

**Minutes of the 9th Meeting of
the District Facilities and Works Committee of
the Kowloon City District Council**

Date: 8 May 2025 (Thursday)
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Kowloon City District Office

Present:

Chairman: Mr PUN Kwok-wah, JP

Vice-chairman: Mr LAM Pok

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 Tak-shing, MH

Ms LEUNG Yuen-ting

Mr CHAN Chi-wah

Mr CHEUNG King-fan

Mr WONG Man-kong

Mr WONG Chi

Ms FUNG Mo-kwan

Ms LAU Yuen-yin

Mr LAI Yin-chung

Co-opted Members: Mr KO Chung-kit, Jacky

Ms MAK Lai-kuen

Secretary: Mr FUNG Chi-nang, Ryan Assistant Executive Manager
(District Council) (4), Kowloon City
District Office

In Attendance: Mr LEE Chi-leung, Senior Executive Officer (District
Humphrey Management), Kowloon City
District Office
Mr LI Chi-him, Samson Executive Officer I (District
Management), Kowloon City
District Office

Ms CHEUNG Yee-mei, May	Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon), 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
Miss LUI Miu-ling, Prudence	Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 12, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms TSE Shuk-fan, Fanny	Senior Librarian (Kowloon City), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LEE Kit-wai	Senior Inspector of Works (Kowloon), Home Affairs Department
Ms AU Yue-yan, Vicki	Senior Town Planner / Kowloon 2, Planning Department
Mr HUNG Chan-coung	Engineer / Kowloon 9, Drainage Services Department
Mr CHAN Hoi-ki, Francis	Senior Engineer / 12 (East), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Miss LI Hok-ye, Jenny	District Engineer / Hung Hom, Highways Department

Attendance by Invitation:

Item 2:	Mr Howard CHEUNG	Manager, Community Development, Urban Renewal Authority
	Mr CHAN Kwan-leung, Karl	Manager, Works and Contracts, Urban Renewal Authority
	Mr LEE Kong-ho, Peter	Manager, Works and Contracts, Urban Renewal Authority
	Mr CHAN Ching, Gregory	Deputy General Manager, Nation Star Development Limited
	Ms HO Cheuk-ying, Cheryl	Building Surveyor / E2-1, Buildings Department

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| Miss WONG Wing-yan,
Nicole | Senior Systems Manager (Mainland
and Industry Collaboration) 23,
Digital Policy Office |
| Mr CHAN Tze-yee | Contract Senior Project Manager
(Mainland and Industry
Collaboration) 24, Digital Policy
Office |

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Opening Remarks by the Chairman

1. **The Chairman of the District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC)** welcomed all Members and representatives of departments to the ninth meeting of the DFWC.

2. **The Chairman** reminded Members to register their 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 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 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 8th Meeting

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

Item 2

Matter Arising: Urge to Solve the Problems of Sewage Backflow and Ground Subsidence at the Rear Lane of 71-105 Ma Tau Wai Road at the Soonest

(DFWC Paper No. 8/2025)

5. **A Member** introduced the Paper and thanked the Drainage Services Department (DSD), the Highways Department (HyD), the Urban Renewal Authority (URA), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and the Buildings Department (BD) for conducting multiple investigations at the related locations, as well as carrying out improvement and follow-up work after the previous meeting. He would like various parties to collaborate continuously and assist the related buildings in addressing the problem of sewage backflow.

6. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the URA, i.e. Document No. 1 tabled.

7. **The representative of the URA** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) the URA had been continuously following up on the problem of sewage backflow at the rear lane of 71-105 Ma Tau Wai Road before and after the previous DFWC meeting. An inter-departmental inspection with District Council members, representatives of the DSD and the BD was conducted at the said location on 5 March this year. The URA maintained communication and monitored the conditions of the construction site with the joint venture (JV) developer of the redevelopment project, the contractor of the construction site and the works consultant near the said location;
- (ii) during the inter-departmental inspection, the DSD recommended the works consultant to examine whether the completed communal sewer located within the government lot was in compliance with the design standards. Following the submission of a completion report to the DSD in February 2024, the works consultant submitted the findings of inspecting the said sewer again to the DSD on 28 April this year. The findings of the two reports both indicated that the said sewer was in compliance with the design standards;
- (iii) the URA met with the representative of the DSD on 6 April this year and suggested the Department to first carry out cleansing work to the

