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## **Minutes of Meeting of Islands District Council**

Date: 11 March 2025 (Tuesday)

Time : 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Islands District Council Conference Room,

14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

#### **Present**

## **Chairma**n

Ms YEUNG Wai-sum, Amy, JP

#### **Members**

Mr HO Siu-kei

Mr HO Chun-fai

Mr YU Hon-kwan, MH, JP

Mr NG Man-kit

Mr NG Choi-wah

Mr CHOW Yuen-kuk, Jonathan

Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH

Mr HUI Chun-lung, MH

Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha

Mr WAN Yeung-kin

Mr WONG Man-hon, MH

Ms WONG Chau-ping, MH

Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken

Mr YIP Pui-kei

Mr LAU Chin-pang

Ms LAU Suk-han

Ms LAU Shun-ting

Mr LUO Chenghuan

## **Attendance by Invitation**

Mr LAM Hiu-cheung Senior Engineer/Hong Kong & Islands Region 4,

Water Supplies Department

Mr TO Wing-cheong, Kelvin Estate Surveyor/2 (District Lands Office, Islands),

Lands Department

In Attendance

Mr MOK Mong-chan

Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office

Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Officer

Ms AU YEUNG Wing-sum, Livia Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office

Mr LEE Sun-fu, Joe Senior Executive Officer (District Management),

Islands District Office

Mr CHAO Ka-man, Stanley

Ms LIU Pui-shan, Lis

Senior Liaison Officer (1), Islands District Office

Senior Liaison Officer (2), Islands District Office

Mr YEUNG Che-yuen, Patrick Senior Engineer/1 (Lantau),

Civil Engineering and Development Department

Ms LAM Bun-ngee District Social Welfare Officer (Central Western,

Southern and Islands), Social Welfare Department

Mr TO Chak-foo Chief Manager/Management (Hong Kong Island and

Islands), Housing Department

Mr FUNG Wai-nok District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands),

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr LEE Cho-ming, Joe District Commander (Lantau District),

Hong Kong Police Force

Mr Clive WALTON District Commander (Marine Port District),

Hong Kong Police Force

Ms LI Ka-chai, Denise Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District),

Hong Kong Police Force

Mr CHAN Sheung-yung, Cyrus Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District),

Hong Kong Police Force

Mr KWONG Wang-ngai, Walter District Planning Officer/Sai Kung & Islands,

Planning Department

Ms HA Chung-wan, Joanne District Leisure Manager (Islands),

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr AU Siu-fung, Kelvin Chief Transport Officer/Islands, Transport Department

**Secretary** 

Ms Kennis CHAN Senior Executive Officer (District Council),

Islands District Office

#### Welcome remarks

<u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Members and representatives of the government departments to the meeting of the Islands District Council (IDC).

## I. Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting held on 14 January 2025

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 prior to the meeting. Members had no other amendment proposals and the minutes were confirmed unanimously.

- II. Question on the progress of the reconstruction of the Cheung Chau Ferry Pier (IDC Paper No. 14/2025)
  - 3. <u>The Chairman</u> drew Members' attention to the IDC Paper No. 14/2025. The joint written reply of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), the Transport Department (TD) and the Marine Department (MD) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.
  - 4. <u>Ms Mealoha KWOK</u> briefly presented the question.
  - 5. Mr NG Man-kit expressed his views as follows:
    - (a) As the structure of the Cheung Chau Ferry Pier had begun to deteriorate due to aging, coupled with the high maintenance costs, the pier was not worth retaining.
    - (b) Currently, the pier had only two ferry berths. Therefore, ferries had to wait outside the typhoon shelter for docking during peak hours. Given that the proposed new pier would provide four ferry berths, it would significantly enhance the pier's passenger handling capacity, thereby reducing passengers' waiting time during festive periods (e.g. the Cheung Chau Bun Festival and Ching Ming Festival).
    - (c) In addition, the proposed pier's provision of only 600 bicycle parking spaces would be insufficient to meet demand. Therefore, he suggested increasing the number of parking spaces to 2 000 to address the bicycle parking issue.
    - (d) He would actively cooperate with the relevant departments to resolve the difficulties in constructing the pier and requested for early commencement of the project.
  - 6. Mr YU Hon-kwan stated that as ferry service was the only mode of public transport in Cheung Chau, the utilisation of the Cheung Chau Ferry Pier nearly reached full capacity during holidays as a result. The pier's structure had also begun to age. The relevant departments had initiated a feasibility study on the reconstruction of the Cheung Chau Ferry Pier in 2019 and had conducted multiple consultations on the matter. However, the reconstruction project had yet to make any progress, falling short of residents' expectations. While he acknowledged the Government's current resource constraints, he requested the relevant departments to prioritise the urgent need for reconstructing the Cheung Chau Ferry Pier when allocating resources and commence the captioned project as soon as possible.

