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**Islands District Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee**

Date : 11 September 2023 (Monday)  
Time : 2:00 p.m.  
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,  
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

**Present**

Mr HO Chun-fai (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, MH, JP  
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH  
Mr HO Siu-kei (Arrived at around 2:05 p.m.)  
Ms WONG Chau-ping (Arrived at around 2:10 p.m.)  
Mr NG Man-kit  
Mr WAN Yeung-kin  
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric  
Mr FONG Lung-fei  
Ms LAU Shun-ting

**Attendance by Invitation**

Ms HO Wai-yan, Vivian	Senior Project Manager (Technical Section), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LEE Chi-lung, Joseph	Project Manager 1(Project Team), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms Irene CHENG	Design Principal, HIR Studio Limited
Mr Howard CHUNG	Design Principal, HIR Studio Limited
Mr SIU Kin-wai, Kevin	Director, AaaM Limited
Ms CHO Man-yiu, Lianne	Architectural Designer, AaaM Limited
Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)21, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Hoi-ming, Helen	Architect (Works)4, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEE Sun-fu, Joe	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Islands District Office
Ms HAU Lok-yiu, Cordelia	District Secretary, Islands District Office
Mr CHAN Chak-chung	Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office

**In Attendance**

Ms TSE Yik-ting, Ellie  
Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia

Ms HA Chung-wan, Joanne

Ms CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy

Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office  
Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
District Leisure Manager (Islands),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Senior Librarian (Islands),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

**Secretary**

Ms KWONG Tsz-wing, Wing

Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office

**Absent with Apology**

Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken (Chairman)  
Mr WONG Man-hon, MH

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**Welcoming Remarks**

The Vice-Chairman said that he would preside over the meeting as the Chairman was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

2. The Vice-Chairman welcomed representatives of the government departments and Members to the meeting and introduced Ms CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy, Senior Librarian (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), who succeeded Ms CHU Po-yee, Polly.

3. Members noted that the Chairman Mr Ken WONG and Mr WONG Man-hon were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2023

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

5. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously without further amendments proposed by Members.

(Members who voted in favour included: the Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr Randy YU, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr NG Man-kit, Mr WAN Yeung-kin, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Ms LAU Shun-ting.)

II. Transformation of Public Play Space for Yung Shue Wan Playground  
(Paper DFMC 29/2023)

6. The Vice-Chairman welcomed Ms HO Wai-yan, Vivian, Senior Project Manager (Technical Section) and Mr LEE Chi-lung, Joseph, Project Manager 1 (Project Team) of the LCSD; and Ms Irene CHENG, Design Principal and Mr Howard CHUNG, Design Principal of HIR Studio Limited (HIR) to the meeting to present the paper.

7. Ms Irene CHENG briefly presented the paper with the aid of PowerPoint presentation.

8. Ms Irene CHENG added that according to the master layout plan, the design of the playground would primarily feature red, blue, white, and light brown to symbolise seaside lighthouses, the ocean and beaches. The HIR would redesign the entrances and exits of the playground, remove the existing planters and railings, paint the lamp posts in the playground with new colours and use metal materials to create the visual effect of flags fluttering at the seaside. There would be a climbing facility with a distinctive appearance in the central area of the playground, suitable for children aged five to twelve. Nest swings and wave-shaped seating benches would also be provided in the playground. The HIR learned from the workshop that sea turtles came to Sham Wan on Lamma Island to lay eggs every year, and therefore specially designed a distinctive turtle-shaped climbing facility suitable for children aged two to five. Furthermore, the HIR planned to create a mural themed on marine life with residents of Lamma Island and considered planting red plants in the playground to tie in with the theme.

9. Mr WAN Yeung-kin enquired about the number and distribution of benches in the playground. He pointed out that many parents would sit down and rest while their children were playing, so he hoped that the number of benches would be increased.

10. Ms LAU Shun-ting opined that the design of the playground was innovative and commended the LCSD and the HIR for consulting children on Lamma Island on the transformation project. She noted that the majority of respondents in the questionnaire survey preferred climbing-type playground facilities. Nevertheless, she opined that the LCSD should also take into account the needs of toddlers who were not yet able to climb and provide them with suitable facilities (such as slides). In addition, she said the existing green area of the playground was a bit too large and suggested reducing the area of the planters to free up more space for additional facilities.

11. Mr Eric KWOK supported the adoption of the ocean as the design theme for the playground. He enquired the HIR about the findings of the online questionnaire and whether the suggestions of the respondents were adopted. He pointed out that according to the reference images, the entrances and exits and leisure facilities of the playground appeared to be constructed with concrete. He asked if the HIR would use some more natural materials (such as wood) instead to tie in with the design theme. Furthermore, he suggested converting the ground of the playground into a sandpit, which would not only prevent children from getting injured while playing but also fit in with the concept of beaches. He also proposed planting vegetation commonly found on beaches in the playground.