sewer along Ma Tau Wai Road / To Kwa Wan Road. The URA and the JV developer would subsequently cleanse the upstream section (i.e. a section of the sewer located within the government lot along the rear lane of Sin Hua Mansion at 103-105 Ma Tau Wai Road to the edge of the pavement of Ma Tau Wai Road in To Kwa Wan) so as to identify the reasons for sewage backflow caused by sewer blockage at the said location. The URA was currently negotiating with the DSD on the date for cleansing the relevant sewer and transferring the communal sewer which was completed in February 2024 and located within the government lot to the DSD; and

- (iv) since the rear lane of 71-105 Ma Tau Wai Road was within the ownership boundaries of individual buildings, owners of the relevant buildings were responsible for the proper maintenance and repairs of the communal facilities within its ownership boundaries, including the drainage system. Through the “Building Drainage System Repair Subsidy Scheme” launched with the Government, the URA assisted buildings in conducting works such as investigations, repairs and rectifications for the drainage systems in common areas. According to the URA’s records, applications for the “Building Drainage System Repair Subsidy Scheme” from Fuk Shing Mansion at 89-93A Ma Tau Wai Road and Sin Hua Mansion at 103-105 Ma Tau Wai Road had been received. “Approval-in-Principle Letters” were issued. The tendering work for engaging a works consultancy was now underway.

8. The representative of Nation Star Development Limited (the JV developer) gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) there were records of sewage backflow at the rear lane of 71-105 Ma Tau Wai Road prior to the commencement of the site works. The related problem had been alleviated after new drainage pipes were installed by the JV developer;
- (ii) greasy wastes were found in the sewage discharged from Sin Hua Mansion during the construction period and upon completion of the works. Among them, the situation of blockage by greasy wastes was particularly serious at the manholes of street-level restaurants. It was speculated that the related problem was attributed to the

sewage discharged from Sin Hua Mansion, the situation of potential blockage in the sewers of Ma Tau Wai Road and the improper sewage disposal facility in Sin Hua Mansion; and

- (iii) the URA was taking forward the renewal of the old districts in To Kwa Wan under a “district-based approach” while carrying out drainage improvement works at the same time. It was considered that the problem of sewer blockage in the sub-district could be alleviated upon completion of the works.

9. **The representative of the BD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) the Department had been closely collaborating with various departments and following up on the matter of sewage backflow at the rear lane of 71-105 Ma Tau Wai Road. Drainage repair orders had been issued to the owners / owners’ corporations (OCs) of the buildings at 89-93A, 95-97 and 103-105 Ma Tau Wai Road;
- (ii) according to the Department’s records, the OC of 89-93A Ma Tau Wai Road had informed the Department that it was incapable of complying with the relevant order. Therefore, the Department had commissioned a government consultancy and contractor to carry out the repairs in default of the owners. The Department would subsequently charge the owners of the said building the related costs;
- (iii) the Department was also in contact with the OC / owners of 95-97 Ma Tau Wai Road to understand the compliance status of the relevant order. The Department would consider commissioning a government consultancy and contractor to carry out the repairs in default of the owners if necessary. The Department would subsequently charge the owners of the said building the related costs; and
- (iv) the OC of 103-105 Ma Tau Wai Road had applied for a subsidy from the URA regarding the related repair works. The OC received an “Approval-in-Principle Letter” issued by the Authority. Tenders were now invited for engaging a consultancy to undertake the relevant work.

10. **The representative of the DSD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) the Department had received a report from the URA and conducted an inspection in Sin Hua Mansion regarding the matter of sewage backflow at its rear lane. However, the newly constructed manhole was blocked by the fences of the URA's project. The Department could only conduct further inspection upon the removal of fences;
- (ii) to monitor the water level, the Department had installed monitoring devices at the location of public sewage manholes along Ma Tau Wai Road; and
- (iii) with regard to the matter of sewage backflow at the rear lane of 71-103 Ma Tau Wai Road, the Department would also provide assistance according to the needs of the BD.