- 7. Mr LUO Chenghuan stated that Cheung Chau was a popular tourist destination, featuring multiple attractions such as the eight major temples and the Cheung Po Tsai Cave. The Cheung Chau Bun Festival also attracted a large number of visitors annually, overburdening the Cheung Chau Ferry Pier. Therefore, he believed that the reconstruction project was an important livelihood issue and would contribute to boosting the economy. In this regard, he requested the relevant departments to adhere to "three musts" when implementing the reconstruction project: it must be treated with urgency, with the reconstruction project commencing as soon as possible; it must be taken seriously, as the new ferry pier could boost Cheung Chau's economy, particularly its tourism; and it must embody a spirit of collaboration, with all departments working together to advance the reconstruction project.
- 8. The Chairman summarised Members' views on the captioned project, including that the utilisation of the Cheung Chau Ferry Pier had nearly reached full capacity; the ferry berths were insufficient to meet the needs of residents and tourists; enhanced pier facilities would help stimulate tourism and boost the economy; and the proposed pier could provide additional bicycle parking spaces to alleviate the illegal bicycle parking near the pier. Therefore, Members requested for early commencement of the reconstruction project. She asked the Secretariat to write to the CEDD, the TD and the MD after the meeting to convey Members' views and to ask the departments to give positive consideration and response.

(<u>Post-meeting note</u>: The joint post-meeting written reply of the TD, the CEDD and the MD had been forwarded to Members for perusal on 24 April this year.)

# III. Question on the water supply facilities in Discovery Bay (IDC Paper No. 15/2025)

- 9. The Chairman drew Members' attention to the IDC Paper No. 15/2025, and welcomed Mr TO Wing-cheong, Kelvin, Estate Surveyor/2 (District Lands Office, Islands) of the Lands Department (LandsD); and Mr LAM Hiu-cheung, Senior Engineer/ Hong Kong & Islands Region 4 of the Water Supplies Department (WSD) to the meeting to present the paper. The written reply of the LandsD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.
- 10. <u>Mr Jonathan CHOW</u> briefly presented the question and made a correction that the annual rent for the lease of government land outside the boundary of the Discovery Bay Tunnel, where Hong Kong Resort Company Limited (Hong Kong Resort) had installed pumps and pipelines to connect to the government water supply system, exceeded \$2 million currently.
- 11. <u>Mr Kelvin TO</u> elaborated on the written reply of the LandsD.
- 12. Mr Jonathan CHOW expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He understood that when the Government granted land on Lantau Island to Hong Kong Resort for the development of Discovery Bay in the 1970s, the relevant land lease terms stipulated that the Government would not assume the responsibility for supplying water to the private lot. Therefore, Hong Kong Resort currently rented government land outside the Discovery Bay lot under a short-term tenancy for the construction of pumping stations and laying water pipelines. In this regard, he requested an exploration of the feasibility of adjusting the rent of the short-term tenancy to a nominal fee.
- (b) Before the Discovery Bay Tunnel was commissioned, the fresh water for Discovery Bay was supplied by the privately operated Discovery Bay Reservoir. As the Government had neither constructed a water supply system in the area at that time nor participated in the construction and maintenance of the reservoir, it had previously offered a 15% rates concession to the property owners in Discovery Bay. Discovery Bay Tunnel began operation, the Government supplied fresh water to Discovery Bay residents through the water pipelines in the tunnel and revoked the relevant rates concession. In addition to paying water charges to the Government, residents were also required to pay an additional management fee as the rent for the aforementioned short-term tenancy, effectively paying double charges. In this regard, the Discovery Bay City Owners Committee and other residents of Discovery Bay had repeatedly raised concerns to the Government over the past decade, stating that the relevant rent should not be borne by the residents.
- (c) He understood that the LandsD had no authority to intervene in the rental apportionment arrangements between Hong Kong Resort and the property owners in Discovery Bay regarding the short-term tenancy. However, he opined that charging Discovery Bay residents additional fees for fresh water supply was unreasonable. If the Department disregarded residents' views on the ground that Discovery Bay was private land, it would inevitably cause discontent among them. Furthermore, given that the development scale in Discovery Bay continued to expand and its population was expected to further increase to approximately 25 000, he believed that the Government should no longer consider Discovery Bay a remote area but should position it as a large-scale integrated residential community. Therefore. encouraged the relevant departments to go beyond the existing policy framework to enhance the welfare of Discovery Bay residents.

