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

Date : 11 February 2025 (Tuesday)  
Time : 2:30 p.m.  
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,  
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

**Present**

**Chairman**

Mr WONG Man-hon, MH

**Vice-Chairman**

Mr HUI Chun-lung, MH

**Members**

Mr NG Man-kit  
Mr HO Siu-kei  
Mr HO Chun-fai  
Mr YU Hon-kwan, MH, JP  
Mr CHOW Yuen-kuk, Jonathan  
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH  
Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha  
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken  
Mr YIP Pui-kei  
Mr LAU Chin-pang  
Ms LAU Suk-han  
Ms LAU Shun-ting

**Co-opted Members**

Ms XIANG Ming-han  
Mr NG Tak-wai

**Attendance by Invitation**

Dr CHIM Pak-wing

Dr LO Hoi-ying

Senior Medical & Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness  
and District Relations)2, Department of Health  
Medical & Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and  
District Relations)1, Department of Health

**In Attendance**

Ms AU YEUNG Wing-sum, Livia  
Ms CHU Lai-yee, Agnes

Ms CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy

Ms LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola

Ms HO Yee-hung

Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office  
Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands,  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Senior Librarian (Islands) (Acting) ,  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion,  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Senior School Development Officer (Wanchai & Islands),  
Education Bureau

**Secretary**

Ms CHAN Ying-tung, Shadow

Executive Officer (District Council)1,  
Islands District Office

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**Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments and Members to the meeting, and introduce the following representative of department:

- (a) Ms HO Yee-hung, who replaced Ms LAM Fong-shing, Florence, as Senior School Development Officer (Wanchai & Islands), Education Bureau.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 December 2024

2. The Chairman said that the captioned minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by government departments and organisations, and had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. The minutes were confirmed unanimously without further amendments proposed by Members.

II. Annual Programme Plan of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the Islands District for 2025-26

- (i) Performing Arts Programme  
(CICRC Paper No. 1/2025)

3. The Chairman asked Members to refer to CICRC Paper No. 1/2025, and welcomed the guest who attended the meeting to elaborate on the paper: Ms Viola LEUNG, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

4. Ms Viola LEUNG briefly presented the paper.
- (ii) Extension Activities of Public Libraries  
(CICRC Paper No. 2/2025)
5. The Chairman asked Members to refer to CICRC Paper No. 2/2025, and welcomed the guest who attended the meeting to elaborate on the paper: Ms Candy CHUNG, Senior Librarian (Islands) (Acting) of the LCSD.
6. Ms Candy CHUNG briefly presented the paper.
- (iii) Recreation and Sports Activities  
(CICRC Paper No. 3/2025)
7. The Chairman asked Members to refer to CICRC Paper No. 3/2025, and welcomed the guest who attended the meeting to elaborate on the paper: Ms Agnes CHU, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands of the LCSD.
8. Ms Agnes CHU briefly presented the paper.
9. Members expressed their views as follows:
- (a) Members considered that the LCSD could enhance the publicity of district activities and suggested that the LCSD should distribute publicity materials of the activities (such as posters, leaflets and enrolment forms) to Members' offices, so that Members could assist in promoting the activities.
  - (b) Members enquired about the venues for the nine activities held under the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme and whether the Department had collaborated with the Islands District Sports Association in the organisation of sports activities.
  - (c) Members hoped that the Department would provide more detailed information about the activities, such as the fees, actual number of participants and the budgets.
  - (d) Noting that many residents in the district were keen on long-distance running, and there was a beach volleyball court at the Silver Mine Bay Beach, Members asked why the Department had no plan in organising long-distance running or beach volleyball activities. In addition, pointing out that 3x3 basketball was becoming increasingly popular while the participation threshold for the sport was relatively low, Members suggested that the Department should also consider organising such activities.
10. Ms Viola LEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) She said that the LCSD would provide Members with publicity materials for the activities and would send information on the activities via email, so that Members could assist in promoting the activities.
- (b) The Department was communicating with the performing groups regarding the venues for the activities organised under the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme. The actual number and the locations of the activities would depend on the programme proposals of the performing groups, which would also take into account factors such as the cost of transporting professional equipment and the availability of venues for borrowing/hiring in the district. The Department would also explore with the performing groups the feasibility of organising the activities at different locations in the Islands District (e.g. Cheung Chau). Furthermore, since the venues for staging the wrap-up performances had to be equipped with professional lighting, sound and other stage equipment, the Department planned to hold the performances at the Tsuen Wan Town Hall.

11. Ms Candy CHUNG said that the Department would arrange to send publicity materials for the activities by post to Members and would distribute information on the activities to Members through the Secretariat by email, so that Members could assist in promoting library activities.

12. Ms Agnes CHU gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Members of the public could browse information on recreation and sports activities and enrol for participation through the SmartPLAY system. Currently, more than 900 000 citizens had registered as users of the SmartPLAY system.
- (b) The Department had printed publicity materials for major recreational and sports activities (for example, district athletics competitions, water sports events and football matches). For other recreational and sports activities (such as regular training courses and fun days), the Department would consider appropriate publicity methods in the light of actual needs and available resources. Additionally, the Department would provide Members with monthly updates on recreational and sports activities, so that Members could assist in publicising and promoting the activities.
- (c) She took note of Members' suggestions regarding the organisation of long-distance running and beach volleyball activities, and advised that the Department would, depending on the actual circumstances and the use of resource, consider organising these activities in the form of fun days, so that members of the public could have the opportunity of getting a feel for the sports and trying them out.

13. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members once again enquired whether the Department had collaborated with the Islands District Sports Association in organising sports activities.
- (b) Members were of the view that the dissemination of activity information through the SmartPLAY system alone could not achieve effective publicity and promotional effects, and suggested that the Department should disseminate publicity messages to Members via WhatsApp, so that Members could forward them to the residents and local organisations, thereby enhancing the promotional effect.
- (c) Members expressed concern about the enrolment situation of the activities in the Islands District and enquired whether a large number of non-residents of the Islands District had enrolled in the activities, resulting in local residents not being able to enrol successfully. In addition, Members hoped that the Department would provide the actual number of participants for the activities, so that the effectiveness of the activities could be evaluated.
- (d) Members considered that there was a lack of performance venues in the Islands District and suggested that the Department should explore with the relevant departments the feasibility of constructing suitable venues to meet the residents' demand for performance venues.
- (e) Members pointed out that there were quite a number of beaches with conditions suitable for the promotion of beach volleyball in the Islands District, and therefore suggested that the Department should make better use of the existing resources and venues to capitalise on the geographical advantages of the Islands District.
- (f) Regarding the flag banners hung on lamp posts by the Department to promote the 15th National Games (the National Games), Members considered that the size of the characters on the flags was too small and the text was predominantly in English, making it difficult to attract the attention of the public. Additionally, Members enquired about the Department's publicity plans for the National Games.
- (g) Members suggested that the Department should increase the number of Putonghua sessions for children's storytelling time, in order to cultivate local children's interest in Putonghua.

14. Ms Viola LEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) She noted Members' opinions regarding the publicity of activities and the construction of performance venues.

- (b) She said that most of the performing arts activities held in the Islands District were free of charge. Besides, performing arts activities were mainly held at the Tung Chung Community Hall, local schools and the venues of various organisations.
- (c) Under the “islandSing Again” A Cappella Project of the 18dART: Islands Community Arts Scheme, a song with a theme incorporating sports elements would be composed to promote the message of sports for all. A related music video capturing the scenery of the Islands District would be produced and broadcast on streaming platforms.
- (d) The main target audience for the performing arts activities in the Islands District was the local residents, and all the activities were held within the district. According to the registration information of the participants, most of them were local residents.
- (e) She stated that the LCSD would submit a work report to the Committee every four months, which would include the actual numbers of participants for the performing arts activities. The Department would estimate the numbers of participants for the activities based on the maximum capacity of the venues. Apart from a small number of outdoor activities which might have been affected by weather conditions and resulted in the decrease in the number of participants, the attendance for most of the activities met the expectation.

15. Ms Candy CHUNG said that the Department would look into the possibility of arranging some of the children’s story time sessions to be conducted in Putonghua.

16. Ms Agnes CHU gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The LCSD had been working closely with the Islands District Sports Association. In planning activities for the upcoming year, the Department would discuss the annual activity plan with the Association so that they could assist in the organisation and promotion of the activities concerned.
- (b) Residents of the Islands District were given priority registration for major age-group competitions held in the district (such as tennis, athletics and swimming competitions). They would be required to provide proof of school enrollment or residential address when registering for such competitions.
- (c) She took note of Members’ views on the organisation of beach volleyball activities.

- (d) The National Games featured 23 mass participation events, including table tennis, badminton, tennis, football, basketball and light volleyball, among others. The Department had posted information about these events in the sports centres across the Islands District, and the selection trials for some of the events were still open for public registration.

17. The Chairman hoped that the Department would strengthen the promotion of the activities. Citing the colourful flag banners on lamp posts promoting the National Games as an example, he pointed out that the fonts on the flags were too small and the text was predominantly in English, which failed to highlight the theme and create the desired atmosphere. He suggested that the Department should display more promotional banners in the district to enhance the publicity effect.

III. Question on the online registration system for dental general public session (CICRC Paper No. 4/2025)

18. The Chairman asked Members to refer to CICRC Paper No. 4/2025, and welcomed the guests who attended the meeting to respond to the question: Dr CHIM Pak-wing, Senior Medical & Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations)<sup>2</sup> and Dr LO Hoi-ying, Medical & Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations)<sup>1</sup> of the Department of Health (DH).

19. Mr YU Hon-kwan briefly presented the question.

20. Dr CHIM Pak-wing briefly presented the written reply of the DH.

21. Members said that more than half of the residents in Tai O were elderly people aged over 65, and most of them did not have smart phones and were therefore unable to register for dental services through the online registration system on their own. In this connection, Members hoped that the Department would, taking into account the unique circumstances in Tai O, consider reserving three to five same-day queue tickets at the Tai O Dental Clinic for use by local residents, on a trial basis for six months to one year.