11. **The representative of the HyD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) the rear lane of 71-105 Ma Tau Wai Road was a private lot, which did not fall within the scope of public road repairs under the Department's purview; and
- (ii) the Department had also recently conducted an on-site inspection regarding the matter of ground subsidence that occurred at the rear lane of 71 Ma Tau Wai Road. No abnormalities were detected. The Department would continue to closely monitor the relevant location and carry out repairs when necessary.

12. **The Chairman** made a conclusion. He also thanked the departments for performing their respective functions and jointly assisting residents to solve the problem. To improve the livelihood of the people, he suggested Members to continuously follow up with the related departments on the incomplete drainage problems.

Item 3

Proposal to Make Good Use of the Spaces Underneath the Flyover near the Eastern End of Cheong Wan Road in Hung Hom to Create a Base for Culture and Creativity and a Space for Culture and Arts, or to be Redeveloped into a Car Park

(DFWC Paper No. 21/2025)

13. **A Member** introduced the Paper and clarified that the site mentioned in the Paper was the space beside a lift underneath the flyover at Cheong Wan Road.

14. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the Transport Department (TD) and the HyD, i.e. Documents No. 2 and 3 tabled.

15. **The representative of the HyD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) the Department was responsible for the repair and maintenance work of public roads (including footbridges and subways) and ancillary road facilities under its purview. The Department would give advice on road and structural repairs if it received proposals from the related departments on considering the provision of additional cultural and creative or fitness facilities underneath the flyover; and
- (ii) the provision of an additional car park was under the planning and management of traffic and transportation, which was not under the Department's purview. It was learned that the TD had followed up on the relevant proposals.

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

- (i) supported the Department in making good use of the public spaces in the area for the provision of additional cultural and creative facilities and parking spaces. However, the Department should consult nearby residents and give priority to their views when considering the conversion; and
- (ii) given the limited space underneath the flyover, the conversion plan required a study on the suitable design and ancillary facilities. It was recommended to consult various related departments.

17. **The Chairman** stated that multiple departments were involved in the management and planning of government sites. He suggested Members to put forward more specific plans for consideration by the related departments.

Item 4

Request to Improve the Problem of Tactile Tiles for the Visually Impaired at the Connection Point at the Staircase Leading down to Man Yue Street beside the Vehicle Workshops on Tai Wan Road

(DFWC Paper No. 22/2025)

18. **A Member** introduced the Paper. The TD was asked to take into account the usage situation of wheelchair users when considering the provision of additional bollards at the relevant location to appropriately widen the distance between them.

19. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the TD and the HyD, i.e. Documents No. 4 and 5 tabled.

20. **The representative of the HyD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) with regard to the matter of uneven tactile tiles on the footpath next to the staircase leading down to Man Yue Street beside the vehicle workshops on Tai Wan Road, the Department had sent staff to conduct an on-site inspection and was arranging for a contractor to carry out temporary repairs;
- (ii) the Department had arranged for a contractor to conduct replacement works for the tactile tiles at the relevant location. Given that the works involved temporary traffic arrangements and road safety problems, negotiations with the related departments and nearby stakeholders were required. The relevant works were expected to be completed in June this year; and
- (iii) offending vehicles and other matters on the planning and management of traffic and transportation was not under the Department's purview. The Department had referred them to the related departments to follow up.

21. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and suggested Members to continuously follow up on the works of the HyD, as well as liaise with the Department to follow up

when necessary.

