Mr Sammy TSUI briefly presented the question.

64. Mr Arnold HAU said that HD had provided a 2-metre wide covered walkway leading to the estate's boundary at the entrance of Ying Tung Estate facing the bus stop.

The pavement and cycle track outside the estate's boundary were out of the purview of HD. As such, no covered walkway would be provided by HD for the access from the entrance of the estate to the bus stop

65. Ms HUI Shuk-ye said that the Government announced inviting DCs to propose suitable major walkways for provision of cover in the 2016 "Policy Address". The Traffic and Transport Committee of IDC set priority for the walkway from North Lantau Hospital to the bus stop outside the fire station on Chui Kwan Drive after the meeting on 22 May 2017. HyD had completed the detailed design for the walkway cover concerned and the works was expected to complete in 2022. In addition, the Government announced the launch of "Universal Accessibility" Programme phase 2 in the 2019 "Policy Address" and TD planned to invite DCs to propose suitable walkways for the programme in 2020. The works consultant hired by HyD would assess the pedestrian flow and study preliminarily the technical feasibility of the proposals and timely report the study results to assist DC in making the final decision. HyD would design for the finalised proposal afterwards as well as gazette, apply for funding, invite tenders and commence the works according to established procedures.

66. Mr Sammy TSUI said that the location mentioned by Mr Arnold HAU was in the estate which could not effectively provide shelter for pedestrians from rain and wind at present. To his observation, passengers usually waited for buses at the location mentioned by Mr Hau and near 7-Eleven convenience store in the blazing sun and ran to the bus stop after the buses pulled in. As such, the residents requested construction of a cover from Ying Fook House to the location mentioned by Mr Arnold Hau, which was within the purview of HD, so they would not be exposed to sunlight or rain while waiting. It was unnecessary to connect the covered walkway to the cycle track or bus stop, or extend it to the road section between Ying Chui House and the area in front of the cycle track outside HD office. He said that other housing estates were equipped with such facility of which he would take photos. The department could draw reference from it and study if construction of the facility in Ying Tung Estate was appropriate.

67. Mr Arnold HAU reiterated that HD had provided a 2-metre wide covered walkway at the entrance of Ying Tung Estate, and said that a site visit at Ying Tung Estate with Mr Sammy TSUI on 16 July had been arranged. He hoped that Mr TSUI could provide relevant information and photos of the covered walkway in the housing estates as mentioned for reference.

(Post-meeting note: Since the proposed site for walkway cover had been equipped with various underground utilities, the proposal was deemed infeasible after site inspection at Ying Tung Estate on 16 July. The residents could make good use of the 2-metre wide covered walkway at the entrance of the estate for protection from wind and rain.)

VI. Question on public facilities at Man Tung Road  
(Paper DFMC 27/2020)

68. The Chairman said that the written replies of HyD and TD had been

distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting

69. Mr LEE Ka-ho briefly presented the question.

70. Mr LEE Ka-ho said that the written reply of HyD had accounted for the organisation managing the iron poles and stated that an inspection would be conducted by the organisation. TD had also given response so it was believed that the problems of iron poles could be resolved. However, he hoped that both departments could respond to matters regarding the seven rain shelters which were not mentioned in their written replies.

71. Ms Christy LEUNG said that the notice boards of the seven rain shelters at Man Tung Road were managed by Tung Chung Safe and Healthy City (TCSHC) which applied to IsDO in 2008 for provision of notice boards to exhibit winning entries of drawing competitions and promote the community activities it organised. IsDO was aware that the notice boards were dilapidated and had requested TCSHC for follow-up. TCSHC said that it was going to remove the notice boards whose usage dropped due to advancement in technology in recent years. IsDO would renovate the rain shelters after the removal of the notice boards.

72. Mr LEE Ka-ho enquired if the rain shelters were facilities within the purview of IsDO before they were managed by TCSHC.

73. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that TCSHC was located in Yat Tung Estate and the targets of its activities were mostly children. He queried if it needed to place notice boards at Man Tung Road. He pointed out that the banners hanged by IDC, Members and government departments in Yat Tung Estate were often damaged and enquired if IsDO would consider providing additional rain shelters, notice boards and seats for Members to put up notices and for the public to rest. He also proposed vacating spaces at Green Belts for such purposes to avoid occupying the pavements.

74. Mr WONG Chun-yeung said that to his understanding, the notice boards were placed near the municipal services building and two schools. Elderly members walking past the location and children participating in church activities on Saturdays sometimes read the notices. He opined that the views of Mr FONG Lung-fei reflected the actual situation. Although the residents considered the notice boards of HD the major channel to receive information from DC Members, they seldom stopped to read the notices. The banners on the street were vague in content which were not attractive to the public. Therefore, he proposed retaining one notice board for IsDO to promote its programmes or activities while allowing Members to disseminate community information using the notice board in figure 3 in the paper. He hoped that IsDO noted Members' views and made the best use of the two notice boards.

75. Ms Christy LEUNG said that the rain shelters were maintained by IsDO while the notice boards were installed and managed by TCSHC. Owing to popularisation of electronic advertising, the use of notice boards to display information might be outdated. As such, there is no plan to open up the notice boards for use by the public or organisations.

76. Mr FONG Lung-fei enquired if IsDO would switch to full scale publicity through electronic means so it no longer had to put up banners. He opined that reference could be drawn from the design of bus stops to install electronic display boards at rain shelters for publicity purpose.

77. Mr LEE Ka-ho said that the majority of the public received information via electronic screens but notice boards still had an impact in the community. He opined that there were various reasons for ineffective information dissemination which might not be attributable to inappropriate means of dissemination. Unattractive content might be the cause. He proposed that IsDO should allow Members or organisations to apply for putting up notices on notice boards. He discovered that the notice boards were damaged by strong wind and left unattended two weeks before submission of the question. It was learnt that the notice boards were temporarily fixed with strings and were not yet repaired. Therefore, he enquired of IsDO which department or organisation was responsible for managing the rain shelters and notice boards. In response to IsDO's remark about TCSHC's plan to remove the notice boards, he enquired about the timetable and if the works could be completed within this year. In addition, he enquired if additional seats and notice boards were to be provided after the confirmation of renovation of rain shelters, whether IsDO would be in charge of the works concerned.

78. Mr WONG Chun-yeung noted that TCSHC was responsible for managing the notice boards but hoped that IsDO would relay Members' views on opening up the notice boards for posting promotional leaflets to the organisation for fully utilisation of the facilities. He understood that IsDO considered the use of notice boards for publicity outdated but pointed out that such means of disseminating community information was more effective than hanging banners. As such, he hoped that TCSHC could reserve one of the notice boards for use by Members.

79. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that the uses of IsDO's notice boards had been discussed at previous meetings. He proposed that the Secretariat should put the views on the notice boards at Man Tung Road on record. Agenda items of relevance raised later could be grouped together for discussion to accelerate the progress of the meeting.

80. Mr FONG Lung-fei enquired if the figure only showed part of the notice boards. He was concerned that the damaged notice boards left on the ground unattended might be blown away by strong winds and hit passers-by, and urged relevant departments to handle the matter as soon as possible. Although the notice boards at Man Tung Road were no longer in use, he opined that taking into account the huge population of Yat Tung Estate including a number of elderly members, provision of rain shelters as well as seats and notice boards inside could attract the residents to read the notices and achieve publicity impact. In addition, notice boards were strong and not easily damaged. He hoped that IsDO could seriously consider the proposal.

