

**Minutes of the 11th Meeting of
the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee of
the Kowloon City District Council**

Date: 18 September 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 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 LO Chiu-kit
Mr YEUNG Ho-shing

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

In Attendance: 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 FUNG Yan-yi, Doris	Senior Manager (Kowloon West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHAN Wing-sze	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

Attendance by Invitation:

Mr WONG Lap-yan, Ivan	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kowloon City), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr KWONG Wing-shing	Chief Health Inspector (Kowloon City) ² , Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr WONG Kang-fai	Senior Health Inspector (Hawker) Kowloon City, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms Joyce WAN	Head of Public Relations and Communications, Kai Tak Sports Park Limited

Ms Serena NG

Assistant Manager - Public
Relations and Communications,
Kai Tak Sports Park Limited

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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 eleventh 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.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes of the 10th Meeting

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

Item 2**Introduction of the Lunar New Year Fair in Kowloon City District in the Year of Bingwu by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**

(CICRC Paper No. 27/2025)

5. **The representative of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD)** introduced the Paper with the main points as follows:

- (i) the Department planned to hold the Lunar New Year Fair at To Kwa Wan Recreation Ground from 11 to 17 February 2026. This would facilitate the public to shop for festive flowers and products while creating a joyful, inclusive and festive year-end atmosphere;
- (ii) regarding the arrangements and implementation details for the Lunar New Year Fair, the Department had consulted the Kowloon City District Office (KCDO), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), Hong Kong Fire Services Department, Transport Department (TD), Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited, etc.;
- (iii) the Lunar New Year Fair stalls would be let to the highest bidders in an open auction. The auction was tentatively scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 6 November 2025 at the Assembly Hall, 2/F, Lai Chi Kok Government Offices, 19 Lai Wan Road. Successful bidders would be required to enter a licence agreement with the Department to operate the stalls in the Lunar New Year Fair; and
- (iv) the command posts of the Department and the HKPF, along with other duty officers, would be responsible for venue management and public order.

6. **Members** raised the following views:

- (i) the FEHD's response to public demands and expectations was appreciated. Hosting the Lunar New Year Fair in Kowloon City District would spare residents the trouble of travelling to another district. To enhance the appeal of the Lunar New Year Fair, it was suggested that the FEHD should add local characteristics in the

design, such as incorporating elements of Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP), Chaozhou, Thailand, Kowloon Walled City and aircraft. The FEHD could even collaborate with Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) to move some of the exhibits from the “Kowloon Walled City: A Cinematic Journey” Movie Set Exhibition currently housed at the Kowloon Walled City Park to the Lunar New Year Fair for display. This would attract the public and tourists to make purchases in the fair, thereby boosting the local economy;

- (ii) Lunar New Year Fair was a feature of traditional Chinese festivals. It was suggested that the FEHD could take this opportunity to promote Chinese culture and history by incorporating lanterns, traditional Han clothing experience and a photo exhibition on national culture and achievements, etc. in the fair;
- (iii) it was suggested that the Lunar New Year Fair should include more elements of community involvement. Some stalls (including those of unsuccessful tender) could be assigned to schools, non-government organisations, ethnic minority groups in the district for their participation free of charge or at a discounted rate. The FEHD could also consider allocating some of the stalls for adopting the two-envelope approach in the tender exercise. Instead of assigning the stalls to the highest bidders, this would allow for consideration of the characteristics and operation objectives of the stalls. In addition, schools in the district could be invited to perform at the fair to enhance the festive atmosphere;
- (iv) it was suggested that the FEHD should use platforms like Facebook and Xiaohungshu as well as the district network of the District Council to step up the publicity of the first Lunar New Year Fair in Kowloon City District to residents in the district and mainland tourists;
- (v) early this year, many stalls at the Lunar New Year Fairs in Cheung Sha Wan and Tsz Wan Shan collapsed in strong winds. It was windy at To Kwa Wan Recreation Ground. There were incidents where the stage collapsed in the unusual gusts of winds in carnival events held by local groups at this location. It was therefore suggested that the FEHD should step up inspection and remind operators to secure the

stalls with adequate heavy items such as sand bags to avoid similar incidents. In addition, the Department should also make arrangements for adverse weather conditions and ensure sufficient and stable supply of electricity at the venue;

