

**Minutes of the 5th Meeting of  
the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee of  
the Kowloon City District Council**

Date: 12 September 2024 (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  
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  
Ms LEUNG Yuen-ting  
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: Miss WONG Man-kei, Kate      Executive Officer (District Council)3, Kowloon City District Office

**In Attendance:**      Mr WU Ho-man, Kenneth      Assistant District Officer, Kowloon City District Office

Miss LIU Suk-fun, Connie	Senior Liaison Officer (District Liaison) <sup>2</sup> , Kowloon City District Office
Ms WONG Chung-tai, Ann	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kowloon City, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEUNG Tsz-kit, Joyce	Assistant District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kowloon City, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
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 TSOI Yuen-ting	Senior School Development Officer (Kowloon City) <sup>4</sup> , Education Bureau

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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 fifth 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 4th Meeting**

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

### **Item 2**

#### **Proposal Relating to Matters on the Organisation of “Digital Detox” and Itinerary for the Youth in Kowloon City District**

(CICRC Paper No. 25/2024)

5. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

6. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the Education Bureau (EDB), i.e. Document No. 5 tabled.

7. **Members** considered that besides internet addiction, the mental health problems and stress of youth came from various sources such as family and studies. Therefore, the mental health of youth should be paid attention to as a whole.

8. **The representative of the EDB** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) the Bureau attached great importance to the nurturing of students' information literacy (IL) and provided schools with the “IL for Hong Kong Students” Learning Framework to strengthen the IL-related learning elements in primary and secondary curricula, nurture

students' ability and attitude to use information and communication technology effectively and ethically in learning and daily life and promote the healthy use of the internet to students;

- (ii) regarding support for parents, the Bureau, together with the Hong Kong Education City and the Committee on Home-School Co-operation, would jointly organise a series of parent seminars each year and invite experts and social workers to brief parents on parenting for the e-Generation, IL, youth online culture, online risks and tips for handling internet addiction of children and ways for protecting children from cyber-bullying. In addition, the one-stop parent education webpage "Smart Parent Net" ([www.parent.edu.hk](http://www.parent.edu.hk)) launched by the Bureau contained videos and articles on helping children to use electronic products properly and handling internet addiction of children for parents' reference;
- (iii) the Bureau had also commissioned a non-governmental organisation (NGO) to set up a hotline to provide individual support for parents, teachers and students in need. Besides, the Bureau had been providing comprehensive student guidance service in schools through implementing the Whole School Approach (WSA) and multi-disciplinary collaboration. There were professionals in schools, including guidance personnel, school social workers and school-based educational psychologists, to provide students in need (including students with the problem of internet addition) with the necessary support and referral services. Meanwhile, the Bureau compiled a list of related resources produced by different government departments and NGOs and uploaded onto the webpage of the EDB for easy reference by teachers, parents and students;
- (iv) since the 2019-20 school year, the Government allocated an annual provision of about \$900 million for all public sector schools or Direct Subsidy Scheme schools as Life-wide Learning Grant to allow schools to organise out-of-classroom experiential activities to enrich students' basic learning experiences (including values education, intellectual development, community service, sports development or career-related experiences) according to the needs of students and to help building positive values and attitudes among students; and

- (v) the Bureau would review and conclude the experience in a timely manner to enhance the related measures and continue to work hand in hand with various stakeholders to further enhance the IL of students through different channels.

### **Item 3**

#### **Strengthening Support for Sports Development to Help the Sports Sector Achieve Continued Success**

(CICRC Paper No. 26/2024)

9. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
  
10. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply jointly furnished by the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), i.e. Document No. 8 tabled, as well as the written reply furnished by the Health Bureau, i.e. Document No. 7 tabled.
  