81. Mr Randy YU proposed removal of the two notice boards due to safety concerns. Regarding site selection and relevant proposals raised for the notice boards, he suggested Members assess the condition of the location first and continue the

discussion on the matter at later meetings to ensure the current meeting ran effectively.

82. The Chairman said that although the two notice boards were not installed by IsDO, he hoped that IsDO could respond when they would be removed.

83. Ms Christy LEUNG said that IsDO would follow up with TCSHC after the meeting and request prompt removal of the notice boards to avoid possible danger.

(Post-meeting note: the notice boards were removed on 18 July.)

VII. Question on collection of CuMasks and cheques under Cash Payout Scheme  
(Paper DFMC 28/2020)

84. The Chairman welcomed Mr KAO Hsi-chiang, Chief Health Inspector (Islands)<sup>2</sup> of FEHD and Ms KO Sha-lee, Shirley, General Manager (Retail Business) of the Post Office. The written reply of the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

85. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho briefly presented the question.

86. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that although the locations and means of obtaining forms were mentioned in the written reply of FSTB, Cheung Chau residents had to walk 10 to 15 minutes to the locations and some residents of Tung Chung or other areas learnt that they had to walk another 30 minutes to the locations concerned to collect the forms after reaching a post office. He criticised the bureau for failing to consider users' needs and opined that assistance from banks could be sought to allow the public to obtain the forms from banks branches. It was believed that the banks were willing to help.

87. Ms Shirley KO said that Hongkong Post was dedicated to providing a barrier-free environment to facilitate public use of post services. Regarding the stairs at the entrance of Cheung Chau Post Office, the existing arrangement was putting up notices with the phone number of the post office for people in need such as wheelchair users or elderly members to seek assistance via phone call. As for Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho's remark about the staff's failure to help the elderly or disabled persons outside the post office although their family members or domestic helpers entered the premise to seek assistance, the department had reminded again the staff of the post office to endeavour to offer assistance. Apart from collecting CuMask in person, authorisation of a person to collect on one's behalf was possible. A template of the authorisation letter had been uploaded to the CuMask+™ website (<https://www.qmask.gov.hk>) for reference. The deadline for collection was 15 July. Registrants of Cash Payout Scheme must go to the post office to collect the cheque and sign to acknowledge receipt in person. After receiving sms or notification letter on cheque collection, registrants must produce their identity card and relevant notification of collection at a post office. The staff would identify the cheque enclosed in an envelope according to the reference number on the notification. After verification, the cheque would be handed to the registrant who was required to sign to acknowledge receipt afterwards.

88. Mr KAO Hsi-chiang said that barrier-free facilities for blind people has been set at the entrance of Cheung Chau Sports Centre (near the entrance of the post office). As for the arrangements for wheelchair users, a notice had been put up on the wall on the side of the stairs. Wheelchair users in need of post office services could call the number on the notice to seek assistance from the staff. As for proposed conversion of the stairs to facilitate access by wheelchair users, the department had contacted the Architectural Services Department to discuss and study feasible proposals.

89. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho noted the uses of the stairs and would further follow up on the matter. It was stated in the written reply of Hongkong Post that disabled persons could seek assistance from the staff of the post office via phone call. However, in the cases he mentioned, when family members or domestic helpers entered the post office to tell the staff that the elderly or disabled persons outside visited for cheque collection, their requests were turned down. He queried if the public could only seek assistance via phone call rather than in person. He criticised the department's practice and opined that relevant staff should handle the cases with flexibility. He was discontented as the department only followed up on the problems after they were raised by Members. He opined that the matter was simple and if there were established rules to adhere, the staff could contact officers of higher ranks to resolve the problems. He found it ridiculous for the department to address the problems only after they were raised by Members.

90. The Chairman asked if the representative of Hongkong Post had anything to supplement.

91. Ms Shirley Ko said that she had nothing to supplement.

VIII. Question on emergency ambulance service on South Lamma Island  
(Paper DFMC 29/2020)

92. The Chairman welcomed Mr YIU Men-yeung, Divisional Commander (Marine and Diving), Mr LEUNG Tak-yiu, Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer, Mr AU Chun-bong, Superintendent (Ambulance) and Mr SHUM Ka-yam, Depot Commander of the Fire Services Department (FSD), Mr LEONG Seong-iam, Sammy, Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) as well as Dr Michelle WONG, Chief of Service (Family Medicine & Primary Healthcare) and Ms CHEUNG Pik-har, Ward Manager (Family Medicine & Primary Healthcare) of Hong Kong East Cluster of the Hospital Authority (HA). The written replies of the Government Flying Service and HA had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

93. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho briefly presented the question. He supplemented that the question was mainly about factors of consideration in provision of 24 hour emergency services by HA, and opined that although Islands District was less populous than other districts, the needs of residents should not be neglected.

94. Mr LEUNG Tak-yiu responded as follows:

- (a) FSD had indicators to monitor the response time of emergency ambulance service. The target was 92.5%, meaning that an ambulance could arrive at the street address within 12 minutes from the time of call. In the first half of 2018, 2019 and 2020, 94.40%、91.79% and 95.53% of the calls for emergency services on Lamma Island were responded to within the graded response time. The figures of May and June 2020 were provisional. The department would closely monitor the demand for emergency ambulance services and performance pledges as well as review overall resource utilisation to balance the needs of different parties. FSD had all along strived to enhance emergency ambulance services, stayed vigilant and raced against the time to serve the public.
- (b) The fire vessels of FSD (except speedboats) were all equipped with ambulance equipment. Some were further installed with a medical room to cope with the need of ambulance personnel. The department reviewed from time to time its overall marine firefighting and rescue strategies in Hong Kong as well as related equipment. It had also conducted an in-depth study with respect to the proposal for acquiring ambulance launches. Some suggested that ambulance personnel could board ambulance launches upon receipt of calls and proceed to the incident scene as early as possible, attend to the casualties on the subject vessel and convey them ashore using the ambulance launches. Nonetheless, such idea had no difference from FSD's current practice in discharging search and rescue operations in relation to maritime incidents in principle. Under the existing arrangement, ambulance personnel could attend to maritime incidents and convey casualties ashore by fire vessels or police launches. The fire vessels of FSD (except speedboats) were all equipped with ambulance equipment to cope with the needs of ambulance personnel. In addition, FSD had been studying modification of existing fire vessels with a view to better catering for the needs of ambulance personnel in handling casualties in maritime incidents.
- (c) FSD would seek resources to put in place ambulance equipment or designated ambulance area on new vessels or Mobile Response and Command Platform to be procured in the future, so that the casualties and affected persons could receive initial treatment in a safe and stable environment. Taking into account factors including the expected overall benefits of the proposal to the handling of maritime incidents involving a substantial number of casualties and its implication on actual operations, as well as making reference to the practices of other cities, FSD considered that the existing maritime rescue strategy had already allowed a high degree of flexibility, mobility and responsiveness. It reiterated that there was no need to separately procure dedicated ambulance launches at the present stage. FSD will keep a watch on the development and needs of the society, and review current policies in a timely manner to enhance capability in relevant aspects and continue to provide emergency ambulance services to the public with dedication.