Item 5

Proposal to the HyD for Resurfacing Footpaths with Uneven Surface at Various Locations in Ho Man Tin Area

(DFWC Paper No. 23/2025)

22. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
23. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the HyD, i.e. Document No. 6 tabled.
24. **The representative of the HyD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:
 - (i) the Department had sent staff to conduct an on-site inspection regarding the matter of damaged paving blocks on or uneven pavements in Ho Man Tin area. Damages were found on the surfaces of the paving blocks on the pavements at Peace Avenue Refuse Collection Point and in the vicinity of One Victory to Victory Building. Temporary repair works had been arranged. The road resurfacing works of the relevant road sections were expected to commence in the third quarter this year;
 - (ii) in regard to the stains on the paving blocks on the pavements in the vicinity of Waterloo Road to the petrol filling station at Pui Ching Road, the Department had liaised with the FEHD to wash the relevant streets. However, the stains could not be removed. The Department had arranged for replacement works for the paving blocks. The works were expected to commence in June this year;
 - (iii) the Department had, upon inspection, completed the repair works regarding the situation of loosened paving blocks on pavements near the tree pits in the vicinity of Man Kee Mansion, Happy Court and Princess Terrace at Man Fuk Road, as well as in the vicinity of Harrison Court and Start Court at Man Wan Road; and
 - (iv) the Department had completed the temporary repair works on pavements near the tree pits in the vicinity of Block 4 of Mandarin Court and Balwin Court at Argyle Street. Uneven surfaces of the

relevant roads were caused by protruding tree roots. The Department had referred the relevant matter to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to follow up. Rehabilitation works on the surfaces of the relevant pavements would be arranged after handling the matter of tree roots. The Department would timely arrange repairs if the situation of uneven road surface was identified during routine inspections.

25. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and thanked the HyD for proactively liaising with other departments to tackle at root the problem of uneven road surface. He suggested Members to continuously follow up on the situation of uneven road surface, as well as to follow up and liaise with the departments when necessary.

Item 6

Proposal for Enhancement regarding the Safety Hazards from the Uneven Surfaces of Footpaths and Telecommunication Manhole Covers in Kowloon City District

(DFWC Paper No. 24/2025)

26. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
27. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the HyD, i.e. Document No. 7 tabled.
28. **The representative of the HyD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:
- (i) the Department had sent staff to conduct inspections at the relevant road sections. The matter of uneven road surface on the pavement at Chatham Road North involved uneven telecommunication manhole covers. The Department had notified the related public utility to follow up. The related utility had also completed the rehabilitation works of two telecommunication manhole covers at Chatham Road North near Wa Fung Street. The Department also identified uneven pavements near telecommunication manhole covers at other locations. The relevant locations had been immediately enclosed and the related public utility had been notified to follow up;

- (ii) the Department had arranged for a contractor to complete the repair works for the pavement with an uneven surface at Exit A of MTR To Kwa Wan Station; and
- (iii) the Department had also sent staff to inspect San Lau Street. However, situation of uneven surface was not found on the said pavement. The Department would closely monitor the road conditions in the district. Repairs would be timely arranged if the road surface was found damaged or uneven.

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

- (i) a number of public utilities did not properly restore manhole covers upon completion of works, which affected pedestrian safety. When carrying out works involving manhole covers, it was recommended that utilities should notify the HyD in advance, as well as take photos of the manhole covers before and after completion of the works for the Department's verification in the future; and
- (ii) to avoid causing hazards to pedestrians, the HyD was urged to remind the related public utilities to properly place manhole covers upon completion of the works.

30. **The representative of the HyD** noted Members' views and would study the related notification mechanism after the meeting.

31. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and suggested the Department to formulate guidelines for the compliance of public utilities.

Item 7

Request for the Reinstatement of Uneven Pavement at the Promenade in Whampoa to Address the Problem of Water Ponding

(DFWC Paper No. 25/2025)

32. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

33. **The Chairman** stated that Whampoa Property Management Limited (the management company) did not send a representative to attend this meeting. Members were invited to refer to the written reply furnished by the management company, i.e.

Document No. 8 tabled. Members were also invited to directly contact the management company according to the contact information set out in the Paper to follow up on the matter of uneven pavement surface and provide feedback.

Item 8

Further Improvement of the Government Wi-Fi Facilities in the Recreational and Cultural Venues in Kowloon City District

(DFWC Paper No. 26/2025)

34. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the LCSD and the Digital Policy Office (DPO), i.e. Documents No. 9 and 10 tabled.

