

**Minutes of the 6th Meeting of
the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee of
the Kowloon City District Council**

Date: 21 November 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
Ms MAK Lai-kuen
Mr LO Chiu-kit
Mr YEUNG Ho-shing

Absent:

Co-opted Member: Mr CHAN Hing-tat, Rudy

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

<u>In Attendance:</u>	Miss LIU Suk-fun, Connie	Senior Liaison Officer (District Liaison)2, Kowloon City District Office
	Ms CHIU Shui-man, Tabitha	District Leisure Manager, Kowloon City, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
	Ms WONG Chung-tai, Ann	Deputy 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
	Mr LEUNG Yau-cheung, Tommy	Senior School Development Officer (Kowloon City)2, 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 sixth 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.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat received a notification from Mr CHAN Hing-tat during the meeting on 21 November 2024 and stated that he could not attend the meeting because of sickness. Mr CHAN submitted the Notification of Absence from Meetings and the medical certificate on the following day of the meeting (i.e. 22 November). Therefore, his application for absence was accepted in accordance with Order 64(1) of the Standing Orders.]

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes of the 5th Meeting

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

Item 2

Initiative on Making Good Use of and Promoting Tourism Resources in Hung Hom Area and Advocacy of the Principle of “Tourism was Everywhere”

(CICRC Paper No. 33/2024)

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

6. **The Chairman** stated that representative of the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTb) was unable to attend the meeting due to official business, and invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the HKTb, i.e. Document No. 8 tabled.

7. There being no enquiries from Members, **the Chairman** declared the agenda closed.

Item 3

Initiative on Organising Free Courses and Workshops Regularly in Kowloon City District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to Strengthen Promotion and Education to Elders and Grassroots in the District on the Use of Official Mobile Applications Such as “SmartPLAY”, “My Library” and “URBTIX”

(CICRC Paper No. 34/2024)

8. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

9. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the LCSD, i.e. Documents No. 1, 5 and 6 tabled.

10. **Members** raised the following views:
 - (i) suggested popularising applications such as “SmartPLAY”, “My Library” and “URBTIX”, and stated that Members’ offices and community organisations would be willing to assist the LCSD in carrying out publicity in the district, including organising workshops and training volunteers to teach more members of the public on how to install and use such kind of applications;

 - (ii) suggested that the age groups of application users should be further divided, and that incentives for the elders to download and use the applications should be increased, such as by adding information relevant to “Three Treasures for the Elders” or “Four Treasures for the Elders” (i.e. enduring powers of attorney, advance care planning, advance medical directives and wills) in the applications, so as to let the elders know that the use of the related applications could facilitate their daily lives;

 - (iii) suggested the LCSD to update the related applications to make them more in line with the trend of the times, and find ways to enhance the usage rate of the applications, such as designing infographics and publicising them to the general public through platforms such as the media, Members and the Caring Teams. Members also suggested collecting information and compiling statistics on users, so as to facilitate big data analytics in future;

- (iv) suggested the LCSD to deploy additional manpower in places such as sports centres and outlets to assist and educate the public on the use of application for booking facilities under the purview of the LCSD; and
- (v) suggested the LCSD to cooperate with other government departments to provide venues for various departments to organise workshops to educate the public on the use of applications launched by other government departments, such as iAM Smart and eHealth, so as to save government manpower.

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

- (i) SmartPLAY, a new intelligent recreational and sports services booking and information system, was launched on 9 November 2023. The public could book recreational and sports facilities and enrol in recreational and sports programmes anytime, anywhere through the mobile applications;
- (ii) since the launch of the new system to August 2024, the Department arranged staff and customer service ambassadors to assist the public in familiarising themselves with the use of the new system for booking recreational and sports facilities as well as enrolling in recreational and sports programmes. The Department also set up a SmartPLAY Hotline (telephone number: 3954 5150). If the public encountered system operational problems, they might call the Hotline to enquire;
- (iii) from July to December 2023, the Department organised 16 workshops free of charge at the sports centres in Kowloon City District, among which, some were tailored for the public aged 60 or above to assist them in registering as SmartPLAY users and understanding how to make bookings and enrol in recreational and sports programmes through the new system;
- (iv) to encourage more members of the public to register as SmartPLAY users, the Department had planned to organise two additional “SmartPLAY” Smart Way Workshops free of charge in February this year; and

- (v) the Department noted Members' views and would make reference to them in organising related activities in future.