95. Dr Michelle WONG said that HA understood the demand of Lamma residents for general out-patient clinic services. She attributed the ever-increasing demand for general out-patient clinic services to the aging population and pointed out that HA would keep a watch on the demand for and usage of the services of the residents of Sok Kwu Wan and North Lamma. It planned to upgrade the facilities and conduct large-scale renovation works in clinics in North Lamma. Internal approval process had been conducted and relevant procedures had been commenced for the works with a view to improving the service quality of the clinics in North Lamma. Clinics on outlying islands mainly provided one-stop treatment for chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. All nurses in the clinics were equipped with relevant knowledge and skills. With the assistance of FSD, residents in need of emergency rescue services outside the opening hours of the clinics could make ambulance calls. FSD would convey the patients to urban areas for treatment according to their condition and urgency by appropriate means of transport. HA would also arrange the patient to receive assessment by doctors and nurses in clinics on outlying islands nearby where practicable.

96. Mr Sammy LEONG said that the Police had no separate statistics on the number of ambulance service callers conveyed from Lamma Island and there were 636 cases in the entire Islands District (including South Lamma, Cheung Chau and Peng Chau) in 2018, 556 cases in 2019 and 77 cases in the first quarter of 2020. The number of cases in 2020 slightly increased because the Police assisted in conveyance of persons suspected of infection during the epidemic. Nonetheless, the figure was in line with that of the first quarter of last year overall.

97. Mr LEUNG Tak-yiu said that FSD did not have a breakdown on the number of ambulance service callers on Lamma Island conveyed by helicopters, Police launches, fireboats or ordinary ferries. Over the past three years, the number of casualties conveyed to hospitals in urban areas was 683, 556 and 483 in 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively.

98. Ms LAU Shun-ting said that she had been following up on the emergency ambulance services on Lamma Island with HA and FSD. Sok Kwu Wan Clinic only provided general out-patient service from 9:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. every Monday to Friday. As there was no other medical service such as private clinics in Sok Kwu Wan, the residents were very anxious. There had been patients unable to be saved in time over the years but HA had not followed up on the matter. She had requested HA to provide additional general out-patient service and automated external defibrillators (AEDs) with the Legislative Council (LegCo) Member Mr LEUNG Che-cheung and IDC Members including Mr CHOW Yuk-tong and Mr CHAN Lin-wai in 2013. Learning that the equipment would be provided outside Sok Kwu Wan Clinic, she urged HA to expedite installation. Her office and that of Mr CHOW Yuk-tong would jointly organise cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and AED operation courses to enhance the public's first-aid knowledge. In addition, she had met the Under Secretary for Food & Health on 17 June with LegCo Members Mr LEUNG Che-cheung and Mr CHAN Han-pan, Ben as well as Mr CHOW Yuk-tong and Mr CHAN Lin-wai to request enhancement of medical services in Lamma Island as soon as possible.

99. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He thanked FSD and the Police for giving responses and understood that they had been committed to serving Hong Kong citizens. He emphasised that the question was targeted at HA. Since it was time-consuming to convey patients to hospitals, other departments' efforts in fulfilling their duties would be in vain if HA refused to provide services round the clock. Although accident and emergency services were provided in Cheung Chau, some cases had to be conveyed to hospitals in urban areas for treatment. He enquired when HA could provide services round the clock and said that he would consider moving a motion.
- (b) He said that he had expressed views on the question in less than two minutes. However, only 35 seconds of Ms LAU Shun-ting's speech was related to the agenda item while the remaining three minutes were irrelevant, with which he expressed discontent and queried if the Chairman allowed her to continue her speech only because it was medical-related. He criticised Ms LAU Shun-ting for mentioning other Members frequently and making irrelevant speech, which was a waste of time. He queried if her objective was to put her work on record and enquired if the Chairman should take actions against such behaviour. He considered that he had spoken very concisely concerning provision of services round the clock. The response of HA, however, deviated from the topic that only medical services in Lamma North was addressed.

100. The Chairman asked Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho to go back to the topic and focus on discussing the question. He pointed out that when Mr WONG Chun-yeung mentioned matters of another agenda item, he also asked him to discuss the matters when the meeting progressed to the agenda item concerned.

101. Mr WONG Chun-yeung said that the Chairman of IDC reminded Members to keep their speeches concise, stick to the main points and refrain from filibustering at the meeting in January this year. He said that there were disputes between Members due to different political stances at the first meeting. He emphasised that Members should deliver speeches relevant to the agenda item as well as conduct discussions and take actions to address the problems rather than promoting oneself such as mentioning to whom a letter was submitted and which departments were requested to take certain actions. He queried if Ms LAU Shun-ting "made an about-turn in defiance of what was agreed previously" by digressing from the topic of discussion today. He hoped that Members would abide by the consensus reached after the disputes at the meeting in January and respect the Council by refraining from filibustering which did no good to the meeting and was meaningless.

102. Ms Amy YUNG said that provision of AEDs in Discovery Bay Community Hall (DBCH) proposed by her would be discussed in agenda item XII. As Ms LAU Shun-ting mentioned AEDs just now, she did not mind extending the discussion on the item. However, the speech of Ms LAU Shun-ting was irrelevant. She opined that

Members should focus on discussing the agenda items rather than reading out speeches drafted in advance and posted on social media platforms for publicity. She emphasised that the objective of a meeting was to discuss the agenda items and urge the Government to give response. Members should not regard reading a speech at the meetings as fulfilment of their duties. She opined that Members should be equipped with analytical skills. Anyone who had briefly prepared for the meeting should have noticed the question she raised and followed up on relevant matters under item XII. She reiterated that she did not mind other Members further discussing the subject matter under item XII as all Members were serving Islands District. She considered self-enhancement such as learning how to discuss at meetings, draft papers and raise questions necessary for Members.

103. Mr HO Chun-fai said that it was of no consequence. Members could express their views if they considered Ms LAU Shun-ting's speech deviated from the topic, whereas the views of Mr LEUNG Kwok had positive impact on the Council. He agreed with Ms Amy YUNG that Members should keep their speeches as concise as possible.

104. The Chairman reminded Members to return to the subject matter and hoped that Members could make speeches according to the regulations and avoid side-tracking.

105. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho urged HA to consider provision of emergency services round the clock as soon as possible. It was cumbersome to convey patients to hospitals with the assistance of other departments if such services could only be provided in five to ten years. He opined that HA should serve people across the territory consistently. If resources were in short supply, HA could consider applying to LegCo for additional funding. He pointed out that the problem had existed for a long time. If follow-up on the item was required one year later, it implied failure of HA. He urged HA to proactively consider his views.

106. Dr Michelle WONG said that HA had no plan to provide general out-patient clinic services round the clock at this stage. In view of the existing shortage of doctors and nurses, it was necessary to make optimal use of general out-patient clinic services and deployment of doctors and nurses should be cost-effective. She would relay the views concerned to HA for consideration.

107. Mr YUNG Chi-ming agreed with the views of Mr HO Chun-fai.

108. The Chairman said that matters irrelevant to the item should be discussed after the meeting as repeated discussion would affect the efficiency of the meeting.

