

**Minutes of the 10th Meeting of
the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee of
the Kowloon City District Council**

Date: 17 July 2025 (Thursday)
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Kowloon City District Office

Present:

Chairman: Mr TING Kin-wa, MH
Vice-chairman: Mr KWAN Ho-yeung, MH
Members: Mr CHO Wui-hung, MH
Mr LEE Chiu-yu
Mr NG Fan-kam, MH
Mr NG Po-keung, MH
Mr HE Huahan, MH
Mr LAM Pok
Mr LAM Tak-shing, MH
Mr CHAN Chi-wah
Mr CHEUNG King-fan
Ms WONG Man-lei, Vivian
Mr WONG Man-kong
Mr WONG Chi
Ms LAU Yuen-yin
Mr PUN Kwok-wah, JP
Mr LAI Yin-chung
Co-opted Members: Mr KO Chung-kit, Jacky
Mr CHAN Hing-tat, Rudy
Ms MAK Lai-kuen
Mr YEUNG Ho-shing

Secretary: Mr HU Shek-pang, Frank Executive Officer (District
Council)3, Kowloon City District
Office

Absent:

Co-opted Member: Mr LO Chiu-kit

<u>In Attendance:</u>	Miss LIU Suk-fun, Connie	Senior Liaison Officer (District Liaison)2, Kowloon City District Office
	Ms TSOI Yuen-ting	Senior School Development Officer (Kowloon City)4, Education Bureau
	Miss CHAN Chi, Alice	Senior Manager (Kowloon West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
	Ms CHAN Pik-mei, Meimei	Manager (Kowloon West) Marketing, Programme and District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
	Ms TSE Shuk-fan, Fanny	Senior Librarian (Kowloon City), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
	Ms CHIU Shui-man, Tabitha	District Leisure Manager (Kowloon City), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
	Mr LEUNG Siu-hang, Rex	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kowloon City, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Opening Remarks by the Chairman

1. **The Chairman** of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC) welcomed Members and representatives of departments to the tenth meeting of the CICRC.

2. **The Chairman** reminded Members to declare interests in accordance with the stipulation of Order 22 of the Kowloon City District Council Standing Orders (the Standing Orders). If the matters to be discussed had any connection or potential conflict of interests with Members' personal interests such as property rights, profession or investment, Members should make a declaration proactively at the meeting so that he could make a decision in accordance with the Standing Orders.

3. **The Chairman** stated that in accordance with Order 80(1) of the Standing Orders, the quorum at any meeting of a committee should be half of the total number of members of the committee provided that District Council members must constitute half or more of the members attending the meeting. If the quorum was not present at the commencement of the meeting or in the course of the meeting, he would direct the Secretary to summon the absentees. If the quorum was still not present 15 minutes thereafter, he would adjourn the meeting. According to the stipulation of Order 13 of the Standing Orders, he then set out that each attendee was allowed to make a maximum of three speeches during a discussion on the same agenda item and the time limit for each speech was two minutes. He also reminded the attendees to turn off their mobile phones or to turn the ringers to vibration notification to avoid causing disturbances to the meeting.

4. **The Chairman** stated that before the commencement of the meeting, the Secretariat received a notification of absence from meeting from co-opted member Mr LO Chiu-kit, indicating his unavailability at the meeting due to being out of Hong Kong for personal reasons. As the grounds for Mr LO's absence was not among the circumstances specified in Order 64(5) of the Standing Orders, it was announced that Mr LO's application for absence was not accepted by the Committee.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes of the 9th Meeting

5. **The Chairman** declared that the minutes of the ninth meeting were unanimously endorsed by the committee without amendments.

Item 2

Summer Swimming Activities to Welcome the National Games

(CICRC Paper No. 24/2025)

6. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

7. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), i.e. Document No. 1 tabled.

8. **Members** raised the following views and enquiries:

- (i) the summer holidays had begun, during which swimming was an important summer activity for children and young people.

However, Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool was still under repair, leaving only Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool and Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool currently available for use in the district. This affected residents' opportunities to swim and organise pool activities. Enquiries were made on whether Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool and Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool had sufficient capacity to meet district residents' demand during the peak season of summer holidays, whether they could accommodate swimming classes for various age groups organised by swimming associations, and whether there were enough lifeguards to ensure user safety;

- (ii) invited the LCSD to report the reasons for the delayed repair progress in Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool and to provide an expected date for the reopening. The Department was urged to expedite the handover inspections and reopen the pool for public use to alleviate the pressure on Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool and Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool;
- (iii) upon the reopening of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool, the LCSD should inform the public of its reopening through publicity and organising sports programmes or competitions;
- (iv) suggested the LCSD to implement measures such as inviting professional swimmers to schools in the district for publicity purposes and upgrading pool facilities (such as adding Wi-Fi). These measures could promote young people's interest in swimming and enhance the atmosphere of Kowloon City's devotion and support for the 15th National Games of the People's Republic of China (NG), thereby developing Kowloon City District into a sports hub;
- (v) enquired the LCSD whether events to welcome the NG would be held in Kowloon City District, and if so, the details; and
- (vi) suggested the Department to set up themed electronic photo spots in the district and step up publicity for the NG at high-traffic locations in Kowloon City. This would allow more local residents and visitors to be informed about the NG, thereby demonstrating Hong Kong's commitment to mega events.

9. **The representative of the LCSD** replied with the main points as follows:
- (i) Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool and Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool, which were currently operating as usual, would be able to handle the increased number of swimmers during the summer and met the demands of the residents in the district;
 - (ii) the Department would organise a series of recreational and sports events to welcome the NG in Kowloon City District. These included the District Age Group Table-tennis Competition, Dance cum Recreation and Sports Carnival, Fencing Fun Day, Sports for-All Carnival, etc. In addition, the Department would complement the publicity events of the National Games Coordination Office (Hong Kong). Information related to the NG would be available on the Department's website and at the leisure facilities in the district, encouraging broader participation in this mega event; and
 - (iii) regarding the works progress of the reconstruction project of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool, the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) required additional time to carry out related improvement works, rectification works and system testing with the contractor. The pool was expected to open for public use in the third quarter of this year. The Department would continue to maintain close communication with the ArchSD to ensure that Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool complied with the safety and hygiene standards before its public opening.

Item 3

Report on District Arts and Cultural Programme and Usage Situation of Cultural Facilities in 2025-26 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)

(CICRC Paper No. 25/2025)

10. **The representative of the LCSD** reported on the Paper.
11. **Members** raised the following views and enquiries:
- (i) the number of activities held at the Cattle Depot Artist Village last year was higher than that of this year. Enquiries were made on the Department's future plans for the Cattle Depot Artist Village and

whether other groups could be allowed to use the venue for organising events, thereby ensuring its facilities and ancillary provisions to be fully utilised;

- (ii) enquired about whether the Department's publicity for free events was adequate, whether the free tickets for related events were allocated in a reasonable and fair manner, and whether the use of venues as public resources could be optimised in terms of efficiency and fairness to prevent mismatches and wastage of resources;
- (iii) when holding events in the district, organisations often defaulted to community halls as venues. It was suggested that the Department should compile statistics on the utilisation rates of the facilities in the Ko Shan Theatre, including the rehearsal rooms, function rooms and exhibition gallery, to examine whether these related facilities were available for group bookings; and
- (iv) suggested the Department to utilise schools and playgrounds in the district as alternative event venues. This would allow the Ko Shan Theatre to become more available for arts and cultural events held by the kai-fong associations, thereby increasing the number of users of the Ko Shan Theatre and enhancing the cultural and artistic atmosphere of Kowloon City District.

12. **The representative of the LCSD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) the selection of performance venues required consideration of multiple factors, including the schedules of performing groups and venues, programme nature and suitability of facilities. The Department recently held an event at the Cattle Depot Artist Village on 29 June this year and would relay Members' views on the Cattle Depot Artist Village to the related programme office;
- (ii) in addition to the Theatre and the New Wing Auditorium as its two main venues, the Ko Shan Theatre also housed the New Wing Exhibition Gallery and several minor facilities available for hire by organisations. Due to their limited space, minor facilities were usually used by hirers for holding interest classes, workshops and rehearsals. The exhibition gallery was primarily used for side

exhibitions of large-scale events, thus its utilisation rate was lower compared to the main venues. The Department would relay Members' suggestions about using other venues in the district for organising events to the programme office; and

- (iii) free events were generally open for walk-in participation by the public. For free events with limited capacity such as workshops, interested individuals were required to register online in advance. For publicity purposes, the Department would disseminate the latest event information to the public via online media, digital posters and emails to District Council members from time to time.

