

**Minutes of the 4th Meeting of
the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee of
the Kowloon City District Council**

Date: 18 July 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 FUNG Mo-kwan
Ms LAU Yuen-yin
Mr PUN Kwok-wah, JP
Mr LAI Yin-chung

Secretary: Miss WONG Man-kei, Kate 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 CHIU Shui-man, District Leisure Manager, Kowloon
Tabitha 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
Ms TSOI Yuen-ting	Senior School Development Officer (Kowloon City) ⁴ , Education Bureau

Attendance by Invitation:

Items 1 to 2	Ms CHAN Wing-lam, Gwyneth	Construction Manager, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
	Ms CHENG Wing-yan, Vivian	Project Manager, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
Item 3	Ms Penny CHUNG	Corporate Communications Manager, Citybus Limited
	Mr Tim TANG	Project Manager, Citybus Limited
	Mr Thomas CHAN	Assistant Corporate Communications Officer, Citybus 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 government departments to the fourth meeting of the CICRC.

2. **The Chairman** reminded Members to declare interests in accordance with Order 19 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, they

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 shall be half of the total number of members of the committee. 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 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.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes of the 3rd Meeting

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

Item 2

Proposal to Enhance the Development of District-based In-depth Local Tourism and Thematic Cultural Tourism in Kowloon City District

(CICRC Paper No. 20/2024)

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

6. **The Chairman** stated that the representatives of the Travel Industry Council (TIC) and the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTb) were unable to attend the meeting due to official duties. He invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council (SKH), the TIC and the HKTb, i.e. Documents No. 2, 3 and 4 tabled.

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

- (i) the infill floor blocks, railings and information panels along the Kowloon City Themed Walking Trail (Walking Trail) were damaged from time to time. The SKH should step up inspections and carry out repairs at the soonest;

- (ii) to enable a better travel experience for tourists, the SKH should regularly update the information on the augmented reality of the Walking Trail and related ancillary facilities;
- (iii) the “Kowloon City In-depth Tour” had organised guided tours in English and Putonghua. Members enquired if this arrangement would be regularised so that the participants of the guided tours could be extended to visitors travelling to Hong Kong; and
- (iv) Members suggested the SKH to collaborate with local travel agencies or the TIC to organise tour groups featuring the characteristics of Kowloon City District to further promote the Walking Trail and related activities.

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

- (i) the SKH had been promoting the “Kowloon City In-depth Tour” programme since 2018 and had a meeting with the HKTb in June this year to discuss the arrangements for enhancing the tourism supporting facilities, including lending visitor centres to place Community Maps and relevant information;
- (ii) four guided tours in English and Putonghua were organised in June this year. The contents included Night Tour at Hung Hom Harbourfront, Historical Tour in To Kwa Wan, Discover Kowloon Walled City: A Historical Walking Tour and community inspections. Visitors and local residents were welcomed to participate;
- (iii) the SKH had a dedicated team responsible for the management and maintenance of the hardware of the Walking Trail. The management would be further enhanced in the future;
- (iv) the “CityGuy” Tour Guide Training had recruited up to 50 enthusiastic residents of Kowloon City District and citizens who were keen to explore community culture. Through workshops, community inspections, trainings on guided tour skill and internships, the participants designed and planned the guided tour routes of different themes on their own and became “CityGuys” to promote community culture to the public as well as conserve it. The Training

would plan three brand new routes for “Hung Hom In-depth Tour” from September to October this year. Six guided tours for the public were expected to be launched. The latest information would be announced on social media platforms in a timely manner;

- (v) the SKH planned to organise “Kowloon City Culture Orienteering” activity in October and invite participants to travel through the streets, alleys and parks in Kowloon City District to gain an in-depth understanding of the community; and
- (vi) the SKH noted Members’ suggestions and would consider organising tour groups featuring the characteristics of the local district through collaborating with the HKTB and local travel agencies.

9. There being no further follow-up enquiries by Members, **the Chairman** declared that this item be concluded.

Item 3

Introduction of Sightseeing Bus Routes with Characteristics to Attract More Visitors to Tour around Kowloon City District

(CICRC Paper No. 21/2024)

10. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

11. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the Citybus Limited (Citybus), i.e. Document No. 1 tabled.

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

- (i) the Citybus should introduce additional open-top sightseeing bus routes passing through major attractions in Kowloon City District as soon as possible rather than operate the routes only when mega cruise vessels arrived in Hong Kong;
- (ii) the open-top sightseeing buses should allow tourists to alight at different attractions to tour around and experience the ambience of Kowloon City District; and

- (iii) Members enquired whether the new open-top sightseeing bus routes would run to and from major attractions in Kowloon City District.