IX. Motion on request for provision of temporary market in Tung Chung as early as possible (Paper DFMC 30/2020)

109. The Chairman welcomed Mr KAO Hsi-chiang, Chief Health Inspector (Islands)<sup>2</sup> of FEHD to the meeting to respond to the motion. The motion was moved by Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho and seconded by Mr LEE Ka-ho and Mr Sammy TSUI.

110. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho briefly presented the motion.

111. Mr WONG Chun-yeung said that since the establishment of Tung Chung New Town, the residents had been hit hard by rising prices. It was learnt that some Tung Chung residents bought food and groceries from markets in Tsuen Wan, Sham Shui Po and even Tseung Kwan O. He was pleased to know that Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho moved the motion and would like to discuss the item in an in-depth manner. He believed that Members no matter what their political views were hoped that the problems of rising prices and monopoly in Tung Chung could be resolved. The reason for significant rise in price level was the remote location of Tung Chung, toll of Lantau Link and theme park effect. Quoting the first paragraph of the paper “It was believed that construction of a market after reclamation would take around a decade” and “Among the 1 475 valid questionnaires, there were 876 votes for selecting other sites for construction of a temporary market”, he enquired whether the survey was conducted by Mr CHU Hoi-dick, the Government or public organisations, and whether the survey aimed at looking into the feasibility of constructing a public market in Ying Tung Estate. He also stated his support for construction of a temporary market. He emphasised that since the dissolution of Urban Council, public market contractors (such as Uni-China Group Holdings Limited and Link REIT) raised the price level in markets through different means, and a number of shop tenants were willing to cooperate. To his understanding, some hawkers were intimidated by the triad for grabbing business with splashing of red paint at their residence and harassment of their family. He considered the situation very serious.

112. The Chairman said that Mr WONG Chun-yeung had deviated from the agenda item too much and asked him to return to the topic and focus on discussing the motion.

113. Mr WONG Chun-yeung said that the motion was about setting up a temporary market. As such, he wished to explore if a temporary market could break the monopoly which caused price increase. He criticised large consortia behind the public markets for manoeuvring to obtain the operating right of markets, tender according to free market mechanism and eventually lifted the rent and arranged distributors and tenants to raise prices. He proposed drawing reference from the market in the Municipal Services Building in Sham Shui Po when setting up a temporary market. Rent control should be implemented to prevent contractors from raising prices through tendering. He supported the objective of the motion and asked Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho to consider refining it.

114. Mr KAO Hsi-chiang said that the department noted that IDC had rounds of discussion on provision of a temporary and permanent market, and understood public concern about construction of a public market. The department noted Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho’s suggestion and would report the progress to IDC in due course.

115. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho expressed his views as follows:

(a) He enquired if the department had any short or medium-term plans, such

as construction of a temporary market in five years or a permanent market in 15 years.

- (b) He opined that what Mr WONG Chun-yeung suggested should be implemented in the second step as discussion on ways to break monopoly and establish a fair mechanism should only start after the confirmation of market construction works.

116. Ms Josephine TSANG agreed with the point of view of Mr WONG Chun-yeung and supported the motion moved by Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho. However, she opined that Mr WONG Chun-yeung should not mention other Members and any political stances in his speech, and emphasised that Members should focus on IDC matters.

117. Mr LEE Ka-ho said that the motion was raised because Members were aware of the Tung Chung residents' efforts in fighting for construction of a market for almost 20 years. While it was learnt no long ago that a market would be constructed near the MTR station, Members later discovered that the market would be provided in a commercial premise. He pointed out that the proposal for Tin Shui Wai Market had been announced but there was still no definite date for implementation of the Tung Chung Market proposal and reclamation work was not yet commenced at the proposed site for the market at the Tung Chung East reclamation area, with which he expressed dissatisfaction. Although there were various markets in the estates in Tung Chung, the problems of soaring price and monopoly mentioned by Mr WONG Chun-yeung existed in all of them. While FEHD had undeniable responsibility, the Government was duty-bound to safeguard the interests of the residents and satisfy their needs. He urged the Government to provide a temporary market before completion of the public market. He agreed with the views of Mr WONG Chun-yeung and opined that after construction of a temporary market, FEHD should not outsource the operating right to a contractor to effectively manage the market and maintain a reasonable price level.

118. The Chairman agreed with Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho that the motion should be processed first, leaving other matters for further discussion later.

119. Mr FONG Lung-fei supported the motion. He pointed out that FEHD often hindered Members work with excuses of technical issues (such as water or electricity problems). To his understanding, some local organisations had been fighting for construction of a temporary market and had organised a temporary bazaar selling wet and dry goods as well as chilled meat and fish at On Tung Street Soccer Pitch, which was quite well received.

120. The Chairman said that discussion should focus on the motion concerned and enquired if Mr FONG Lung-fei had any amendments to the motion.

121. Mr Eric KWOK said that the focus of discussion should be the motion concerned such as proposing amendments to it.

122. Mr FONG Lung-fei proposed amendment to the motion as follows: "IDC

requests relevant departments to provide a temporary market in Tung Chung expeditiously and prior to that, a hawker zone with stalls “dismantled at night” or a temporary market at On Tung Street Soccer Pitch, and pledge to construct a permanent public market.”

123. Mr WONG Chun-yeung proposed amendment to the motion as follows: “IDC requests relevant departments to provide a bazaar and temporary market in Tung Chung and pledge to construct a permanent public market managed by FEHD.” He hoped that the motion would be endorsed but was concerned that the problem of soaring price would remain unsolved or even worsen after completion of the market.

124. Mr FONG Lung-fei seconded the amendment raised by Mr WONG Chun-yeung.

125. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the amendment raised by Mr WONG Chun-yeung by a show of hands.

126. Members voted by a show of hands. There were four votes in favour, two against and 10 abstentions.

(Members voted in favour included: The Vice-chairman Mr WONG Chun-yeung, Mr FONG Lung-fei, Mr LEE Ka-ho and Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho. Members voted against included: Ms Amy YUNG and Mr Sammy TSUI. The Chairman Mr Ken WONG, Mr Randy YU, Mr WONG Man-hon, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms WONG Chau-ping, Ms Josephine TSANG, Mr Eric KWOK and Ms LAU Shun-ting abstained.)

127. Mr Sammy TSUI said that the original motion requested provision of a temporary market operating in a mode similar to that of Tin Shui Wai Temporary Market. “Bazaar” with “stalls dismantled at night” in the motion might overlap with the mode of operation of a temporary market. He reminded Members to be careful with choice of words and refrain from changing for the sake of change or the motion would be difficult to handle. Even if it was eventually endorsed, relevant departments might be unwilling to follow up as they did not understand the mode or design Members desired.

128. The Chairman understood the point of view of Mr Sammy TSUI and believed all Members were clear that whether the objectives could be accomplished was still an unknown even if the motion was endorsed. However, at least the matter had been raised for discussion so it was unnecessary to stop Members from moving the motion. He said that the motion endorsed could not be reversed and therefore continued argument would be meaningless. While whether a motion could be put into practice after endorsement was uncertain, it was of utmost importance to respect the motion moved by Members.

129. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that according to normal meeting procedures, amendment to motion was usually handwritten by the Member proposing the amendment for Members’ reference.