22. Dr CHIM Pak-wing advised that the objective of implementing the online registration system for dental public session was to prevent the public from queuing up overnight for consultation tickets. Therefore, the Department currently had no plan to distribute any same-day queue tickets or standby queue tickets. Nevertheless, he took note of Members' views and said that the Department would continue to monitor the operation of the online registration system and review its usage in a timely manner.

23. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members pointed out that due to the remote geographical location of Tai O, there had never been any overnight queuing for consultation tickets. Whilst appreciating the objective of implementing the online

registration system, Members hoped that the Department would make flexible arrangements having regard to the specific situation in Tai O.

- (b) Members opined that the situation in Cheung Chau was similar to that in Tai O, and therefore, they hoped the Department could consider re-implementing the queueing arrangement for consultation tickets.

24. Dr CHIM Pak-wing said that the government dental clinics under the DH primarily provided services for civil servants and retired civil servants, and 11 of them had reserved specific time slots for the provision of free emergency dental services (e.g. pain relief and tooth extraction) for the public. In addition, the Government had subsidised the use of private dental services by the elderly through various schemes, which included the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme and the Community Care Fund Elderly Dental Assistance Programme.

25. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) While acknowledging the aforementioned subsidy schemes, Members opined that dental clinics in the district were more convenient for the elderly residents and therefore they would prefer to use the dental services provided in the district.
- (b) The Tai O Dental Clinic would provide dental services for the general public on 13 February and 13 March 2025. Members hoped that after reviewing the utilisation rate of the services provided on these two days, they could have further communication with the Department before the next meeting (i.e. 8 April) to examine the feasibility of the distribution of same-day queue tickets.

26. Dr CHIM Pak-wing said that he would follow up on the matter with the Secretariat after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The follow-up written reply from the DH was forwarded to Members for reference on 20 March 2025.)

#### IV. Question on the opening hours of the Pui O Campsite on Lantau Island (CICRC Paper No. 5/2025)

27. The Chairman asked Members to refer to CICRC Paper No. 5/2025, and welcomed the guest who attended the meeting to respond to the question: Ms Agnes CHU, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands of the LCSD.

28. Mr HO Chun-fai briefly presented the questions.

29. Ms Agnes CHU briefly presented the written reply of the LCSD.



30. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) The Pui O Campsite had all along been well received by Hong Kong residents and tourists from the Mainland. However, Members pointed out that there had been cases where tourists had visited the campsite during the long Mainland public holidays, only to find that it was the maintenance day of the campsite. In this connection, Members suggested that the Department should appropriately adjust its maintenance schedule during the long public holidays for Hong Kong or the Mainland, to prevent visitors from returning empty-handed.
- (b) Maintenance of the campsite was carried out from 11:00 am on the maintenance day to 11:00 am on the following day. In this connection, Members enquired about the specific details of the maintenance work, and suggested that some of the maintenance procedures should be simplified to facilitate the opening of some parts of the campsite during long public holidays, thereby minimising the impact on tourists.
- (c) Members suggested that the Department should make good use of the natural resources of the outlying islands by setting up camping facilities at other beaches in the district, in order to attract more tourists.

31. Ms Agnes CHU gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) She explained that maintenance work at the campsites included gardening, lawn care, cleaning and repairs to campsite facilities. The overall utilisation rates of all campsites in Hong Kong (a total of 54 campsites) reached 100% on 31 January 2024 and 1 February 2025, which had resulted in a certain degree of wear and tear to the lawn and facilities of the campsites. Some facilities might even need to be repaired in phases. Therefore, the Department needed to carry out maintenance work at the campsites once a week to ensure that campsite facilities were maintained in good order for use by both the citizens and the tourists.
- (b) While taking note of Members' suggestion of providing camping facilities at other beaches in the district, she said that the Department would need to consider the suitability of such beaches for use as campsites.

32. Members hoped that the Department would exercise flexibility in arranging the maintenance of the campsite in the light of the actual situation. If only certain parts of the campsite required maintenance and repairs, the Department should only close off those specific parts, while keeping the rest of the campsite open to the public as usual. Once the maintenance work was completed, the campsite should be reopened immediately.

33. Ms Agnes CHU took note of Members' views and would relay them to the relevant sections, with a view to optimising the use of resources and enhancing convenience for the public.

V. Any Other Business

34. Ms Livia AU YUENG said that the Islands District Office (IsDO) would hold the "Islands District Sports Fun Day 2025" on 9 March 2025 at the Tung Chung East Promenade. It would be the third time for the IsDO to organise such an event since 2023. In response to the upcoming National Games to be held in November 2025, this year's event would feature several try-out booths themed around some sports of the National Games. The event aimed to allow residents of the Islands District to enjoy the fun of sports through various activities, such as sports try-out, giant inflatable obstacle courses and games booths, with a view to enhancing the sports culture in the district and strengthening the sense of belonging to the community among residents of the Islands District. She invited Members to vote on whether to endorse the Committee as the co-organiser of the aforementioned event.

35. Members unanimously endorsed the proposal for the Committee to be the co-organiser of the "Islands District Sports Fun Day 2025".

VI. Date of Next Meeting

36. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 8 April 2025 (Tuesday).

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