#### 13. Mr YU Hon-kwan expressed his views as follows:

(a) Although the majority of Discovery Bay residents were middle-class with higher financial capacity, imposing additional water supply charges on them solely on this basis would be unfair.

- (b) To his understanding, Hong Kong Resort had already borne part of the rent for the short-term tenancy. However, many Discovery Bay residents found the current rental expenses apportionment arrangements lacking in transparency. In this regard, he suggested that Hong Kong Resort should provide details regarding the rental apportionment ratio between the company and the property owners for the subject short-term tenancy. In addition, he believed that Hong Kong Resort should share the rental expenses for government land for development purposes together with the property owners in Discovery Bay in future development projects.
- (c) The LandsD stated in its written reply that, in accordance with the prevailing policy, if the lessee of a short-term tenancy was a non-profit-making organisation and received support from the relevant policy bureau, the rent could be calculated on a preferential basis. Given that Hong Kong Resort was a profit-making organisation, he invited it to consider authorising other non-profit-making organisations (such as the Discovery Bay City Owners Committee) to act as the lessee for the short-term tenancy to seek rent reductions, thereby alleviating the financial burden on Discovery Bay residents. In this regard, he suggested that the Secretariat should convey the above views to Hong Kong Resort and arrange an informal meeting with the company to discuss the issue.
- 14. <u>Ms Mealoha KWOK</u> opined that the Government should fulfil its social responsibility and actively enhance the welfare of Discovery Bay residents. She suggested setting the rent for the relevant short-term tenancy at a nominal fee of \$1 per month to avoid passing the rental costs onto residents, thereby alleviating their financial burden. Therefore, she supported the proposal for Hong Kong Resort to authorise a non-profit-making organisation as the lessee of the short-term tenancy to seek rent reductions.
- 15. Mr NG Man-kit believed that requiring Discovery Bay residents to pay an additional fee for fresh water supply was unfair, but he understood that the Department had to charge Hong Kong Resort market-rate rent in accordance with the established policies. He pointed out that, as the operator and beneficiary of the Discovery Bay development project, Hong Kong Resort should provide basic services to local residents and therefore had a responsibility to handle the fresh water supply issue fairly.
- 16. Mr Ken WONG said it was not ideal that Nim Shue Wan Village, located near Discovery Bay, solely relied on the Discovery Bay Reservoir for its natural water supply at present. The water was transported from the Discovery Bay Reservoir to the Nim Shue Wan area through pipelines maintained by the Islands District Office (IsDO). However, a recent pipe burst disrupted the water supply arrangements for Nim Shue Wan Village. At first, the WSD could not address the issue as the burst pipe was not under its jurisdiction. After coordination by the IsDO, the WSD arranged water tanks

to supply fresh water temporarily to the villagers. Additionally, although Hong Kong Resort had expressed willingness to provide fresh water to Nim Shue Wan Village, issues such as the apportionment of water pump electricity charges and the related rent had prevented the proposal from being implemented. He had raised the issue with the WSD repeatedly, but the problem remained unresolved. In this regard, he suggested that the WSD should bear the aforementioned water pump electricity charges and the related rent, and discuss with the LandsD and Hong Kong Resort on how to optimise the water supply model for Nim Shue Wan Village.