- (vi) the streets at the vicinity of To Kwa Wan Recreation Ground were always busy. To prevent traffic congestion at the location due to footfall from the Lunar New Year Fair and the loading and unloading of goods by the merchants, it was suggested that the Department should plan ahead and take appropriate measures. This included restricting the time for loading and unloading of goods, enhancing crowd control, increasing the number of entrances and exits, as well as reserving space for admission queues to maintain smooth traffic on major roads. In addition, the Department should also take measures to remind drivers to refrain from unnecessary honking due to traffic congestion, which would disturb nearby residents; and
- (vii) it was suggested that the FEHD should communicate with residents in the district more frequently and announce the crowd and traffic arrangements for the Lunar New Year Fair as early as possible so that the residents could express their views and concerns, thereby ensuring the successful and smooth execution of the event.

7. **The representative of the FEHD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) the Department considered setting up photo spots and Lunar New Year decor such as panda decorations at the Lunar New Year Fair. The Department also planned to arrange for “Keep Clean Ambassador Ah Tak” to visit the venue and take photos with the public to draw more attention. The Department would also maintain communication with schools and non-government organisations in the district to see if they were interested in the bid;
- (ii) the Lunar New Year Fair had designated areas for wet goods, dry goods and fast food, allowing the public to enjoy local snacks while shopping for festive products in a one-stop manner. The Department noted Members’ suggestion of opening up the spectator stands for the public to rest and enjoy the food, and would study its feasibilities;

- (iii) the Department agreed to allowing schools and local groups to participate in the Lunar New Year Fair event. Nevertheless, for the sake of fairness, all stalls must be let through an open auction, in which interested individuals over the territory would be able to participate in the bid. The Department would enhance publicity efforts in the district and had noted Members' views on offering some of the stalls to schools and local groups. Such views would be referred within the Department;
- (iv) the Department would promote the information about the Lunar New Year Fair on its Facebook page, which was newly created in August this year;
- (v) based on the years of experience of holding the Lunar New Year Fair, the Department would definitely make repeated reminders to the operators about securing the stalls with heavy items such as sand bags during its set up to prevent them from collapsing in the winds;
- (vi) regarding traffic and crowd control, the Department had taken the advice from the HKPF and would reserve space for queues in the basketball courts for diversion. The Department would continue to discuss the details with the HKPF and the TD to ensure the arrangements would facilitate the participants of the Lunar New Year Fair without affecting nearby residents; and
- (vii) the Department would also formulate various solutions and establish corresponding measures based on the weather conditions.

[Post-meeting note: The FEHD had consulted the HKTB regarding Members' suggestion to incorporate local characteristics of Kowloon City into the Lunar New Year Fair. The Department would actively consider including relevant elements in the venue decoration. Regarding the suggestion of opening up the spectator stands for the public to rest and enjoy the food, the spectator stand section could not be made available for public use due to concerns of public safety. In addition, regarding the view of offering some of the stalls to schools and local groups, the Department would arrange for letting the remaining stalls of the auction to the public on a first come, first served basis.]

8. **The Chairman** concluded and stated that the Committee always promoted for more festive events to be hosted in the district to enhance the well-being of the residents. The Committee supported the FEHD in organising the Lunar New Year Fair in the district but would like the Department to consider the views of Members to further enhance various arrangements. To create a vibrant festive atmosphere and to boost the local economy, the Chairman also invited Members to actively assist in the publicity to draw participation from the public within and outside of the district as well as tourists.

Item 3

Proposal concerning the Provision of Additional Locations for Art Creation in Kowloon City District

(CICRC Paper No. 32/2025)

9. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

10. **The Chairman** stated the Department representative was unable to attend the meeting due to official commitments. He invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the KCDO, Lands Department, Drainage Services Department and Highways Department, i.e. Documents No. 2, 4, 5 and 10 tabled.

11. **Members** stated that, to avoid fragmented development, the departments could first coordinate and reach a consensus on the aesthetic presentation of Kowloon City District to enhance the visual appeal of the district environment before implementing the relevant project.

12. There being no enquiries from Members, **the Chairman** declared the item closed.

Item 4

Proposal for the Promotion on More Outdoor Programmes for the Attendance of Residents in Kowloon City District

(CICRC Paper No. 28/2025)

13. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

14. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the LCSD, i.e. Document No. 6 tabled.

15. There being no enquiries from Members, **the Chairman** declared the item closed.

Item 5

Promotion on Making Good Use of SmartPLAY among Elders and Organisation of Thematic Educational Activities on Patriotism in Kowloon City District

(CICRC Paper No. 29/2025)

16. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

17. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the LCSD, i.e. Documents No. 1, 7 and 9 tabled.