35. **A Member** introduced the Paper and raised the following views and enquiries:

- (i) many elders could not afford the Internet access services fees for mobile phones. It was suggested that the Department should provide wireless Internet access (Wi-Fi) services at cultural and recreational facilities under the Government's purview;
- (ii) photo-taking spots with Augmented Reality (AR) were available at a number of recreational facilities such as the Kai Tak Sky Garden. To enhance user experience, it was suggested that the Department should improve the stability of Wi-Fi services;
- (iii) a number of visitors were attracted to visit Kowloon City District upon completion of the Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP). It was suggested to provide additional Wi-Fi services at the Sung Wong Toi Park and Shing Kai Road Garden near the KTSP to facilitate visitors;
- (iv) suggested the Department to test the speed and usage of the Wi-Fi hotspots under its purview on a regular basis, as well as enhance services at locations with high usage; and
- (v) enquired about the scope of coverage of Wi-Fi services at the Kai Tak Station Square, Kai Tak Metro Park and Kai Tak Avenue Park, as well as whether the bandwidth was sufficient to cater to the demands of users.

36. **The representative of the LCSD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) the Department had been committed to meeting public demands by offering free Wi-Fi services at government venues with higher flow of people. The Department also monitored the public usage situation and development of this service from time to time; and
- (ii) the Department had planned to provide additional Internet access services at the Kai Tak Avenue Park and Hoi Sham Park (Extension). The Department would submit a proposal to the DPO on and study its feasibility for the provision of additional Internet access services at the To Kwa Wan Recreation Ground, Hutchison Park, Chung Yee Street Garden and Sheung Lok Street Garden.

37. **The representative of the DPO** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) to provide the public and visitors with free and convenient wireless Internet access services, as well as build Hong Kong into a Wi-Fi connected city, the Government had been actively promoting the development of public Wi-Fi in Hong Kong. The Government launched the “Wi-Fi Connected City” programme in 2016. Through the “Wi-Fi.HK” brand, the Government and the industry promoted the free or time-limited free of charge Wi-Fi services offered by public and private organisations. As of April this year, the number of hotspots under the “Wi-Fi.HK” brand was approximately 42 000 which was scattered across the 18 districts in Hong Kong;
- (ii) government Wi-Fi hotspots in Kowloon City District covered 20 cultural and recreational venues under the LCSD’s purview. The DPO had completed the technical assessment for the installation of Wi-Fi services at the Hoi Sham Park (Extension). The related installation works would commence as soon as possible;
- (iii) when evaluating if the locations of the relevant government venues were suitable for the provision of free public Wi-Fi services, the Government would consider various factors, including the nature of the venues, flow of people, technical feasibility, if the relevant venues had any special purposes such as tourist hotspots, and if the services provided were cost-effective;

- (iv) in response to the request of the LCSD, the DPO would additionally provide public Wi-Fi services for free at 11 cultural and recreational venues in Kowloon City District. In addition, the DPO had received an application filed by the LCSD for the provision of additional Wi-Fi services at the Kai Tak Avenue Park. The DPO was arranging for the related installation works upon successful assessment. In respect of other proposed venues, the LCSD would submit the proposals to the DPO for review and assessment as well as making appropriate arrangements; and
- (v) the DPO would designate third-party contractors to conduct testing on “Wi-Fi.HK” hotspots at related venues on a regular basis. The average speed at present was approximately 70 megabits per second (Mbps), which was adequate to meet the needs of general Internet use (such as using social media). The DPO and departments responsible for the relevant government venues would continue to monitor the performance of Wi-Fi services at various government venues. To ensure the service quality fulfilled the requirements, the DPO would timely adjust the network speed and scope of coverage at venues based on factors such as the network usage situation of each venue, technical feasibility and cost-effectiveness.