- 17. Mr Kelvin TO responded that it had been stipulated in the relevant lease terms that the landowners of Discovery Bay had to arrange for water supply on their own. Regarding the rent of the short-term tenancy, the current lessee (i.e. the HKR) of the short-term tenancy was not a non-profit-making organisation that had received support from the relevant policy bureaux for rent concessions on short-term tenancies. Therefore, the LandsD had to collect the rent as stipulated in the tenancy agreement in accordance with the existing terms of the short-term tenancy.
- 18. Mr LAM Hiu-cheung responded that as the water supply arrangement for Nim Shue Wan Village was outside the scope of discussion of this question, the WSD would further study the issue and provide a reply after the meeting.
- 19. <u>Mr Jonathan CHOW</u> added that at present, residents of Discovery Bay used the natural water from the Discovery Bay Reservoir for toilet flushing and irrigation only, but not for daily drinking, while villagers of Nim Shue Wan Village relied solely on the natural water of the reservoir as drinking water. The situation was unsatisfactory. Therefore, he asked the WSD to provide up-to-standard drinking water to Nim Shue Wan Village as soon as possible.
- 20. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to write to the HKR to convey Members' views on the captioned issue, including suggesting the HKR to authorise the Discovery Bay City Owners' Committee to act as the lessee of the short-term tenancy concerned to seek rent concessions, and inviting the HKR to respond to the enquiries about its share of rent for the short-term tenancy and future leasing of government land for development projects in the district. She also asked the Secretariat to follow up with the LandsD and the HKR after the meeting on the terms for granting rent concessions for the short-term tenancy concerned, such as whether the lessee had to meet the definition of a non-profit-making organisation under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance. As regards the water supply arrangement for Nim Shue Wan Village, she asked the Secretariat to follow up with the WSD after the meeting and invite the HKR and the WSD to a meeting for further discussion.

(<u>Post-meeting note</u>: The post-meeting written replies of the HKR and the LandsD were forwarded to Members for perusal on 24 April and 9 May this year respectively. In addition, the IsDO and the WSD held a meeting on 25 April this year to discuss ways to enhance the water supply arrangement for Nim Shue Wan Village.)

- IV. <u>Progress Report of Major Projects in Islands District</u> (IDC Paper No. 13/2025)
  - 21. <u>The Chairman</u> drew Members' attention to the IDC Paper No. 13/2025, and welcomed Mr YEUNG Che-yuen, Patrick, Senior Engineer/1 (Lantau) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) to the meeting to present the paper.
  - 22. <u>Mr Patrick YEUNG</u> briefly presented the paper.
  - 23. <u>Mr LAU Shun-ting</u> enquired about the progress of Project No. 355DS "Outlying Islands Sewerage Stage 2 Lamma Village Sewerage Phase 2, Package 2" (page 21 of the paper).
  - 24. Mr YU Hon-kwan said that the technology of the district cooling system adopted in Project No. 5049CGA "The District Cooling System for Tung Chung New Town Extension (East)" (page 12 of the paper) was known to be outdated. In addition, he pointed out that most of the buildings in the Tung Chung East reclamation area would be residential buildings, and estimated that commercial buildings and public facilities would account for less than 20% of the total number of buildings, hence the demand for centralised cooling in the area would be relatively low. In view of the above circumstances, coupled with the current financial constraints of the Government, he enquired whether the Department still planned to spend \$3.9 billion of public funds to construct the said district cooling system whose cost-effectiveness was questionable, or whether there were better alternatives. He was of the view that given the current fiscal position of the Government, the use of public funds should adhere to the principle of "committing resources as and when justified and needed". Therefore, he suggested that the Department should consider adjusting the scale of the district cooling system to lower the project cost.

### 25. <u>Mr YIP Pui-kei</u> expressed his views as follows:

- (a) According to the information available, the paper on the second phase of the Tung Chung New Town Extension project, which had been submitted to the Legislative Council for consideration, did not include the above district cooling system project. Therefore, he enquired whether the departments concerned would proceed with the project and suggested that the Department should consider allocating resources to more cost-effective projects.
- (b) As Project No. 5782CLA "Engineering Study on Road P1 (Tai Ho Sunny Bay Section)" (page 17 of the paper) was expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of this year, he asked the CEDD about the current progress and plans of the project. In addition, he said that as Road P1 was crucial to the entire extension project in Tung Chung East and to addressing the future population growth in the area, he requested that the road should be commissioned as soon as possible to ease the traffic in the area.