18. **Members** stated that elders generally had reduced finger dexterity and relatively blurry vision due to presbyopia. To facilitate elders' use of the mobile application SmartPLAY on phone, it was suggested that the Department should introduce a simplified version and make reference to the enlarged font size, streamlined navigation of the mobile application HA Go by the Hospital Authority. This would prevent elders from refusing or reducing their use of the mobile application SmartPLAY due to navigation difficulties.

19. **The representative of the LCSD** stated that they noted Members' views and would refer them to the section responsible for the mobile application SmartPLAY.

Item 6

Proposal for Making Good Use of Park Resources in Kowloon City District to Develop and Inherit Chinese Culture

(CICRC Paper No. 30/2025)

20. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

21. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the LCSD, i.e. Document No. 8 tabled.

22. There being no enquiries from Members, **the Chairman** declared the item closed.

Item 7**Provision of Additional Shared Spaces for Dance Practice in Kai Tak**

(CICRC Paper No. 31/2025)

23. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
24. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by Kai Tak Sports Park Limited (KTSPL) and the LCSD, i.e. Documents No. 3 and 11 tabled.
25. **Members** raised the following views:
- (i) to promote the sport of dancing, it was suggested that the LCSD should consider opening up suitable areas in Kai Tak Station Square (KTSS) for use by various dance groups, in addition to opening them up for cover dance;
 - (ii) nowadays, young people lacked platforms to showcase their talents. It was suggested that the LCSD could make reference to Macau and open up various tourist attractions for young people to give different types of street performances. The performance venue, time and format could be regulated through a licensing mechanism, which would balance the needs of different parties; and
 - (iii) similar to how the Ko Shan Theatre was primarily used for Cantonese opera performances, the LCSD could consider prioritising venue hire based on the location, type of performance to be promoted and target audience, etc. Since young people generally lacked resources and had a keen demand for free performance venues, the LCSD was urged to open up more public venues in the district for prioritised use by young people, thereby helping them showcase and develop their talents.
26. **The representative of KTSPL** replied with the main points as follows:
- (i) the KTSP was committed to providing world-class and quality venue facilities to support event organisers in hosting various kinds of events and competitions. In addition to bringing a wonderful experience to the public and audience, the KTSP also provided a safe

and comfortable environment to visitors to take care of the needs of various users;

- (ii) the KTSS was not managed by the KTSPL. Nevertheless, being adjacent to the KTSP, the venue was one of the primary accesses to the precinct. It served as the audience's primary passage for entering and exiting the venue, thus experiencing the heavy footfall during the staging of major events. Even on days without the staging of major events, many people used the area for walking or jogging. The operation of the KTSP, especially the requirement of handling heavy footfall, must be ensured before the additional provision of shared spaces for dance practices near the KTSS;
- (iii) allowing group practices or performances in public spaces required careful consideration of the surrounding environment and related ancillary facilities, as well as a comprehensive and careful assessment on the potential impacts of group dance activities at the vicinity on residents and pedestrians. This would ensure a balance between the needs of all users, safeguard public safety and enhance the good experience of the public while promoting community sports;
- (iv) Kai Tak Sports Initiative, a community project under the KTSP, collaborated with organisations from time to time to hold a diverse range of sports items such as street dance experience courses. Practices, competitions and performances were conducted in a safe indoor environment, allowing young people to unleash their potential and promoting sports for all; and
- (v) organisations interested in hiring the facilities of the KTSP were welcome to contact the team. The KTSP was willing to assist in arranging suitable venues and times.

27. There being no enquiries from Members, **the Chairman** declared the item closed.

Item 8

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. 33/2025)

28. **The representative of the LCSD** reported on the Paper.
29. There being no enquiries from Members, **the Chairman** declared the item closed.

Item 9

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

(CICRC Paper No. 34/2025)

30. **The representative of the LCSD** reported on the Paper.
31. **The Chairman** stated that there being no enquiries from Members, and declared the item closed.

Item 10

Any Other Business

32. No further items were raised by Members.

Item 11

Date of Next Meeting

33. **The Chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 25 November 2025 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 10 November 2025.
34. **The Chairman** announced the adjournment of the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 25 November 2025.

The Chairman

The Secretary

KCDC Secretariat
November 2025