11. **Members** made the following suggestions:
  - (i) suggested the related departments to further promote new sports, such as aerial yoga, rouliqiu, canoeing, water polo, ice hockey and climbing. The related departments were also suggested to promote new sports in a multi-faceted manner and on all fronts to enhance the public's interests in participating in sports through providing training courses, promoting in the media, organising more activities and competitions and increasing cooperation with schools, sports centres or community organisations;
  
  - (ii) supported the introduction of light sports facilities so that sports in Hong Kong could be developed continuously under different weather conditions;
  
  - (iii) Hong Kong would organise eight competitions in the National Games in 2025. The departments were suggested to make planning and publicity in advance and support sports development continuously so that youth could participate more in sports, which might be helpful in solving the problem of internet addiction among students;

- (iv) suggested the LCSD or CSTB to provide support or set up funds for athletes and learn how to apply the new “We Media” to promote sports items; and
- (v) suggested the LCSD to open venues without booking to let the public to conduct different kinds of sports.

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

- (i) the Department had put forward a series of “urban sports” programmes, including 3-on-3 basketball, breaking, futsal, skateboarding and sport climbing. At present, there were 18 outdoor soccer pitches and 38 outdoor basketball courts that could organise futsal and 3-on-3 basketball events in Kowloon City District. Breaking could be carried out in the 5 sports centres in the district;
- (ii) the Department was also dedicated to promoting “Sport for All” and organising diversified recreation and sports programmes through the District Leisure Services Office across 18 districts and various Sports Sections under its purview to let the public of different ages and abilities to participate and encourage them to develop a habit of regular exercise. The LCSD would organise about 340 “urban sports” programmes in 2024-25;
- (iii) the Department also supported and promoted the development of new sports programmes through the “Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports”. The relevant sports organisation would organise around 320 programmes in 2024-25, for example Kabaddi, speed stacks, dodgeball and pickleball, so that the public had more opportunities to participate in different kinds of sports;
- (iv) the Government would take into consideration of various factors when providing related sports facilities, including made reference to the guidelines listed on the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, the views of the sports sector, District Council and community and technical feasibilities to cater to the needs of sports development; and

- (v) the Department had noted Members' views and would made reference to them when improving the venues and facilities in Kowloon City District or planning for new venues in future.

#### **Item 4**

#### **Enhancing Activities in Celebration of the National Day to Heighten the Sense of National Identity**

(CICRC Paper No. 27/2024)

13. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
14. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the Kowloon City District Office (KCDO), i.e. Document No. 3 tabled.
15. **Members** raised the following views:
  - (i) organising activities in celebration of the National Day was a crucial part of national education. More resources should be allocated to let different community organisations to organise more activities in celebration of the National Day;
  - (ii) suggested the KCDO to collect information on the activities in celebration of the National Day by different organisations in the district and posted the activity timetable as promotion in places such as sports grounds, playgrounds and basketball courts to increase the number of participants in the activities;
  - (iii) could consider organising photo exhibitions on themes such as national achievements and national development history at places such as playgrounds, footbridges and walls, as well as flying the national flag at the external walls of schools to enhance the public's sense of national identity. Drone shows could also be organised in celebration of the National Day. Dynamic lighting displays could also be showed at the external walls of Kai Tak Sports Park;
  - (iv) suggested to fly the national flag at the lampposts at both sides of roads, government premises and public housing estates to enhance the atmosphere of the National Day. Increased the number of inspections to ensure the national flag was flied properly; and

- (v) included the element of food carnival in the activities in celebration of the National Day to attract the public's participation and boost the economy in the district.

16. **The representative of the KCDO** replied with main points as follow:

- (i) the Office attached great importance to the National Day and celebrated the National Day together with the public every year through a series of activities and publicity to promote patriotism and enhance the public's sense of national identity and national pride;
- (ii) the Government would set up a thematic webpage to list out clearly the time of celebration activities organised in different places across 18 districts. The KCDO were actively preparing for the contents of the webpage to let the public learn about the programme details;
- (iii) the Office would collaborate with different organisations and the business sector to have discussions and exploration regarding different kinds of publicity and activities;
- (iv) the Office attached great importance to integrity of the use and placing of the national flag and national emblem. Immediate referral for the handling by related departments would take place if the situation of damaged national flag was found; and
- (v) the Office had hung banners on National Day celebration at various locations in the district. Bunting was also hung at road lights. Decorations in celebration of National Day would be increased continuously in future to drive the business sector, schools and various sectors across the community to participate in activities in celebration of National Day.