Item 4

Report on Promotion Activities Organised in and Usage Situation of Public Libraries in Kowloon City District by the LCSD

(CICRC Paper No. 26/2025)

- 13. **The representative of the LCSD** reported on the Paper.
- 14. **Members** raised the following views:
 - (i) enquired the Department about the schedule and arrangements of events commemorating the 80th anniversary of the victory in the War of Resistance in Kowloon City District, such as exhibitions, thematic talks and film screenings. These events, along with large-scale events promoting the 60th anniversary of Dongjiang water supply to Hong Kong and the 5th anniversary of the promulgation and implementation of the Hong Kong National Security Law, were expected to enhance the sense of national identity and historic knowledge among residents in the district;
 - (ii) enquired about whether the service hours of the self-service book drops in the district had been extended to cover the closing hours of the municipal buildings;
 - (iii) suggested the Department to compile statistics on the visitor flow and utilisation rates of mobile libraries at different locations in the district. The data could be used to assess whether there was a need to expand or adjust the coverage of mobile library services so that more people

could benefit;

- (iv) suggested the Department to select and acquire additional books, e-books and audiobooks of martial arts novels and on popular themes such as the 80th anniversary of the victory in the War of Resistance. Details about these related books could be consolidated into lists of recommendations, which could be presented as digital posters or accessed via QR codes. The lists could be sent to District Council members and co-opted members for publicity purposes, thereby promoting reading habits and culture, as well as encouraging broader use of audiobooks and e-books; and
- (v) to reduce the queue time for borrowing books by the public, it was suggested that the Department should acquire more books of popular genres based on the reservation time required for various book genres.

15. **The representative of the LCSD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) the Department had planned to hold a book fair and a photo exhibition on the theme of the 80th anniversary of the victory of the War of Resistance at To Kwa Wan Public Library and Kowloon Public Library in November and December this year respectively;
- (ii) the Department would acquire books and e-books on various themes such as national security and the 80th anniversary of the victory of the War of Resistance based on the needs of the public and the Government. Acquisition of the related books would also be adjusted according to the demand for the book copies;
- (iii) the service hours of self-service book drops were the same as the opening hours of the municipal buildings housing the libraries. To facilitate the public, the Department had also planned to progressively install smart book drops in the district in the second half of this year or early next year;
- (iv) the Department would continue to monitor the usage of various mobile library routes and, depending on the circumstances, improve or optimise the service locations of the mobile libraries to serve more people;

- (v) currently, the Department was sustaining its efforts to enhance online electronic resources services, including audiobooks and e-books. Locally published “pop-up e-books” were also provided on a time-limited basis, allowing the public to borrow the related books without the constraints of time or place; and
- (vi) the Department had listed the most popular books among readers on the library website and produced promotional materials such as leaflets and posters to promote reading culture to the public. The Department would continue to disseminate relevant publicity materials to District Council members and co-opted members so that publicity could be carried out through a multi-pronged approach.

Item 5

Any Other Business

16. **The Chairman** stated that Kowloon City District Council (KCDC) received an invitation from the Chinese Manufacturers’ Association of Hong Kong (CMA) to mobilise residents in the district to visit the 5th Hong Kong Brands and Products Shopping Festival held at AsiaWorld-Expo from 1 to 4 August. Residents coordinated by the District Council would be admitted free of charge. The CMA also stated that a transport subsidy of HK\$3,000 per 40 visitors would be provided, capped at HK\$6,000. The Chairman of the KCDC proposed that the CICRC should discuss whether to participate in the aforementioned event.

17. Following discussions, the CICRC decided to accept the CMA’s invitation. Four Community Living Rooms in Kowloon City District would nominate 80 of their members to participate in the event on 3 August. The Vice-chairman of the CICRC, Mr KWAN Ho-yeung, would assist in the coordination.

18. **The Chairman** invited the Secretariat to contact the CMA after the meeting to confirm the acceptance of the invitation, and follow up with Mr KWAN Ho-yeung on the event details.

[Post-meeting note: The activity was held on 3 August, with a total of 80 Community Living Room members participated.]

Item 6

Date of Next Meeting

19. **The Chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 18 September 2025 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 3 September 2025.

20. **The Chairman** announced the adjournment of the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 18 September 2025.

The Chairman

The Secretary

KCDC Secretariat
September 2025