12. Mr FONG Lung-fei suggested adding inclusive elements to the playground by providing facilities suitable for people of different ages so that families could play together.

13. Mr Randy YU expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He was pleased to know that the LCSD and the HIR organised a workshop and conducted a questionnaire survey regarding the project to gauge the views of different stakeholders.
- (b) He pointed out that while the climbing facilities were aesthetically pleasing, according to the reference images, the facilities seemed to be mainly for horizontal climbing rather than upward climbing. He asked if the HIR was unable to provide the relevant facilities due to space constraints or topographical considerations.

14. Ms Irene CHENG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) In addition to the benches already provided in the existing pavilion in the playground, the HIR planned to install additional benches next to the pavilion, and it was anticipated that the playground would be able to provide a total of 18 seatings. She thanked Members for their suggestions, and would further examine the feasibility of providing additional benches after the meeting.
- (b) Due to the limited space of the playground, the LCSD and the HIR, after taking into account the opinions of the respondents, decided to install the top three types of play facilities (i.e. components of climbing, jumping and swinging) in the playground chosen by the largest number of respondents. Therefore, the provision of sliding facilities was not considered.
- (c) Since there were trees planted in the planters in the playground, the HIR took the locations of the trees into consideration during the design phase and avoided carrying out excavation works in the area around the tree roots to prevent damaging the growth of the trees. Therefore, the design

of the playground did not involve any alterations to the existing planters. The HIR also planned to retain the planters at the rear of the playground and design a feature wall at the location of the planters. The corners of the existing planters would be modified into curved shapes to reduce the risk of danger to playground users. The HIR would further explore the use of appropriate materials for the construction of facilities in the playground.

- (d) The findings of the online questionnaire showed that the majority of the respondents considered the existing facilities provided in the playground were relatively monotonous and could not meet the needs of users. Most of the respondents suggested using the ocean as the design theme. The HIR noted Members' suggestions and would consider planting suitable plant species in the planters at the entrances and exits of the playground when refining the design.
- (e) The HIR had taken the inclusive elements into account when designing the playground. For instance, nest swings were designed to allow parents to play with their children.
- (f) The climbing facilities proposed by the HIR incorporated an element of upward climbing. The HIR would explore adding the relevant element when refining the design with the supplier of the play facilities in the future.

15. Mr Howard CHUNG added as follows:

- (a) Currently, the playground used safety floor mats for material of cushioning. Since the provision of a sandpit involved ground excavation works and daily management, it was not included in the design.
- (b) At present, there were already fitness facilities for the elderly next to the playground. The transformation project would not affect the relevant facilities, so as to achieve the integration between the elderly and the young.

16. Mr Eric KWOK pointed out that children generally liked the design of sandpits, and many playgrounds in foreign countries also had sandpits. He understood that the LCSD might encounter difficulties in management, but hoped that the LCSD would consider the proposal.

17. Ms WONG Chau-ping opined that the transformation project would improve district facilities and appreciated that the HIR had put in a lot of effort in the design. However, she opined that the LCSD and the HIR should take into account Members' views. She said that slides were traditional play facilities and therefore considered it necessary to incorporate a slide in the transformed playground.

18. Mr WAN Yeung-kin pointed out that children playing in the sandpit might hurt their eyes by throwing sand particles. Furthermore, if sand particles were scattered into the gaps between the soft mats, it would be difficult to clean up. Therefore, he did not recommend the provision of a sandpit in the playground.

19. The Vice-Chairman enquired whether the public play space at Yung Shue Wan Playground would be open for public use 24 hours a day upon completion of the above works and whether staff would be deployed to manage the playground.

20. Ms Joanne HA said that the public play space at Yung Shue Wan Playground would be open 24 hours a day for public use. Since Yung Shue Wan Playground was a small-scale playground, the LCSD would not deploy on-site staff, but would conduct regular inspections.

21. Mr Joseph LEE agreed that the addition of sliding facilities could enrich users' play experiences. However, due to the limited space in the existing playground and the presence of planters with trees around it, the LCSD would further explore with the HIR the possibility of altering some of the planters without trees to increase the space of the playground and provide additional facilities such as a slide, so that the playground could better cater for the needs of users of different ages.