## **Item 5**

### **Promoting the Development of New Sports in Kowloon City District**

(CICRC Paper No. 28/2024)

17. **A Member** introduced the Paper.



18. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the LCSD, i.e. Document No. 2 tabled.

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

- (i) besides providing subsidies to eligible sports organisations to organise new sports, the LCSD was suggested to provide venues for organising new sports to promote the development of new sports; and
- (ii) suggested the LCSD to submit information on new sports organised by subsidised organisations to District Councillors to assist in promotion and allow the participation of people of different age groups in the district.

20. **The representative of the LCSD** replied with main points as follow:

- (i) the Department was dedicated to promoting “Sport for All” and organising diversified recreation and sports programmes through the District Leisure Services Office across 18 districts and various Sports Sections under its purview to encourage the participation of the public with different ages and abilities and develop their habits of regular exercise;
- (ii) the Department launched the “Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports” in May 2021 to subsidise eligible sports organisations in a “project base” approach, support and promote the development of new sports programmes, provide more options to the public and encourage the public to participate more in new sports. There were 20 sport organisations received subsidies to organise a total of 319 new sports programmes in 2024-25;
- (iii) the “Parent-child Pickleball for Fun” programme was also included in the Sport for All Day organised in Kowloon City District in August this year so that the public had more opportunities to participate in different kinds of sports; and
- (iv) the Department noted Members’ suggestions and would continue to promote new sports programmes in the community subject to the availability of resources.

**Item 6****Promoting the Arts and Culture of Street Performances in Kowloon City**

(CICRC Paper No. 29/2024)

21. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
22. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the LCSD, i.e. Document No. 6 tabled.
23. **Members** made the following views and suggestions:
- (i) promoting street arts and culture could enhance the artistic ambience in the community, increase the attractiveness of the district, help to apply the principle of “Tourism is Everywhere” and boost the economy in Kowloon City;
  - (ii) street arts policies must balance the interests of different stakeholders. A number of locations were suitable for conducting street performances in Kowloon City District, especially the new development areas such as Kai Tak. It was suggested to list out the indoor and outdoor locations suitable for organising street performances in the district and conduct pilot programmes to select places that were the most suitable for conducting street performances;
  - (iii) street performances might provoke controversies about road obstructions and nuisances to the public. However, a number of open areas were suitable for conducting street performances in Kowloon City District such as the Airside in Kai Tak and Hung Hom Promenade; the practice of demarcating suitable locations and establishing a licensing mechanism for regulation in other places such as Dongmen in Shenzhen and Melbourne could also take reference to. This could not only draw crowds, but also avoid causing noise nuisances;
  - (iv) the public were still unfamiliar with street performing arts. It was suggested to make public sports centres, activity centres or playgrounds in the district as performing venues to familiarise the public with street performing arts;

- (v) street performers were mostly freelancers. It was suggested to provide designated areas in suitable locations in Kowloon City for the use of youth performers; and
- (vi) street performances causing nuisances to residents in the district in the past could only be effectively controlled after a prolonged period of time. There were reservations about conducting street performances in densely developed community in the district. Serious considerations must be given if street performances had to be promoted. The promotion should only be carried out after conducting in-depth discussion to ensure the problem of nuisance did not arise.

24. **The representative of the LCSD** replied with main points as follow:

- (i) the Government had been actively promoting the development of culture and arts, encouraging the public to participate in different forms of cultural and arts and unleashing an individual's potentials in the aspects of culture and arts. Some artists showcased their talents through the format of street performances. However, they must take into consideration the impacts on the public in terms of noise, environmental hygiene or street management generated during the performances and comply with the relevant laws;
- (ii) various Programmes Offices of the Department organised various types of arts programmes from time to time in different outdoor places in Kowloon City District such as the open plaza in Kai Tak, open space in Cattle Port Artist Village and Kowloon Walled City Park to strengthen the promotion of arts at the community level. Members' views on programmes were noted and would be conveyed to related sections within the Department; and
- (iii) if the promotion of street performance culture had to be conducted on public streets or at other designated areas that were in venues out of the purview of the Department, Members had to discuss further and follow up with other different related departments.

