

**Minutes of the 8th Meeting of
the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee of
the Kowloon City District Council**

Date: 18 March 2025 (Tuesday)
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
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: Mr WU Ho-man, Kenneth Assistant District Officer (Kowloon City)

Ms SIU Wai-ping, Paulina	Acting 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
Mr LEUNG Siu-hang, Rex	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 eighth 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 7th Meeting

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

Item 2

Proposal for the Provision of an Additional Exhibition Gallery in the Exhibition Room of the Kowloon Walled City Park for the Display of Historical Documents

(CICRC Paper No. 9/2025)

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

6. **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.

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

- (i) suggested following the Mainland's practice of installing devices equipped with DeepSeek in the exhibition rooms. Prompt responses could be generated using this technology to answer visitors' enquiries and questions;
- (ii) suggested making good use of multimedia technologies in the exhibition rooms to enhance interaction with visitors, enrich visitors' experience of attending the exhibition and elevate the professional

quality of the exhibitions, which could be achieved through the display of the sources of historic documents and methods of preserving them. In addition, the exhibitions could also be integrated into the cultural and creative tourism of Kowloon City District with souvenirs available for purchase at the exhibition rooms to boost consumption;

- (iii) Members stated that the exhibition rooms were established in 2009 and the original electronic displays installed were considered innovative and appealing at the time. However, due to the ineffective publicity and promotion, many members of the public remained unaware of the exhibition rooms' existence. It was suggested to the LCSD that after the renovation of the exhibition rooms, the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTb) could be invited to assist in the promotion. Additional promotion resources could also be allocated to the exhibition rooms through methods such as collaboration with nearby schools. In addition, guided tours and regular thematic events of different kinds could be organised to take advantage of the opportunities brought by the renovation of the exhibition rooms and the opening of Kai Tak Sports Park, thereby attracting more members of the public, students and tourists to visit the exhibitions;
- (iv) suggested the LCSD to collaborate with various public and private organisations such as the HKTb and travel agencies to compile a tourism map for Kowloon City District. This would serve as a form of publicity and promotion for iconic landmarks including the Kowloon Walled City Park, Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and Youth Post to local residents and inbound visitors, enhancing the promotion of the district's unique tourist attractions to the world;
- (v) suggested the LCSD to create accounts on social media platforms popular among Mainland tourists such as Xiaohongshu and Weibo such that the social media traffic of these official accounts could be used to assist publicity;
- (vi) suggested revitalising and optimising the facilities and equipment of the exhibition rooms in the Kowloon Walled City Park, along with the additional provision of clear signage to attract more visitors; and

- (vii) the year 2025 marked the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance. It was suggested that the exhibition rooms could incorporate elements related to the War of Assistance against Japanese Aggression and Kowloon Walled City-themed films. For instance, historic photos of the War of Assistance against Japanese Aggression could be displayed and the exterior of the Kowloon Walled City could be integrated into the design of the exhibition rooms. This would attract more visitors and promote understanding of that piece of history.

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

- (i) the Department stated that the renovation of the exhibition rooms of Kowloon Walled City Park would incorporate a variety of elements to create a more enriched and dynamic exhibition. This would offer a refreshing experience to members of the public when they visited the exhibition rooms; and
- (ii) to promote understanding of the history of the Kowloon Walled City Park, the Department had provided guided tours available for application by schools, groups and individuals. Promotional leaflets were also available in the Park for public reference. The Department noted Members' views and would strengthen publicity work after the renovation of the exhibition rooms.

Item 3

In Celebration of the National Games: Encouraging the Hosting of Quality Sports Activities for Community Involvement

(CICRC Paper No. 10/2025)

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

10. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the Kowloon City District Office (KCDO), i.e. Document No. 2 tabled.

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

- (i) fostering exercise habits among members of the public could improve their physical well-being and reduce overall healthcare costs to

society in the long run. Members suggested the related departments to utilise funding from the Community Involvement Programme (CIP) to guide the formulation of long-term goals for developing sports or other initiatives in the district;