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

- (i) suggested the Department to post QR codes for connecting Wi-Fi services and contact numbers of service providers at venues to facilitate the public to connect to the network easily, as well as contact providers for enquires and report problems when necessary;
- (ii) suggested the Department to notify District Council members and nearby residents prior to the commencement of installation works of Wi-Fi services so that they could learn about the related information;
- (iii) suggested providing visitors with travel information, including real-time transport information, shop information and locations of nearby facilities and attractions, through free Wi-Fi services;

- (iv) enquired about the existing scope of coverage of free Wi-Fi in Kowloon City District. It was suggested that the Department should specify the locations providing Wi-Fi services on its website so that the public and visitors could obtain clear information;
- (v) suggested to provide additional Wi-Fi hotspots at the smart lampposts at Shing Kai Road in Kai Tak and at non-fixed locations such as offer Wi-Fi services in taxis to extend the scope of coverage; and
- (vi) suggested standardising the time limit for using Wi-Fi services. It was suggested to make good use of public telephone kiosks and radio base stations in private properties to increase the number of Wi-Fi hotspots and extend the scope of coverage.

39. **The representative of the DPO** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) noted Members' suggestions on the provision of QR codes at venues for direct access to free public Wi-Fi services. The DPO would study and discuss implementation details with network providers;
- (ii) the public could check the locations of existing hotspots on the website and mobile application of "Wi-Fi.HK" and the mobile application of "iAM Smart";
- (iii) travel-related information was now available on the landing pages of free public Wi-Fi services at boundary control points and major tourism spots;
- (iv) the public could locate the contact numbers and e-mail addresses of network providers on the Wi-Fi signage at venues with the provision of Wi-Fi services. Network providers would answer questions from the public upon receipt of enquiries. Moreover, network providers would monitor the real-time service status of each Wi-Fi hotspot through an independent network monitoring system. Staff would also be sent for repairs when problems were detected;
- (v) in addition to the cultural and recreational venues under the LCSD's purview, the DPO would also provide free public Wi-Fi services at other government venues. In the next two years, free public Wi-Fi

services would be additionally provided in more than 20 venues in Kowloon City District, including public toilets, piers, bus termini, playgrounds, clinics and government offices buildings;

- (vi) apart from offering free public Wi-Fi services in a self-funded manner, the DPO would also release government venues through a public-private collaboration approach with departments responsible for the relevant government venues. Free public Wi-Fi services and paid 5G services would be offered by telecommunications operators. The Government was not required to bear any costs;
- (vii) free public Wi-Fi services were already available at the smart lampposts at Shing Kai Road in Kai Tak. The DPO would also actively communicate with departments responsible for smart lampposts to provide free public Wi-Fi services at the newly installed smart lampposts based on demand and where feasible;
- (viii) services of “Wi-Fi.HK” brand at present had been extended to 3 500 public transport carriers, including buses, taxis and Airport Express, providing a total of approximately 3 700 Wi-Fi hotspots. To extend the scope of coverage of free public Wi-Fi services, the DPO would continue to promote the “Wi-Fi.HK” brand;
- (ix) free public Wi-Fi services were currently available at approximately more than 300 public telephone kiosks across the territory. The proposal of the provision of additional Wi-Fi hotspots at radio base stations in private properties involved private business operation. The DPO would encourage the relevant commercial establishments to provide free public Wi-Fi service hotspots; and
- (x) the installation works of Wi-Fi services was in compliance with safety standards. Radiation exceeding safety standards would not be generated. To ensure smooth implementation of the works, Members were appealed to support the installation works of free public Wi-Fi services by the DPO, as well as assist in explaining it to the public.

40. **The Chairman** thanked the Department for its reply. To assist in enhancing the facilities in the district, he suggested Members to continuously provide feedback to

the DPO on the blind spots in Kowloon City District that were not covered by Wi-Fi services.