22. Ms LAU Shun-ting pointed out that while the residents of Lamma Island supported the transformation of the playground, many children expected a slide to be provided in the playground. She opined that while the transformed playground would be equipped with innovative facilities, users might be disappointed at the absence of a slide. Therefore, she hoped that the LCSD would reconsider the proposal of adding a slide. She also pointed out that the residents of Lamma Island had requested the LCSD to remove the relevant planters many years ago to make room for additional play facilities. She hoped that the LCSD would consider the above suggestions.

23. Mr WAN Yeung-kin considered that slides were basic play facilities in both large and small-scale playgrounds, and therefore considered it necessary for the LCSD to provide a slide in the playground.

24. Mr Eric KWOK said that there should be no safety mats at the location of the sandpit, and he hoped that the HIR would confirm the information.

25. Ms WONG Chau-ping was pleased to note the positive responses from the LCSD and the HIR. She opined that if the removal of trees could make room for the construction of other facilities to complete the transformation project, the LCSD and the HIR should consider the proposal. She also suggested that the departments concerned should consult different stakeholders (including the local community) before the commencement of the transformation project to avoid wastage of resources caused by delays in the works due to future objections.

26. Ms Irene CHENG noted Members' opinions. The HIR would re-examine the situation of the planters after the meeting to explore ways to enhance the design of the playground by adding sliding facilities within the limited space available.

27. Mr Joseph LEE said that safety floor mats were used in the playground for material of cushioning, and in general, no further sand layers would be placed on top of the floor mats. If a sandpit was to be provided, consideration would need to be given to the underground space available for excavation, underground drainage, and provision of measures to prevent accidental entry by animals, etc. Regular cleaning and maintenance works (such as replenishment of lost sand particles) would also be required. The LCSD would carefully examine the feasibility of providing sandpits for each project and would set up sandpits at appropriate locations having regard to the topography, area and physical environment of individual sites and the opinions of different stakeholders.

28. Mr Randy YU suggested removing the planters planted with palm trees in the centre of the playground to free up space for the slide.

29. Mr Joseph LEE and the HIR noted and thanked Members for their opinions.

(Mr HO Siu-kei arrived at around 2:05 p.m.; Ms WONG Chau-ping arrived at around 2:10 p.m.)

### III. Transformation of Public Play Space for Tai O Recreation Ground (Paper DFMC 30/2023)

30. The Vice-Chairman welcomed Ms HO Wai-yan, Vivian, Senior Project Manager (Technical Section) and Mr LEE Chi-lung, Joseph, Project Manager 1 (Project Team) of the LCSD; and Mr SIU Kin-wai, Kevin, Director and Ms CHO Man-yiu, Lianne, Architectural Designer of AaaM Limited (AaaM) to the meeting to present the paper.

31. Mr Kevin SIU briefly presented the paper with the aid of PowerPoint presentation.

32. Mr Randy YU commended the AaaM for liaising with various stakeholders regarding the transformation project. He opined that the AaaM's idea of designing two sets of climbing and sliding towers for children of different ages was thoughtful. However, he considered that the existing shading and seating facilities did not fit in with the new design of the pavilion and therefore proposed replacing the relevant facilities at the same time to tie in with the design theme of the transformation project. He pointed out that a longer-shaped pavilion would provide more effective shading than a round one, so he hoped that the AaaM would consider the proposal.

33. Mr HO Siu-kei considered the design of the transformation project modern and the proposed facilities comprehensive. However, he opined that the location

concerned was exposed to intense sunlight in the afternoon, so he suggested that the AaaM could consider making use of the surrounding large trees for shading in the design. At the same time, he considered that the AaaM had to take note of whether the design of the shading facilities in the recreation ground could serve as rain shelters as well. In addition, he said that Tai O was a popular spot for viewing Chinese white dolphins, so he suggested incorporating dolphin-related elements into the design theme.

34. Mr Eric KWOK considered the design of the recreation ground attractive and appreciated its design concept which focused on social interaction. He commended that the five-seat swing could accommodate multiple users at the same time and the users could chat with each other. In addition, he said that the recreation ground was located in an open area and therefore suggested incorporating green energy elements such as wind power and solar power into the design.