130. Mr WONG Chun-yeung said that his amendment to the motion was logical. There might be misunderstanding as Mr Sammy TSUI had not yet read his handwritten content. He explained that there was only slight addition to the motion and Members considering the motion illogical or problematic in execution could reflect to him later. He opined that the item was urgent with far-reaching implications on Tung Chung so he raised it for discussion at the meeting. He understood that Mr Sammy TSUI wished to remind him to adhere to the meeting procedures as a senior to prevent being denounced by the public. However, he hoped that Mr Sammy TSUI could avoid making judgements too early and clarified that the agenda items raised by young Members were not as reckless as conceived. If there was no permanent market managed by FEHD in Tung Chung, the problems of price level and monopoly could not be tackled. He only aimed to improve the proposal by making amendments. At last, he apologised for the chaos in discussion earlier or being unfamiliar with the course of the meeting. As the Vice-chairman of the committee, he pledged to make improvements in future.

131. Mr Randy YU said that the voting result was clear and the amendment was endorsed. The next step was to vote on the amended motion. He pointed out that since “bazaar” and “temporary market” were mentioned in the amended motion, even if the departmental representatives present could not pledge to follow up on the matter, Mr Sammy TSUI could rest assured that it could be followed up at the Working Group on promotion of bazaar development under IDC. He expressed his views for Members’ reference, in the hope that the voting to be conducted later could be smoother.

132. The Chairman asked Mr WONG Chun-yeung to read aloud the amended motion again.

133. Mr WONG Chun-yeung read aloud the amended motion as follows: “IDC requests relevant departments to provide a bazaar and a temporary market in Tung Chung expeditiously, and pledge to construct a permanent public market managed by FEHD in the area.”

134. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the amended motion of Mr WONG Chun-yeung by a show of hands. The amended motion was seconded by Mr FONG Lung-fei.

135. Members voted by a show of hands. There were nine votes in favour, 0 against and six abstentions. The motion was endorsed.

(Members voted in favour included: The Vice-chairman Mr WONG Chun-yeung, Mr Randy YU, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr FONG Lung-fei, Mr LEE Ka-ho and Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho. The Chairman Mr Ken WONG, Mr WONG Man-hon, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Ms WONG Chau-ping, Mr Sammy TSUI and Ms LAU Shun-ting abstained.)

(Mr CHAN Lin-wai left the meeting at around 12:45 p.m.; and Mr Sammy TSUI left at around 1:25 p.m.)

X. Question on mobile communications service in South Lantau  
(Paper DFMC 31/2020)

136. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEE Shun, Wilson, Senior Telecommunications Engineer (Regulatory 12) and Mr YUNG Siu-ye, Telecommunications Engineer (Regulatory 12) of the Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) to the meeting to give response.

137. Mr HO Chun-fai briefly presented the question.

138. Mr Wilson LEE responded as follows:

- (a) OFCA have been encouraging and providing facilitation to mobile network operators (MNOs) in installation of new radio base stations (RBS) with a view to improving the mobile network coverage in rural areas. The Government have also implemented various facilitating measures, including allowing MNOs to use government premises and hilltop site facilities, leasing government lands to MNOs for installation of RBS at nominal rent and using microwave stations to connect the RBS in remote areas. For example, the number of base stations of hiking trails and rural areas near country parks/the Hong Kong Geopark had increased from 7 in 2005 to 32 at present.
- (b) MNOs would consider the following factors before installing a base station at a specific location: the cost, technical feasibility, whether the property owners would allow the RBS installation and whether the residents nearby supported the RBS installation. To his understanding, the lack of RBS in some remote areas might not be related to MNOs. Opposition from the local residents and lack of suitable sites for RBS installation could be the causes.
- (c) MNOs are not obliged by the telecommunications licences to provide mobile network coverage at a particular location. Nevertheless, OFCA would conduct field tests after receiving complaints of poor mobile network coverage at specific locations. If there is room to improve the mobile coverage, OFCA would invite the MNOs to explore measures and improve the network coverage.
- (d) To ascertain the network coverage condition of the two road sections, OFCA conducted field tests for voice and data service using mobile phones in early July 2020. The result showed that mobile network signals of two or more MNOs could be received at Shui Tseng Wan, Wang Tong, Shap Long San Tsuen and Chi Ma Wan Pier and telephone calls and internet connection could successfully be made. As such, it would not be appropriate to claim that there were no mobile network coverage or mobile services were not available at the two road sections.



- (e) OFCA had relayed the requests of setting up RBS to the MNOs. MNOs were generally willing to explore the feasibility of installing RBS with the villagers given the availability of suitable sites and no opposition from the residents nearby. Therefore, OFCA invited Members to relay the views of MNOs to the villagers. Members were also welcome to provide OFCA with information on suitable sites for installation which would be passed to the MNOs for follow-up.

139. Mr HO Chun-fai expressed his views as follows:

- (a) The problem of poor signal reception occurred from time to time in South Lantau in the past but the situation slightly improved in the previous three to four years. Although the representative of OFCA reported that the mobile signals of two or more MNOs could be received at Shap Long Tsuen, he also stated that while some spots had mobile coverage, some did not. Taking the MNO he was using as an example, mobile signals could not be received at over 90% of Shap Long Tsuen. Although other MNOs could cover Pui O and Shap Long Tsuen, it was unreasonable to request the residents to switch MNOs at different road sections. He opined that the public should not be mandated to use the services of specific MNOs. Instead, OFCA should strike a balance between the needs of different parties and improve the coverage condition.
- (b) He proposed to construct a RBS at the peak of Shap Long Tsuen to provide mobile network coverage in more isolated areas like in Pui O, safeguarding the safety of hikers and cyclists. He also urged OFCA to assist MNOs in studying on improvement of mobile services in South Lantau. He said that a number of residents rode bicycles between Mui Wo and Shap Long but the section between Chi Ma Wan Peninsula and Lung Mei had no mobile coverage. In case of accidents occurred, OFCA could hardly absolve itself of the blame. Taking into account the advancement in technology, he believed that implementation of the proposal should not be too difficult and urged OFCA to follow up expeditiously.

140. Mr Eric KWOK expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He agreed that it was necessary to enhance the radiocommunication facilities of relevant areas and said that South Lantau was a popular place for hiking and mountain biking. If someone fell or involved in a bicycle accident could not communicate with outside parties as their MNOs did not provide service at the location concerned, causing delay in treatment, the consequences could be dire. He urged OFCA to seriously study improvement to the mobile telecommunication system.
- (b) He reflected that not all mobile network signals could be received at the market in Mun Tung Estate, and hoped that OFCA could encourage

MNOs to add a RBS inside the market. To his understanding, there were already RBS in the proximity of the market. He did not understand why no mobile signal could be received in the market and would contact OFCA later to request a site inspection with its representatives.

141. Mr Randy YU expressed his views as follows:

- (a) OFCA had clearly explained the background information. Tai Long Wan Tsuen and Ngau Kwu Long also had similar problems in the past few years. He understood that development of RBS was beyond the scope of works of OFCA but hoped that it could actively persuade MNOs to provide such facilities.
- (b) He pointed out that based on the experience of the three villages in Lantau Island, Members of the constituency could conduct network coverage test at the road sections concerned with representatives familiar with the area and OFCA. As such, he proposed contacting Mr HO Chun-fai to conduct a field test with the representative of Shap Long Tsuen and relevant persons to identify the accurate location of blind spots.