Item 9

Concern over the Matter of Environmental Greening in the Kai Tak Avenue Park

(DFWC Paper No. 27/2025)

41. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
42. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the LCSD, i.e. Document No. 11 tabled.
43. **The representative of the LCSD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:
 - (i) the Department had been paying close attention to the usage situation of the facilities in the Kai Tak Avenue Park, as well as monitoring the work such as maintenance, repairs and greening of the park. In respect of the damages to the green area and the at-grade walkway in the Kai Tak Avenue Park, the Department conducted an on-site inspection jointly with Members and representatives of the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) on 28 April this year. Feasible improvement proposals, including creating green paths by laying stone slabs for stepping on the lawn at locations more heavily used by visitors in the park, or replanting the lawn, were jointly studied. This could not only facilitate visitors of the park, but it could also enhance the beautification effect of the park. The Department, in collaboration with the ArchSD, would explore and study feasible proposals in detail as soon as possible; and
 - (ii) in regard to some damaged manhole covers next to the walkway, the Department would jointly commence rehabilitation works with the ArchSD at the soonest. The works were expected to be completed by the end of May this year.
44. **Members** raised the following views and enquiries:
 - (i) enquired about the timetable for the rehabilitation works in the Kai Tak Avenue Park. Members also stated that the rainy season and tropical cyclone season were approaching. The Department was

urged to complete the rehabilitation works at the soonest so as to avoid the progress from being affected;

- (ii) residents in the surrounding area were required to take detours of 100 to 200 metres since the original walkway in the park could not cater to their needs, which caused inconvenience to their daily lives. In addition, some of the public were tripped by the pipes of the automatic sprinkler system. It was suggested that the Department should study improvement proposals to prevent accidents from happening; and
- (iii) suggested the Department to carry out replanting at the damaged lawn in the park to fill the gaps. Publicity should also be strengthened to prevent the public from getting injured by creating paths on their own.

45. **The representative of the LCSD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) with regard to the rehabilitation works of the green area and the at-grade walkway in the park, the Department was awaiting the submission of quotation from the related departments. Subject to the availability of resources, the Department would conduct improvement works in places with a higher flow of people by setting priorities based on urgency;
- (ii) regarding the safety hazards of exposed pipes of irrigation facilities, the Department would consider removing the facilities if the retention of related facilities was found to be unnecessary upon assessment, with road resurfacing works to be carried out thereafter; and
- (iii) the Department would consider carrying out replanting at the damaged lawn in the park.

46. There being no further follow-up enquiries from Members on the item, the Chairman declared the agenda item closed.

Item 10**Report on the Management of Facilities in Kowloon City District in 2024-25**

(DFWC Paper No. 28/2025)

47. **The representative of the LCSD** reported on the Paper, which was consolidated as follows:

- (i) to tie in with the Government's tobacco control policy to promote a smoke-free culture and safeguard public health, the Department conducted district consultations through Kowloon City District Office (KCDO) earlier from March to April this year. Upon reviewing the usage situation of venues with smoking areas and venues where smoking was not prohibited in the district, the Department suggested to cease the designated smoking areas located in the Hoi Sham Park, Ko Shan Road Park, Olympic Garden, Pui Ching Road Rest Garden and Station Lane Sitting-out Area, as well as to cease the arrangements in which smoking was not prohibited in the Ma Tau Wai Road / Ma Hang Chung Road Rest Garden from August this year; and
- (ii) prior to the cessation of the designated smoking areas and the arrangements in which smoking was not prohibited, the Department would affix notices and hang banners at the relevant venues to publicise and inform the public of the related arrangements.

48. There being no further follow-up enquiries from Members on the item, the Chairman declared the agenda item closed.

Item 11**Overview of the District Minor Works of the KCDO**

(DFWC Paper No. 29/2025)

49. **The representative of the KCDO** reported the Paper and stated that the works on the provision of a walkway cover outside Exit D of MTR To Kwa Wan Station had commenced at the end of April this year, which was expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2026.

50. **A Member** expressed concern about the cost-effectiveness of the works project. She enquired about the durability of materials used in and facilities of the

works. She suggested the Office to select a suitable contractor and works materials in accordance with the principle of optimal use of public resources.

51. **The representative of the KCDO** replied and stated that the Office would ensure the optimal use of public resources and select works materials that were in compliance with standards to safeguard the safety of users.

Item 12

Any Other Business

52. No further items were raised by **Members**.

Item 13

Date of Next Meeting

53. **The Chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 3 July 2025 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 17 June 2025.

54. **The Chairman** announced the adjournment of the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 3 July 2025.

The Chairman

The Secretary

KCDC Secretariat
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