- 26. Mr HO Chun-fai said that he had received feedback from members of the public about the slow progress of the "South Lantau Sewerage Works". In this connection, he asked the departments concerned about the official commencement date and timetable for Stage 2 of Project No. 433DS "Construction of San Shek Wan Sewage Treatment Works and Pui O Village Sewerage" (page 22 of the paper), and whether the catchment area of the sewerage system would cover villages in the South Lantau area.
- 27. <u>Ms Mealoha KWOK</u> said that the completion date of Project No. 196SCA "Community Hall-cum-Home Affairs Enquiry Centre in Cheung Chau" (CHHAEC) (page 10 of the paper) was the first quarter of 2025. However, as far as she knew, the said project had not yet been completed. She envisaged that upon completion of the project, the departments concerned would have to apply for occupation permits and conduct necessary inspections and testing procedures, and hence the opening date might be further delayed. In this connection, she asked the departments concerned about the works progress and the official opening date of the CHHAEC.
- 28. Mr NG Man-kit said that at present, there were still several places in Cheung Chau which were not within the sewer laying area, including Lung Tsai Tsuen, Ko Shan Tsuen, Tai Tsoi Yuen Kui and Pak She San Tsuen. He said that he had received complaints from residents from time to time about the overflow of sewage from the septic tanks in the above places, which he attributed to the deterioration of the permeability of the septic tanks as a result of the ageing of the equipment. He had received requests for assistance from residents on the issue from time to time because whenever the Environmental Protection Department found that there was an overflow of sewage from septic tanks, it would issue warning letters to the nearby residents, requesting them to deal with the situation within a few days, or else prosecution would be instituted. However, even after the septic tanks had been cleaned by the cleansing service contractors, the overflowing situation often recurred shortly afterwards. problem repeated over and over again and could not be solved completely. As regards Project No. 415DS "Cheung Chau Development, Improvement to Existing Roads and Drains in Cheung Chau Old Town - Remaining Engineering Works", it was indicated on page 23 of the paper that the details of the project were still under review. According to his understanding, the Drainage Services Department had carried out investigation works for the above project for about two years, but the construction had Therefore, he asked the Department to provide the exact not yet commenced. commencement date and timetable of the project.
- 29. Mr WAN Yeung-kin said it was indicated on page 14 of the paper that the commencement date of Project No. 5055TFA "Reconstruction of Yung Shue Wan Public Pier" was 2022. However, as far as he knew, the said project did not commence until 2024. In this connection, he asked the departments concerned to clarify the time required for the project and whether the project, based on the current progress, could still be completed in the second half of 2026 as originally scheduled.
- 30. Mr YU Hon-kwan said that the paper included the "Studies Related to Artificial Islands in the Central Waters", but did not mention the relevant study on the

"two tunnels and one viaduct" conducted by the CEDD. He therefore requested the Department to report on the progress of the study.

31. Mr Patrick YEUNG responded that the questions raised by Members involved details such as the completion dates and timetables of projects undertaken by different departments. As the coordinating department for major projects, the CEDD would need to further liaise with the individual project teams of the departments concerned. He said that the Department would reply to Members after collecting all the necessary information.

(<u>Post-meeting note</u>: The post-meeting written reply of the CEDD was forwarded to Members for perusal on 24 April this year.)

- 32. <u>The Chairman gave a consolidated response as follows:</u>
  - (a) She invited the CEDD to reflect Members' questions and views to the departments concerned as soon as possible after the meeting and provide the departments' replies to the Secretariat for forwarding to Members.
  - (b) Regarding the works progress of the CHHAEC, the IsDO had actively followed up on the matter and reflected it to the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) on a number of occasions. As the operation of a concrete supplier in Cheung Chau was suspended due to an accident in February 2024, the delivery of materials had been delayed, thus seriously affecting the progress of the above project. Recently, the IsDO had also sent staff to inspect the site and learnt that the progress of the construction of the external wall of the CHHAEC was behind schedule. In this connection, the ArchSD was now expediting the work progress and had completed most of the procedures in the past week. As the said project was mainly undertaken by contractors, and some of the procedures required technical support from other departments, it still took time for the ArchSD to coordinate with the relevant departments.
  - (c) As regards the interior renovation of the CHHAEC, the ArchSD had also commenced the relevant works this month. According to the latest reply from the Department, the expected opening date of the CHHAEC was May this year.
  - (d) The IsDO had been actively following up on the works progress of the CHHAEC and had taken the lead to start ordering the furniture and equipment required for the commissioning of the CHHAEC during the construction period, in the hope of saving time and enabling the CHHAEC to be put into service as soon as possible. Meanwhile, the IsDO would continue to follow up with the ArchSD on the works progress.