35. Mr Kevin SIU gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The AaaM had taken into account the issue of shading when designing the recreation ground. Since the facilities in the recreation ground were arranged from low to high starting from the entrance, he believed that the facilities at higher position (such as the climbing and sliding towers) could block out some of the sunlight. Shading facilities would also be provided at the central area of the recreation ground.
- (b) Water drops and curves would be used as design elements for the ground of the recreation ground. The AaaM would examine whether the shape of the pavilion could incorporate such concepts, and would design the recreation ground in a more natural way. In consideration of the budgetary constraints by the AaaM and the LCSD, resources would be accorded for play facilities first without modifying the two existing pavilions facing away from the play area and located outside the recreation ground. He pointed out that the above two pavilions would be blocked when viewing from the front of the entrance by the proposed climbing and sliding towers and suggested that the two pavilions in the recreation ground could be modified. The pavilions would not have a significant impact on the overall design of the recreation ground.
- (c) The AaaM would examine the feasibility of incorporating elements of Chinese white dolphins in the floor mats of the recreation ground.
- (d) As far as he knew, there were no play facilities on the market that incorporated wind power or solar power generation for the time being. He noted Members' views and would discuss with the manufacturers concerned the feasibility of incorporating green energy elements into the design of recreation ground and the relevant maintenance issues.

#### IV. Question on the construction of a fitness park and addition of recreational and sports



facilities at Cheung Chau Sai Tai Road  
(Paper DFMC 31/2023)

36. The Vice-Chairman welcomed Ms HA Chung-wan, Joanne, District Leisure Manager (Islands) and Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina, Senior Executive Officer (Planning)<sup>21</sup> of the LCSD; and Ms WONG Hoi-ming, Helen, Architect (Works)<sup>4</sup> of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of the LCSD had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

37. Mr NG Man-kit briefly presented the question.

38. Ms Joanne HA expounded on the written reply.

39. Mr NG Man-kit hoped that the proposed fitness corner could provide fitness facilities suitable for young, middle-aged and elderly people. He enquired whether the scale of the proposed fitness corner could accommodate the above facilities.

40. Ms Selina LEUNG said that the LCSD would consider the provision of fitness facilities, illumination and barrier-free facilities when examining the proposed facilities of the proposed “Construction of a fitness corner on the vacant government land at Cheung Chau Sai Tai Road”, and would discuss with the stakeholders and Members on the facilities of the fitness corner in due course. In addition, the LCSD could provide information on the approximate area of the proposed “Construction of a Fitness Corner on the Vacant Government Land at Cheung Chau Sai Tai Road” after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The site for the proposed “Construction of a Fitness Corner on the Vacant Government Land at Cheung Chau Sai Tai Road” was preliminarily estimated to cover an area of about 480 square metres, with the final site area to be determined subject to factors such as actual site conditions and technical feasibility.)

V. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between June 2023 and July 2023  
(Paper DFMC 25/2023)

41. The Vice-Chairman welcomed Ms CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy, Senior Librarian (Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

42. Ms Candy CHUNG presented the paper.

43. Members noted the content of the paper.

VI. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department’s recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (June to July 2023)  
(Paper DFMC 26/2023)

44. The Vice-Chairman welcomed Ms HA Chung-wan, Joanne, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

45. Ms Joanne HA presented the paper.

46. Mr Eric KWOK said it had been reflected at the last meeting that both sides of the road section from the North Lantau Hospital to the Lantau North Police Station were overgrown with weeds. According to the residents, the situation had not improved recently. He asked whether the LCSD had followed up on the matter.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD had arranged for pruning of vegetation in the area along Yu Tung Road maintained by the LCSD after the meeting. In addition, the Lands Department had earlier allocated the site of the roadside planters at the road section from the North Lantau Hospital to the Lantau North Police Station to the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD). The LCSD had relayed Members' suggestions to the CEDD for follow-up.)

47. Mr Randy YU asked the LCSD whether there were enough lifeguards at beaches and swimming pools in the Islands District.

48. Mr FONG Lung-fei enquired whether the management of greening work in most areas of Tung Chung West had been handed over to other departments. In addition, he pointed out that four Acacia confusa behind the Lantau North Police Station were ageing, with some branches broken off by typhoons and their barks blackened. He requested the LCSD to follow up on the situation to prevent injury to passers-by.

49. Ms Joanne HA said that the LCSD had earlier followed up on the horticultural pruning work mentioned by Mr KWOK, and she would further follow up with Mr KWOK on the situation of individual locations after the meeting. The LCSD reviewed annually on the recruitment status and manpower arrangements of lifeguards in the district. Currently, all swimming pools in the district were open for public use, and lifeguard services at individual pools would be adjusted in the light of the deployment of lifeguards. Regarding the greening issues in Tung Chung West, if the venue concerned fell within the management purview of the LCSD, the LCSD would follow up on it; otherwise, the LCSD would refer it to other departments for follow-up. Furthermore, she would ask the Tree Team to follow up on Mr FONG's views to inspect the health conditions of the four Acacia confusa after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD had completed the tree pruning work concerned after the meeting.)