142. Mr Wilson LEE made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) OFCA noted the views of Members and would arrange a network coverage test at the road sections again with Mr HO Chun-fai and relevant persons.
- (b) OFCA admitted that some locations within the road section might have poor mobile network coverage. Locations with relatively weak signals would be identified and OFCA would invite the MNOs to improve the relevant locations.
- (c) Regarding the network coverage problem at the market of Mun Tung Estate, he said that OFCA would later conduct a field test with Mr Eric KWOK and proceeded to the next step based on the test results.

143. Mr HO Chun-fai expressed that MNOs might only consider their own interests from operator perspective. He remarked that Shap Long Tsuen was remotely located with only dozens of households, and therefore development of a RBS was not cost-effective to the MNOs. However, as thousands of people hiked and rode bicycles in the vicinity of Chi Ma Wan Peninsula and Mui Wo, he hoped that OFCA could remind MNOs to shoulder the social responsibility of safeguarding public safety.

144. Mr Wilson LEE noted Members' views and would pass the test results to the MNOs with a view to improving the mobile network coverage in rural areas as far as possible.

145. The Chairman asked OFCA to arrange a field test with the Members concerned after the meeting.

XI. Question on cleaning workers of Islands District community halls  
(Paper DFMC 32/2020)

146. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEE Lap-chi, Alfred, District Secretary of IsDO to the meeting to give response. The written reply of IsDO had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

147. Ms Amy YUNG briefly presented the question.

148. Mr Alfred LEE elaborated on the written reply of IsDO.

149. Ms Amy YUNG noted the written reply of IsDO. She pointed out that the usage of DBCH was higher in the afternoon and at night, mainly for sports activities. She proposed that IsDO should step up cleaning work amid the epidemic to safeguard the safety of users. Since cleaning services were provided by an outsourced contractor, she proposed that IsDO should monitor the performance of the contractor by inspecting the hygiene condition of the venues from time to time. She could join the inspections if necessary to urge the contractor to step up cleaning.

150. Mr Alfred LEE said that IsDO noted the views of Ms Amy YUNG. The staff of the community hall regularly reviewed the performance of the cleaning workers to see if they reached the service standard. IsDO was willing to inspect the hygiene condition on-site if necessary.

XII. Question on provision of automated external defibrillators in Community Halls in Islands District  
(Paper DFMC 33/2020)

151. The Chairman welcomed Mr Alfred LEE, District Secretary of IsDO to the meeting to give response. The written reply of IsDO had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

152. Ms Amy YUNG briefly presented the question.

153. Mr Alfred LEE elaborated on the written reply of IsDO.

154. The Chairman said that according to the written reply of IsDO, if Members supported the proposal for provision of AEDs, IsDO would seek funding from the Home Affairs Department (HAD). He asked Members to vote on the proposal for provision of AEDs by a show of hands.

155. Members voted by a show of hands. The proposal was unanimously endorsed.

156. Mr FONG Lung-fei enquired whether the AED would be placed at a prominent position or at a place of which only the staff was informed, and whether all staff knew its position. He proposed putting on notices and disseminating information about the position of the AED so it could be used by the public in emergency.

157. Mr Eric KWOK proposed that before provision of AEDs at community halls, notices should be put on to remind the public to contact the staff for access to an AED when in need. For instance, the office of Man Tung Road Sports Centre in Tung Chung Community Hall (TCCH) was equipped with an AED so notices should be put on to inform users of the availability of the equipment.

158. Mr Alfred LEE made a consolidated response as follow:

- (a) In view of Members' support for the proposal for provision of AEDs, IsDO would seek funding from HAD and contact the contractor after funding approval to discuss provision of AEDs at appropriate positions. After site selection and finalisation of implementation details, IsDO would install AEDs and inform the public of their position. The Tung Chung Community Services Complex comprised facilities of LCSD and HAD. It was learnt that library staff of LCSD were informed of the availability of the AED at the sports centre. After provision of an AED at TCCH, IsDO would also notify LCSD and the property management committee of the community services complex.
- (b) The AED mentioned by Mr Eric KWOK was owned by LCSD. It was believed that the department had put on notices to inform its staff and the public about the equipment. After provision of an AED at the community hall, IsDO would organise "cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and AED" courses for the HAD staff and organisations using the community hall frequently with FSD, which would deploy officers to teach the knowledge and skills in operating AEDs.

159. Mr David KWAN said that AEDs were provided in sports centres and libraries, and LCSD staff had received relevant trainings. Public members who needed to use the AEDs could seek help from the department.

160. Mr Eric KWOK clarified that he was enquiring if IsDO would issue notices during the transition period before AEDs were provided at the community hall, informing the users that the AEDs in LCSD's libraries and office of the sports centre could be used if necessary.

161. Mr FONG Lung-fei reminded the departments to remind their staff of the position of relevant first-aid facilities and equipment in addition to installing AEDs. Librarians should be equipped with basic first-aid knowledge while security guards should be well informed of the location of fire extinguishers in order to offer help immediately when in need.

162. Mr Alfred LEE said that IsDO noted the views of Mr Eric KWOK and would take follow-up actions as soon as possible.

163. Ms Amy YUNG said that no AED was provided in DBCH and its vicinity. The closest AED was in the shopping mall. She urged IsDO to co-ordinate with the mall and put on notices about the location of the closest AED to allow the staff and users to seek help from the mall's management office where necessary.

XIII. Question on amending the allocated timeslot limit for use of Islands District community halls by organisations  
(Paper DFMC 34/2020)

164. The Chairman welcomed Mr Alfred LEE, District Secretary of IsDO to the meeting to give response. The written reply of IsDO had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

165. Ms Amy YUNG briefly presented the question.

166. Mr Alfred LEE elaborated on the written reply of IsDO.

167. Ms Amy YUNG was pleased with the proposed arrangement of IsDO.

168. The Chairman enquired whether the proposed new arrangements set out in the written reply was applicable to TCCH and DBCH.

169. Mr Alfred LEE said that the proposed new arrangements including “facilities to be used in the second month from the Application Month for no more than two sessions, each session in two hours; or for no more than 4 sessions, each session in two hours” were applicable to TCCH and DBCH. However, “under the allocation mechanism for the first-come-first-served basis, applicants were approved for a maximum of 14 additional sessions in each quarter, each session in two hours for organising continuous activities without observing the limits on the maximum timeslots an applicant could book in the Application Month as well as the first and second month from the Application Month” stated in the first paragraph of the written reply was applicable to DBCH only at the moment. As the usage rate of TCCH was relatively high and more timeslots were booked by organisations, IsDO was concerned that implementation of the above new proposal would deprive some organisations of the opportunity to reserve more timeslots due to late application submission.

170. Mr Randy YU said that he basically supported the proposal which enabled resource optimisation, and believed that the arrangements were suitable for DBCH with a relatively low usage rate. He pointed out that if some organisations failed to reserve any timeslots of the venue after implementation of the proposal, reviews should be conducted in due course. He proposed implementing the proposal at DBCH on a trial basis for six months and reviewed if any complaints were received due to implementation of the new arrangements at later meetings prior to implementation of long-term arrangements.