- (ii) given the growing popularity of virtual reality (VR) sports among young people, it was suggested that the Department should keep up with the trends and include VR sports in the scope of urban sports, thereby diversifying the range of sports events to be held in the district;
- (iii) suggested riding the wave of sports enthusiasm surrounding the upcoming 15th National Games (NG). To grasp the opportunity of the hosting of four sports items including handball and bowling at Kai Tak Sports Park, further promotion of sports could be made using CIP funding to provide the local communities with more opportunities to participate in sports;
- (iv) suggested the KCDO to actively consider introducing a new application form for organising future sports events under the CIP. This would encourage and facilitate eligible organisations in Kowloon City District to host more standardised, professional, quality and diverse sports events, which would benefit different groups in the district;
- (v) to facilitate smoother event organisation, it was suggested that the LCSD should provide active support to organisations receiving CIP funding by assisting them in hiring LCSD venues for hosting sports events;
- (vi) suggested the KCDO to invite local organisations to host sports events in the second half of 2025 in celebration of the NG and the opening of Kai Tak Sports Park;
- (vii) to align with the Outline for the Development of a Strong Sports Nation issued by the country in 2019 and the findings of the Territory-wide Physical Fitness Survey for the Community, it was suggested to scientifically formulate suitable sports items for residents of varying

fitness conditions in the district and optimise the synergy between programmes outside and inside the venue during the NG;

- (viii) suggested hosting more events similar to the Kai Tak Run to attract visitors and boost economic activities in the district, thereby generating economic benefits; and
- (ix) suggested the Office to allow organisations to incorporate technology or related industrialised corporate services when vetting CIP applications, with a view to establishing Kowloon City District as a vibrant sports hub.

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

- (i) the Office noted Members' expectations for the development of sports events in the district to move towards a diversified, popularised and professionalised direction. The Office also promoted such development in the district through the CIP. Last year, the CIP funded as many as 30 sports events in the district, covering themes such as urban sports and new sports. The Office would continue to support various sports events through the CIP with the goal of strengthening community building, which included creating a positive community atmosphere in anticipation of the NG and promoting racial harmony, etc. The Office would continue to encourage different local organisations to apply for the funding and promote community building through hosting sports events;
- (ii) the Office was committed to promoting sports that incorporated artificial intelligence (AI) elements. Sports events incorporated with AI elements were also held last year. The Office looked forward to providing more opportunities to promote various sports items through the CIP in the 2025-26 financial year;
- (iii) the Office noted Members' suggestions about optimising the application form for CIP funding;
- (iv) with the opening of Kai Tak Sports Park this year, a number of NG items hosted by Hong Kong would be held in Kai Tak Sports Park. The Office would host major events such as Kai Tak Get Set Go! to

create a positive community atmosphere in anticipation of the NG. To facilitate the progress of diversifying and popularising sports in the district, the Office also welcomed applications to host various sports events through the CIP from different organisations; and

- (v) to encourage organisations to better respond to the needs of residents in the district through hosting events, the Office would also take into account the diversity and innovativeness of the events when vetting CIP applications.

Item 4

Mass Dance Performance to Celebrate the 28th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR at Kowloon City

(CICRC Paper No. 11/2025)

13. **The Vice-chairman** introduced the Paper.

14. **Members** suggested incorporating elements of the 60th anniversary of Dongjiang water supply to Hong Kong and the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance in the event. By integrating patriotic education into the event, participants would be able to fully appreciate the spirit of the return to the Motherland and feel the strong ties with the nation.

15. **The Chairman** replied and stated that the Office could explore with the co-organisers the possibility of setting up booths, television display and exhibition panels at the event. Patriotic education could be delivered to participants through mini-games, videos and exhibitions, thereby promoting the celebratory atmosphere of the return to the Motherland.

Item 5

Report on District Arts and Cultural Activities and Usage Situation of Cultural Facilities in 2024/25 and 2025/26 by the LCSD

(CICRC Paper No. 12/2025)

16. **A representative of the LCSD** reported on the Paper.

17. **Members** noted the Paper. **The Chairman** announced that the end of discussion for this agenda item.

Item 6**Report on Promotion Activities Organised in and Usage Situation of Public Libraries in Kowloon City District by the LCSD**

(CICRC Paper No. 13/2025)

18. **The representative of the LCSD** reported on the Paper.
19. **Members** raised the following suggestions:
- (i) suggested distributing pamphlets about the legislation of Article 23 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region during the promotion of the National Security Education Day to deepen understanding of the related content among young people; and
 - (ii) suggested incorporating content with local relevance into the subject talk on ecology security and deep sea security to teach children knowledge on the proper preservation of marine life.
20. **The representative of the LCSD** replied with the main points as follows:
- (i) the dedicated website of the public libraries provided links to the National Security Education Day website and the uploaded documents from the Department of Justice website to facilitate public access to the related content on the Internet; and
 - (ii) the Storytelling Workshops would educate children about the knowledge on ecological and deep sea preservation. The Department noted Members' views and would consider incorporating the suggested elements in the workshops depending on the circumstances.

Item 7**Any Other Business**

21. No other items were raised by **Members**.

Date of Next Meeting

22. **The Chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 22 May 2025 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 7 May 2025.

23. **The Chairman** announced the adjournment of the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 22 May 2025.

The Chairman

The Secretary

KCDC Secretariat
May 2025