- 33. <u>Ms Mealoha KWOK</u> thanked the IsDO and the relevant departments for actively following up on and monitoring the works progress of the CHHAEC. She also reminded the relevant departments to pay attention to the occupational safety and health issues during the construction period.
- 34. The Chairman understood Members' concern about occupational safety and health. In this connection, the IsDO would remind the ArchSD to ensure that the works complied with the basic safety requirements when expediting the work progress. She requested that the CHHAEC should be officially opened for public use in May this year as advised by the ArchSD. In addition, she said that some of the renovation works could only proceed after the CHHAEC was officially put into use, and hoped that the community would understand.
- V. Reports on the Work of the IDC Committees / Working Group (IDC Papers No. 16-21/2025)
  - 35. Members noted and endorsed the papers unanimously.
  - The Chairman noted that after the referral of two issues of community 36. concern, namely (I) "Road Traffic Congestion Problem in Tung Chung Town Centre and Nearby Areas" and (II) "The Use and Parking Problems of Bicycles (including Electric Bicycles)" to the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC) for follow-up at the District Council meeting in May 2024, the TTC had been holding ongoing discussions since the meeting in June 2024, and initial results had been observed. In respect of Topic (I), various short, medium and long-term feasible options had been actively explored and progressively implemented in collaboration with the relevant parties. As for Topic (II), the arrangement for residents to park their bicycles on the temporary footbridge during the pier works had been successfully rationalised in collaboration with the relevant departments on a pilot basis in the vicinity of the Yung Shue Wan Public Pier on Lamma Island, and continuous efforts had been made to explore ways to rationalise the bicycle parking arrangements in the vicinity of the Mui Wo Ferry pier in the light of the successful experience in Lamma Island as mentioned above. Chairman said that as the causes of the above two issues were relatively complicated, it would take a longer time to explore and implement the various response measures. She expressed gratitude for the efforts and achievements of Members to date, and suggested that the District Council and the TTC should continue to follow up on the above two issues of community concern this year and actively explore with the relevant parties the introduction of more suitable measures, with a view to further improving the traffic congestion and bicycle parking problems in the district, and striving to create a better community for residents. The Chairman also welcomed Members to propose new issues of community concern, if any, for discussion. Members were in favour of continuing to follow up on the above two issues of community concern and did not propose any new issues.

#### VI. Any Other Business

- 37. Mr LAU Chin-pang said that at present, there were cases of abuse of "space oil" by young people and students, and he had discussed with the Police before the meeting on ways to strengthen the crackdown on this issue. Since 14 February this year, "space oil" had been listed as a dangerous drug, and the Government had renamed it as "space oil drug". However, some junior secondary school students still regarded it as an ordinary electronic cigarette. In this connection, he suggested that the District Council should collaborate with the Police and schools to disseminate the relevant information in schools through various means to combat the abuse of the "space oil drug" by young people.
- 38. The Chairman thanked Mr LAU for his suggestion and said that she would liaise with the Police and youth organisations in the district after the meeting to develop relevant publicity strategies. It was planned to launch a series of preventive education activities in the second quarter, such as organising publicity activities in school campuses and setting up of street booths, etc., to enhance the effectiveness of publicity.

(<u>Post-meeting note</u>: The IsDO set up booths themed on combating "space oil drug" in the "Islands District National Security Education Day 2025" held on 12 April 2025 to promote anti-drug messages. Meanwhile, the Police said that they would continue to organise anti-drug themed talks and publicity activities in schools in the district.)

### VII. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u>

39. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 13 May 2025 (Tuesday).

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