Item 4

Initiative on Organising Activities to Promote Chinese Culture in Kowloon City District by the LCSD

(CICRC Paper No. 27/2024)

12. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
13. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the LCSD, i.e. Documents No. 2, 4 and 9 tabled.
14. **Members** raised the following views:
 - (i) suggested the LCSD to keep in line with "Panda Plan", the domestic movie in the mainland which would be screened in Hong Kong on 12 December 2024, as well as leverage the film craze of the earlier hit, "Twilight of the Warriors: Walled In", and the now showing "The Last Dance", to organise exhibitions and film appreciation activities in Kowloon City District, with a view to further promoting the panda economy and enhancing the public's sense of national identity;
 - (ii) suggested the LCSD to organise related celebratory activities for the Kwun Yum Festival, which fell on the 19th day of the second month in the lunar calendar (i.e. 18 March in the Gregorian calendar);
 - (iii) suggested the LCSD to make reference to overseas practices and offer waivers of admission fees and discounts on related fees at specific tourist attractions or activities to the access of the public dressing in traditional Chinese costumes, so as to promote and encourage the public to dress in traditional Chinese costumes. Besides, the LCSD was suggested to link up merchants near the tourist attractions to offer discounts to the public dressing in traditional Chinese costumes, so as to increase the public's interest in dressing in traditional Chinese costumes to participate in the activities;
 - (iv) suggested the LCSD to use the parks in Kowloon City District under its purview as pilot points to organise activities for the public to try

on traditional Chinese costumes so that the public could take photos for remembrance in the parks while dressing in traditional Chinese costumes. Besides, the LCSD could provide publicity materials relevant to Chinese culture in the parks to enhance the public's understanding of Chinese culture and the atmosphere for learning Chinese culture;

- (v) suggested the LCSD to organise “Reading Week” again under the theme of Chinese culture this year. The contents could focus on a more in-depth introduction of traditional Chinese festivals and special dates in history, with a view to promoting Chinese culture;
- (vi) suggested the LCSD to collaborate with the Education Bureau to organise talks and activities in the community from time to time to further deepen and promote Chinese culture; and
- (vii) suggested the LCSD to collaborate with volunteers in the district and members of the local community to offer activities incorporating the characteristics of Kowloon City District for children and the elders to participate, with a view to promoting Chinese culture.

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

- (i) in accordance with the 2023 Policy Address, the Department already set up the Chinese Culture Promotion Office (CCPO), which was dedicated to the integration of programmes of different programme offices and the promotion of Chinese culture of the Department, including museums' exhibitions, performance programmes, library activities and film appreciation, as well as the recently organised “Chinese Culture Festival”, with a view to promoting Chinese culture to various audience systematically and from multiple perspectives;
- (ii) the CCPO would organise “Chinese Culture in Hong Kong Gardens” activity at the Kowloon Walled City Park this year, and had set up a dedicated webpage listing in detail the activities to be organised from now until the end of this year. The contents covered exhibitions, talks, reading workshops, performance programmes, film appreciation, online programmes and outbound promotional activities; and

- (iii) the museums under the purview of the Department had organised exhibitions and activities on different themes of Chinese culture, such as temple fairs and cultural inheritance. In the past, there were also thematic activities in which museums offered free admission to the public dressing in traditional Chinese costumes. The Department noted Members' views on the promotion of Chinese culture and would convey them to the CCPO for reference.