**Item 7****Proposal Relating to the Trial Implementation of Sub-District Team Programme in Kowloon City District**

(CICRC Paper No. 30/2024)

25. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
26. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the LCSD and KCDO prior to the meeting, i.e. Documents No. 1 and 4 tabled.
27. **The representative of the KCDO** replied with main points as follow:
- (i) the Office had long been attaching great importance to sports development in the district, striving to organise different types of sports programme jointly with different stakeholders within the community, enhancing the atmosphere of sport for all and building an energetic community in Kowloon City;
  - (ii) the Office could conduct competitions on community subsidy project with the sub-district or different units to enhance the competitiveness and festive atmosphere in the community. The Office would also subsidise local organisations through the Community Involvement Programme to organise various sports competitions and programmes so that residents could enjoy the fun of sports and raise the sports standards at the same time; and
  - (iii) Kowloon City District obtained remarkable results in the 9th Hong Kong Games just held and won the second runner-up in the medal tally. The outstanding performance of Kowloon City District in the Hong Kong Games was the fruit of the concerted efforts of the various sectors to train athletes hard in this district. In future, the Office would continue to work hand in hand with stakeholders such as district recreation and sports organisations, schools and local organisations to organise diversified sports programmes and identify junior athletes with potential.

28. **The representative of the LCSD** replied with main points as follow:

- (i) the Department was dedicated to promoting “Sport for All” and encouraging the public of different ages and physical abilities to pursue an active and healthy life. The Department also organised diversified recreation and sports programmes for the participation of different targets;
- (ii) the Department organised various sports competitions in Kowloon City District every year and one term of Hong Kong Games every two years to provide more opportunities for sports participation, exchanges and collaboration at community level, encourage the public to participate in sports actively to raise the sports standards in the district and increase the sense of belonging of the public to the district they lived in;
- (iii) to further promote sports in the community, the Department collaborated with national sports associations to promote “urban sports” programmes in recent years, including futsal, 3-on-3 basketball, sport climbing, skateboarding and breaking, to allow more opportunities for the public to participate in different kinds of sports; and
- (iv) the Department noted Members’ views on sports competitions and urban sports. The views would be used for review and as reference when planning sports programmes in future.

### **Item 8**

#### **Report by the LCSD on District Arts and Cultural Activities and the Use of Cultural Facilities in 2024/25**

(CICRC Paper No. 31/2024)

29. **The representative of the LCSD** reported the Paper.

30. **Members** stated that Members had sufficient discussion on both new sports and street arts at the meeting. Members would like the LCSD to accept Members’ views when planning arts programmes and looked forward to the implementation of relevant views in the papers reported in future.

**Item 9****Report by the LCSD on Public Library Promotion Activities and the Use of Library Facilities in Kowloon City District**

(CICRC Paper No. 32/2024)

31. **The representative of the LCSD** reported the Paper.
32. **Members** enquired about the reading culture in Kowloon City District when compared with other districts.
33. **The representative of the LCSD** replied that the usage situation of public libraries in Kowloon City District during April to September 2024 would be reported at the next CICRC meeting. More comprehensive information would be provided for reference by then.

**Item 10****Any Other Business**

34. **The Chairman** stated that this committee suggested to co-organise the “Mass Dance Performance to Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China” dancing event with Hong Kong City Arts Centre, Kowloon City District Recreation and Sports Council and the KCDO at the Kowloon City Sports Centre on 27 October 2024. All Members unanimously endorsed the organisation of this event.
35. **Members** enquired about the details of the “Mass Dance Performance to Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China” dancing event to facilitate and assist in the implementation.
36. **The Chairman** stated that he would follow up with the Hong Kong City Arts Centre and report to Members through the Secretariat upon the implementation of event details.

**Date of Next Meeting**

37. **The Chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 21 November 2024 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 6 November 2024.

38. **The Chairman** announced the adjournment of the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 21 November 2024.

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The Chairman

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The Secretary

KCDC Secretariat  
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