171. The Chairman asked Members to vote by a show of hands on implementation of the following new arrangements at DBCH proposed by IsDO: “under the allocation mechanism for the first-come-first-served basis, applicants were approved for a maximum of 14 additional sessions in each quarter, each session in two hours for organising continuous activities without observing the limits on the maximum timeslots an applicant could book in the Application Month as well as the first and second month from the Application Month”, and “if the applicant planned to organise a large scale activity lasted for a whole day, arrangements of the two community halls could be relaxed as follows: “facility to be used in the second month from the Application Month for no more than 2 sessions, each session in 2 hours; or no more than 4 consecutive sessions, each session in 2 hours”.

172. Members voted by a show of hands. The proposal was unanimously endorsed.

XIV. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department’s recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (April to May 2020)  
(Paper DFMC 21/2020)

173. The Chairman welcomed Mr David KWAN, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

174. Mr David KWAN presented the paper.

175. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that several beaches on outlying islands remained closed, including Kwun Yam Beach. However, Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach with the highest number of users totalling 6 000 was still open. He enquired if the department would consider reopening Kwun Yam Beach to divert visitor flow. Based on his observation, Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach was very crowded at weekends. Opening Kwun Yam Beach could help maintain a wider distance between individuals, thus reducing the risk of infection.

176. Mr David KWAN said that the department noted the views of Members and would open more beaches if practicable having regard to manpower deployment. Beaches, including Lower Cheung Sha Beach which allowed public access recently, were gradually reopened.

177. Members noted the contents of the paper.

XV. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between April and May 2020  
(DFMC 22/2020)

178. The Chairman welcomed Ms Polly CHU, Senior Librarian (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

179. Ms Polly CHU presented the paper.
180. Mr Eric KWOK enquired of the department if the service area of the mobile library could cover Mun Tung Estate.
181. Ms Polly CHU said that Mun Tung Estate was one of the service locations of “Joyful Reading at Your Neighbourhood: Library-on-Wheels” Pilot Project (Pilot Project). As for the proposal of increasing the number of stops of the mobile library, she said that the mobile library had a very packed schedule so no additional stop could be added at present.
182. Mr Eric KWOK enquired if the Pilot Scheme would continue.
183. Ms Polly CHU said that the Pilot Scheme would continue, and supplemented that the project and mobile library were two different services.
184. Mr Eric KWOK asked the department to provide relevant information later.

XVI. Second Batch of District Minor Works Projects proposed by Leisure and Cultural Services Department for 2020/21  
(Paper DFMC 20/2020)

185. The Chairman welcomed Mr David KWAN, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.
186. Mr David KWAN presented the paper.
187. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that for the works project “Improvement to Cheung Chau Park and benches in Cheung Chau Playground”, he noticed that among the 30-odd seats, some were made of wood and some metal. He opined that due to lack of canopy above the wooden seats, they were easily damaged and needed to be repaired soon. He proposed that the department should study provision of rain shelters at appropriate locations after the improvement works to enhance the durability of the seats.
188. Mr Randy YU said that regarding item 7 “Mui Wo River Silver Garden” of the project “Enhancement of landscape facilities at sports and recreational venues in Islands District” set out in Annex 1, he learnt that members of the community had discussed with TD construction of a multi-storey car park but the proposal was not yet gazetted and implemented. He reminded LCSD to confirm with TD whether the plan would be implemented in short term. In addition, cows appeared in Mui Wo River Silver Garden and Ngong Ping Piazza from time to time. He enquired of the department if the plants grown there would be eaten by the cows.
189. Mr David KWAN noted the proposal of Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho. He clarified that the department would replace the wooden benches with recycle wooden benches

and study the feasibility of constructing rain shelters at the said location. In addition, the department would enquire of TD the location of the proposed car park before commencing the works in Mui Wo River Silver Garden. It was learnt that the car park and the flower bed were very far apart. As for the plants in Ngong Ping Piazza, the department would select plant species not favoured by stray cows.

190. The Chairman asked Members to vote by a show of hands on endorsing the contents and funding arrangement set out in the paper for implementation of the projects.

191. Members voted by a show of hands. The proposals were unanimously endorsed.

XVII. Utilisation and improvement works of Community Halls in Islands District  
(Paper DFMC 35/2020)

192. The Chairman welcomed Mr Alfred LEE, District Secretary of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

193. Mr Alfred LEE briefly presented the paper.

194. Ms Amy YUNG said that organisations booked DBCH for sports activities from time to time. The air-conditioned room temperature was maintained at 25°C at present. After exercising, some users wished to lower the temperature of the air-conditioners (ACs) which were, however, fixed. Discovering that the settings of ACs were adjustable after site inspection, she requested IsDO to follow up with the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) to allow adjustments to the settings.

195. Mr Alfred LEE said that all government facilities (including ACs) were repaired and managed by EMSD. According to the environmental protection policies of the Government, the air-conditioned room temperature of all community halls was maintained at 25.5°C. IsDO had received similar views before and had discussed lowering the AC temperature suitably on hot summer days with EMSD. The temperature of ACs at community halls had also been lowered.

XVIII. Proposed District Minor Works Projects for District Facilities Management Committee in 2020/21  
(Paper DFMC 36/2020)

196. The Chairman welcomed Ms Christy LEUNG, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> of IsDO, Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva, Architect (Works)<sup>5</sup> of HAD and Mr CHU Chi-yan, Architect, Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Ltd. to the meeting to present the paper.

197. Ms Christy LEUNG briefly presented the paper.



198. Mr Randy YU said that project proposal 24 “Targeted automated movable penstock in the village” raised by Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho overlapped with project proposal 28 “Request for installation of targeted automated movable penstock and minor drainage projects in South Lantau” raised by him. He opined that similar works could be conducted in South Lantau during discussion of item II and proposed processing project proposals 24 and 28 jointly. Further studies were also welcome.

199. Mr WONG Chun-yeung said that Mr FONG Lung-fei proposed provision of fitness equipment at Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site during discussion of item III. He enquired whether it could be processed jointly with project proposal 25 “Request for construction of an outdoor fitness park” raised by him.

200. Mr FONG Lung-fei enquired if the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) was responsible for providing fitness equipment at Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site; and if yes, whether the department had sufficient resources to implement the proposal. He also wished to incorporate the works into project proposal 8 “Conversion of the bicycle parking spaces at Yu Tung Road, Yat Tung Estate into recreational and fitness venue” raised by him as both proposals were related to fitness equipment and only the locations varied. As Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site was within the purview of AFCD, he was not sure if it was appropriate to combine the proposals.

201. The Chairman said that the proposed combination raised by Mr FONG Lung-fei could be put forward if it was considered appropriated by AFCD after the feasibility study. He said that every project was studied and processed by various departments and encouraged Members to raise proposals. Even if the proposals could not be implemented eventually, it was believed that relevant departments would report the latest progress.

202. The Chairman said that project proposals were reviewed in July annually and he did not wish to set a bad precedent. Since some Members were still unfamiliar with the procedures, the matter was handled with flexibility to prevent delay in works progress. He pointed out that Mr FONG Lung-fei could incorporate the project proposal about fitness facilities at Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site into his project proposal, not necessarily Mr WONG Chun-yeung’s. He enquired if any other Members would like to raise proposals to enable IsDO to conduct feasibility studies in one go after the meeting.