50. Mr FONG Lung-fei said some members of the public reflected that the LCSD staff responsible for weed trimming had taken photos at the scene and then left without actually commencing the work. He asked the LCSD whether the photos were used as proof of completion of the work by the staff and whether other measures were in place to ensure completion of the work.

51. The Vice-Chairman said that the overgrown vegetation at the roundabout at the junction of South Lantau Road and Tung Chung Road obstructed the sightlines of drivers and posed a road safety hazard. He had written to the LCSD asking for follow-up and suggested planting other plant species instead.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD had completed the pruning work on trees and vegetation in the flowerbeds concerned after the meeting to improve the growing density of trees and vegetation. In addition, the LCSD would plant shorter vegetation around the roundabout, and the works were expected to be completed by December 2023.)

52. Ms Joanne HA said that the LCSD was concerned about the work performance of the contractor on grass cutting and would regularly arrange personnel to conduct inspection on site, instead of judging solely by photos. The LCSD was also very concerned about obstruction of drivers' sightlines and traffic safety by vegetation. She would follow up on the situation with the Vice-Chairman after the meeting.

VII. Utilisation and improvement works of Community Halls in Islands District  
(Paper DFMC 27/2023)

53. The Vice-Chairman welcomed Mr LEE Sun-fu, Joe, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) and Ms HAU Lok-yiu, Cordelia, District Secretary of the Islands District Office (IsDO) to the meeting to present the paper.

54. Mr Joe LEE presented the paper.

55. Mr Eric KWOK asked whether the IsDO would introduce the new audio-visual system (the new system) to groups hiring the Tung Chung Community Hall and provide guidelines to teach them how to use the new system. He pointed out that some hiring groups were not clear about what equipment they needed to bring to connect to the new system. Therefore, he hoped that the IsDO would provide the relevant guidelines to the hiring groups when they made the bookings, so as to prevent situations where the groups only discovered on the day of hiring that the equipment they brought was incompatible with the new system.

56. Ms Cordelia HAU said that the staff at the Tung Chung Community Hall would introduce the new system to the hirers. The hirers could also watch the demonstration videos on the tablets at the venues. If the hirers had any questions, they could ask the on-site staff. She pointed out that the new system had been in service for two weeks and no operational problems had been identified so far.

57. Mr Joe LEE said that the on-site staff had received training from the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department on the operation of the new system. The IsDO would provide Mr KWOK with the contact information of the staff concerned and the user guide. If needed, the hiring groups concerned could contact the IsDO for information on the relevant equipment requirements before the hiring of the venues.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had forwarded the user guide of the new system of the Tung Chung Community Hall provided by the IsDO and the contact information of the staff concerned to Mr Eric KWOK on 12 September 2023.)

VIII. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects  
(Paper DFMC 28/2023)

58. The Vice-Chairman welcomed Ms TSE Yik-ting, Ellie, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> and Mr CHAN Chak-chung, Senior Inspector of Works of the IsDO; Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina, Senior Executive Officer (Planning)<sup>21</sup> of the LCSD; and Ms WONG Hoi-ming, Helen, Architect (Works)<sup>4</sup> of the HAD to the meeting to present the paper.

59. Ms Ellie TSE briefly presented the paper and asked Members to note the content of the paper. She pointed out that the IsDO had consulted the Chairman of the Cheung Chau Rural Committee on the timetables for the projects “Construction of canopy on the road near Cheung Chau Helipad” (IS-DMW351) and “Construction of Cheung Chau Sai Wan Forecourt” (IS-DMW352). The IsDO was reviewing the cash flow situation and hoped to commence the above projects as soon as possible.

60. Mr Eric KWOK said it was stated in the paper that the LCSD would provide updates on the progress of the project “Conversion of the open space adjoining Chung Mun Road opposite Mun Tung Estate into a sitting-out area” (IS-DMW370) in a timely manner. He enquired whether the LCSD could provide more detailed information at the meeting.

61. Ms Selina LEUNG said that the above projects had been initiated and the first stage of the feasibility study was underway. However, the relevant procedures would take time and the LCSD was following up with the Works Section of the HAD and the consultant.

62. Mr Eric KWOK asked the LCSD to provide a detailed timetable on how long it would take for the works to commence after the completion of the feasibility study.

63. Ms Helen WONG said that HAD was obtaining the relevant land information from other departments. As the feasibility study was still at a preliminary stage, it was difficult to estimate the completion date at present. She hoped that the preliminary results of the feasibility study would be available by early 2024. The HAD would closely follow up on the progress.

IX. Any Other Business

64. No further issues were raised by Members.

X. Date of Next Meeting

65. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m. The date of the next meeting would be announced in due course.

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