Item 5

Proposal to Enhance Facilities in Exhibition Rooms of Yamen in Kowloon City to Conserve History of Kowloon Walled City, Attract Tourists and Boost Economy

(CICRC Paper No. 36/2024)

- 16. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
- 17. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the LCSD and HKTB, i.e. Documents No. 3 and 7 tabled.
- 18. **Members** raised the following views:
 - (i) the exhibition facilities were undergoing renovation works. It was suggested that LCSD should simultaneously inject new elements and exhibits into the contents of the exhibition to appeal the public to visit;
 - (ii) suggested the LCSD to invite all Members to visit the Exhibition Rooms of Yamen in Kowloon City again in future to let Members understand the latest situation of the exhibition;
 - (iii) suggested the LCSD to add patriotic elements to the exhibition, such as setting up an additional film exhibition area to recount the history of the development of our country while telling the changes of Kowloon Walled City, so as to develop the exhibition into a patriotic education base to enable the public to have a deeper understanding of national affairs; and
 - (iv) suggested the LCSD to recruit more volunteers, including retirees, to explain the contents of the exhibits to visitors in the Exhibition Rooms.

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

- (i) the Exhibition Rooms were temporarily closed from 14 October 2024 to 30 April this year to carry out renovation works, including the renovation of the exhibits, as well as the rearrangement and the expansion of the exhibition space in the Exhibition Rooms. The new exhibition contents would mainly focus on the ancient and modern history of Kowloon Walled City; and
- (ii) the Department noted Members' views and would consider them carefully.

Item 6

Report by the LCSD on Sports and Physical Recreation Activities Organised in Kowloon City District during April to September 2024

(CICRC Paper No. 37/2024)

20. **The representative of the LCSD** reported the paper.

21. **Members** suggested the LCSD to promote to the public the eight sports items of the National Games (NG) to be held in Hong Kong this year, and provide resources to enable the public to have more channels to engage and participate in these sports.

22. **The representative of the LCSD** replied and stated that the Department would organise additional recreational and sports programmes to keep in line with the NG when organising recreational and sports programmes this year, subject to the availability of resources.

Item 7

Report by the LCSD on District Arts and Cultural Activities and the Usage Situation of Cultural Facilities in 2024/25

(CICRC Paper No. 38/2024)

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

24. There being no enquiries from Members, **the Chairman** declared the agenda closed.

Item 8**Report by the LCSD on Activities Organised in “18dART – Kowloon City Community Arts Scheme” during April to September 2024**

(CICRC Paper No. 39/2024)

25. **The representative of the LCSD** reported the Paper.
26. There being no enquiries from Members, **the Chairman** declared the agenda closed.

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

(CICRC Paper No. 40/2024)

27. **The representative of the LCSD** reported the Paper.
28. **Members** suggested the LCSD to recruit volunteers in the district to tell stories to children during the “Storytelling for Children” sessions to enhance the fruitfulness of reading for children.
29. **The representative of the LCSD** replied that the Department had a “Story Ambassador Programme” in place to recruit and provide training for Story Ambassadors to tell stories to children in different library activities. The Department could also disseminate more contents relevant to Chinese culture to children in the district through the form of storytelling.

Any Other Business

30. **Members** suggested that besides deploying resources to organise activities, various government departments should make reference to other districts in promoting tourism in Kowloon City District through tripartite collaboration between the Government, the business sector and the community.
31. **The Chairman** stated that Members could submit a paper for further discussion at the next meeting of the CICRC.

Date of Next Meeting

32. **The Chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 16 January 2025 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 31 December 2024.

[Post-meeting note: The date of the next meeting was changed to 9:30 a.m. on 10 January 2025 and the closing date for submission of papers was 30 December 2024.]

33. **The Chairman** announced the adjournment of the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 10 January 2025.

The Chairman

The Secretary

KCDC Secretariat
January 2025