203. Mr Randy YU said that given the proposal of Mr FONG Lung-fei was accepted by the Chairman, he hoped that his project proposals, similar to Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho’s, as well as the projects of provision of catchwaters could be followed up at the current meeting.

204. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that it was stated in the paper “Project proposals 21 and 24 overlapped with 28 and joint processing was recommended”.

205. Ms Amy YUNG said that according to the paper, the project statement of project proposal 28 “Request for installation of targeted automated movable penstock and minor drainage projects in South Lantau” was submitted after the deadline. If

project proposals 28 and 24 were similar in nature, she recommend processing them jointly and removing project proposal 28 from the paper.

206. Mr Randy YU said that he understood that the project statement of item 28 “Request for installation of targeted automated movable penstock and minor drainage projects in South Lantau” was submitted after the deadline. However, he pointed out that the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) had all along allowed Members to raise urgent items on issues of concern to the community. He said that he was busy with relief work in Tai O and South Lantau after the rainstorm on 7 June, and therefore could not submit the project statement by the deadline. He thanked Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho for his concern about the situation of Lantau Island, and opined that the project promoter was not necessarily a DC Member of the constituency. However, he believed that he and Mr HO Chun-fai were more familiar with the penstocks in the area, which was conducive to smooth operation of the project. As such, he recommended processing the project proposals jointly instead of removing item 28.

207. The Chairman agreed with the views of Mr Randy YU and said that a number of problems arose after the rainstorm. It was reasonable to engage Members of the constituency for relevant projects.

208. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that he paid a site visit after receiving requests for assistance from residents of Lantau Island on 12 June. He understood that there were a number of relief work to be handled after the rainstorm and DC Members were more familiar with the livelihood matters and environment of their constituency. Therefore, they should handle the project proposal together and no debate was necessary. He said that he would still serve as the project promoter and asked IsDO to send representatives to conduct site inspections and monitor works progress with him, Mr Randy YU and Mr HO Chun-fai. In addition, as project proposals 21 and 24 overlapped with 28, there was little difference between on-time and late submission of the project statement.

209. Mr Randy YU said that regarding the cases mentioned by Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho, it was learnt that the residents sought help from two Members on 12 June. He opined that Members were accountable to voters of the constituency so project statements submitted after the deadline should also be set out in the paper, allowing the public to know the matters of concern of the Members. He thanked Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho for raising the project proposal for residents of his constituency, but opined that both of them should be the project promoters as he also raised similar problems.

210. Ms Amy YUNG said that she did not care who the project promoters were as IDC Members should handle district affairs in concerted efforts. However, she was concerned that splitting a project into three items would complicate the administrative work of IsDO, and therefore proposed processing project proposals 21 and 24 together with 28 and including Mr Randy YU as a project promoter to facilitate follow-up by IsDO.

211. The Chairman asked Members to vote by a show of hands on endorsing preliminary review of the project proposals set out in Annex 1.

212. Members voted by a show of hands. The proposal was unanimously endorsed.

213. The Chairman asked Members to vote by a show of hands on endorsing funding approval of \$162,000 for conducting phase 1 feasibility study on the project set out in Annex 2.

214. Members voted by a show of hands. The proposal was unanimously endorsed.

XIX. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects  
(Paper DFMC 37/2020)

215. The Chairman welcomed Ms Minerva HUI, Architect (Works)<sup>5</sup> of HAD, Ms Christy LEUNG, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> of IsDO and Mr CHU Chi-yan, Architect, Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Ltd. to the meeting to present the paper.

216. Ms Christy LEUNG briefly presented the paper.

217. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho was aware that project proposals 1 to 4 in the Annex were raised in or before 2017, meaning that the projects had lasted for a long time. He asked IsDO to provide detailed information of the projects in the Annex for Members' reference.

218. Members discussed the projects as follows:

(a) Improvement of the mini sports ground of the primary school at Nim Shue Wan  
(Item 4 in the Annex)

219. Ms Amy YUNG said that she was the promoter of the project. She pointed out that some timeslots of the spaces occupied by Club Siena, Discovery Bay had been vacated for basketball activities, resulting to a decrease in the demand of residents for basketball courts in the area. She enquired if Peng Chau RC would continue to hire the school premise as its office, and pointed out that some community organisations wished to apply to LandsD for using the school premise as church. Since there was no church in the area, she proposed releasing the venue. In view of the little progress made after long-term discussion on the works, allowing others to apply for use of the venue might be a better option.

220. The Chairman noted that there were basketball facilities for resident use, and said that Peng Chau RC would give up application to allow relevant organisations to apply for use of the venue as church. He would discuss with LandsD and handle relevant procedures after the meeting.

- (b) Provision of walkway cover from Yat Tung Street outside Tak Yat House, Yat Tung Estate to the pedestrian tunnel exit near Lantau North Divisional Police Station via Chung Yan Road and Yu Tung Road near North Lantau Hospital (Item 3 in the Annex)
- (c) Provision of cover to footpath adjacent to Chung Yan Road outside Yat Tung Estate car park No. 1 (Item 5 in the Annex)

221. Mr Eric KWOK enquired if the above two projects were covered in the next phase of walkway cover provision scheme.

222. Ms Christy LEUNG said that IsDO noted that TD would implement the next phase of walkway cover programme without information on its scale. IsDO would discuss with TD whether the above two projects could be implemented under the programme.

223. Mr Eric KWOK asked IsDO to arrange a meeting with Members for discussion after being informed of the latest news and progress.

- (d) Improvement of the pedestrian link at the Central Piers (IS-DMW-286)

224. Mr Randy YU enquired about the progress of the project.

225. Ms Christy LEUNG said that it was learnt that the Central and Western District Leisure Services Office of LCSD was conducting tree stability improvement works and the planter was expected to be removed in early August. She asked Members to note the works progress set out in the paper.

- (e) Provision of rain shelters near lamp post no. GC0778 at Mun Tung Estate, Tung Chung (IS-DMW-348)

226. Mr Eric KWOK said that the project had been put on a halt. He discovered that the works was only half completed in an inspection last month and enquired when it would be completed.

227. Ms Christy LEUNG said that the rain shelters were substantially constructed but the covers were not yet completed due to delay in transport of wood used for construction. It was expected that the wood could be delivered within this month and the rain shelters could be open for public use after installation of covers.

228. The Chairman asked Members to vote by a show of hands on endorsing funding approval of \$484,000 for conducting phase 1 feasibility study on the “Sai Wan Plaza, Cheung Chau” project set out in Annex 2.

229. Members voted by a show of hands. There were 13 votes in favour, one against and one abstention.

(Members voted in favour included: The Chairman Mr Ken WONG, the Vice-chairman Mr WONG Chun-yeung, Mr Randy YU, Mr WONG Man-hon, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong,

Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms WONG Chau-ping, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Ms LAU Shun-ting; Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho voted against. Mr LEE Ka-ho abstained.)

230. The Chairman asked Members to vote by a show of hands on endorsing the paper and funding arrangement set out in the paper for implementation of the projects.

231. Members voted by a show of hands. The proposal was unanimously endorsed.

XX. Any Other Business

232. There was no other business.

XXI. Date of Next Meeting

233. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on 14 September 2020 (Monday).

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