13. **The representative of the Citybus** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) the Citybus had applied to the Transport Department (TD) to operate a brand new open-top sightseeing bus route between the cruise terminal and the Central Piers upon the arrival of mega cruise vessels in Hong Kong. It would pass through tourist hotspots such as Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Hong Kong Island. The relevant application was pending approval from the TD;
- (ii) the open-top sightseeing bus route under application was planned to depart from Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and pass through Shing Fung Road, Shing Kai Road, Sung Wong Toi Road, Ma Tau Chung Road, Argyle Street, etc. As per the current sightseeing bus routes of the Citybus, there were also pick-up and drop-off locations for the new sightseeing bus route. Passengers could take photos at different pick-up and drop-off locations. Details were pending approval from the TD; and
- (iii) the Citybus noted and would actively consider Members' suggestion of operating open-top sightseeing bus routes passing along famous attractions in Kowloon City District outside the arrival time of mega cruise vessels.

14. There being no further follow-up enquiries raised by Members, **the Chairman** declared that the discussion on this item ended.

Item 4

Promotion of Territory-wide Watching of Olympic Events to Show Support for Athletes Participating in Olympic Games and Paralympic Games

(CICRC Paper No. 22/2024)

15. **A Member** introduced the Paper and raised the following suggestions:

- (v) all Members should assist in publicising and appealing for the public to support the live broadcast of Olympic competitions, which was jointly organised by the Kowloon City District Council (KCDC) and

the Kowloon City District Office (KCDO);

- (vi) in view of the difference in time zones, selecting popular competitions such as fencing, diving and table tennis competitions to be broadcasted at shopping malls, sports centres or community halls in the district to show support for athletes of the national team and the Hong Kong team; and
- (vii) laying soft mats or artificial turf at the venues with live broadcast of competitions for the public to view the competitions comfortably.

16. **The representative of the KCDO** replied that booking of the community halls should normally be made three months in advance. The KCDO would dovetail with the committee's activity arrangements and open the community halls at periods without booking for the committee to organise the live broadcast of competitions.

[Post-meeting note: The KCDC and the KCDO had co-organised a total of three live broadcasts of Olympic competitions in shopping malls in the district from late July to early August. A live broadcast of the Women's Épée Team Table of 16 of the Paralympic Games would be made at Whampoa Gourmet Place on 7 September to show support for national team and Hong Kong athletes competing in the Games.]

17. **The representative of the LCSD** replied that the Department had arranged the live broadcast of Olympic competitions at To Kwa Wan Sports Centre. Details would be announced later.

[Post-meeting note: The "Olympics Focal Site" set up at To Kwa Wan Sports Centre would broadcast Olympic and Paralympic competitions from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. every day from 27 July to 12 August and from 29 August to 9 September respectively, so as to allow the public to experience the atmosphere of the spectacular Olympic Games and show support for national team and Hong Kong athletes competing in the Games.]

18. **The Chairman** made a conclusion that all Members were in support of arranging live broadcasts of Olympic and Paralympic competitions at venues in Kowloon City District on behalf of the Committee.

Item 5**Report by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) on District Arts and Cultural Activities**

(CICRC Paper No. 23/2024)

19. **The representative of the LCSD** reported the Paper.
20. **Members** stated that if the “18dART Community Arts Scheme” was an activity organised by LCSD, the LCSD should disseminate related information to Members so that they could help with publicity and inform more citizens in the district.
21. **The representative of the LCSD** replied and stated that the “18dART Community Arts Scheme” was an activity sponsored by the Department’s Community Programmes Office. The organising arts group (Arts’ Options) organised musical theatre training in the district and provided various forms of coaching to trainees so that they could prepare for their final performances. The Department thanked Members for assisting in publicity and would disseminate the latest activity information to Members through email in due course.
22. There being no further follow-up enquiries raised by Members, **the Chairman** declared that the discussion on this item ended.

Item 6**Report by the LCSD on Public Library Promotion Activities and the Use of Library Facilities in Kowloon City District**

(CICRC Paper No. 24/2024)

23. **The representative of the LCSD** reported the Paper and stated that the funded activities organised by the Department between April and September of this financial year, such as the numbers of sessions and participants of “Storytelling for Children” and thematic talks, would be reported at the meeting in October or November. Members should note that overall activities organised in this financial year would be reported at the meeting in April to May next year.
24. **A Member** stated that according to the report by the Department, Hung Hom Public Library and To Kwa Wan Public Library did not organise promotion activities relating to the Hong Kong Book Fair. He enquired about the Department’s considerations in selecting libraries for organising activities.

25. **The representative of the LCSD** replied that the nature of the activities, the number of participants as well as the requirements for facilities would be considered when organising activities. Hung Hom Public Library and To Kwa Wan Public Library were relatively small in area and not suitable for organising related promotion activities. She added that the Department in general would select major libraries or district libraries that were larger to organise these kinds of promotion activities.

26. There being no further follow-up enquiries raised by Members, **the Chairman** declared that the discussion on this item ended.

Item 7

Any Other Business

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

Item 8

Date of Next Meeting

28. **The Chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 12 September 2024 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 28 August 2024.

29. **The Chairman** announced the adjournment of the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 12 September 2024.

The Chairman

The Secretary

KCDC Secretariat
September 2024