# Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 7th Term Kowloon City District Council

Date: 21 March 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Kowloon City District Office

Present:

Chairman: Miss CHOI Man-kwan, Alice, JP

Members: Mr TING Kin-wa

Mr CHO Wui-hung, MH

Mr LEE Chiu-yu

Mr NG Fan-kam, MH Mr NG Po-keung, MH Dr Rizwan ULLAH, MH

Mr HE Huahan 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 Mr KWAN Ho-yeung

Secretary: Ms LAU Sau-man, Betty

Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Kowloon City District

Office

In Attendance: Mr WU Ho-man, Kenneth Assistant District Officer (Kowloon

City)

Mr LEE Chi-leung, Senior Executive Officer (District

Humphrey Management), Kowloon City

District Office

Miss MAK Wai-man, Sandy	Senior Liaison Officer (Building Management), Kowloon City
Mr CHAN Yat-kin, Kaiser	District Office Senior Liaison Officer (District Liaison)1, Kowloon City District Office
Miss LIU Suk-fun, Connie	Senior Liaison Officer (District Liaison)2, Kowloon City District
Ms SO Lai-yee, Ivy	Office Senior Liaison Officer (District Liaison)3, Kowloon City District Office
Mr LIU Kin-wai, Rick	Chief Transport Officer / Kowloon 2, Transport Department
Mr CHAN Chi-sing	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kowloon City), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms MAK Siu-ling, Iris	Chief Manager / Management (Kowloon West and Sai Kung), Housing Department
Ms CHEUNG Yee-mei, May	Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon), Leisure and Cultural Services
Ms CHIU Shui-man, Tabitha	Department District Leisure Manager (Kowloon City), Leisure and Cultural Services
Mr FUNG Yiu-cheung, Dennis	Department Chief Engineer / E4, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms CHAN Ka-yi, Ada	District Commander (Kowloon City) (Acting), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms LAU Ching-nam, Rachel	Police Community Relations Officer (Kowloon City District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms TSE Tsui-yan	District Commander (Sau Mau Ping), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr TAM Man-hoi	Police Community Relations Officer (Sau Mau Ping), Hong Kong Police Force

## Attendance by Invitation:

Item 5 Ms Joyce WAN

Senior Manager – Public Relations & Communications, Kai Tak Sports Park Limited

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# **Opening Remarks by the Chairman**

- 1. **The Chairman** welcomed all Members and representatives of government departments to the second meeting of the 7th term Kowloon City District Council (KCDC).
- 2. **The Chairman** reminded Members to register their interests in accordance with Order 22 of the Kowloon City District Council Standing Orders (the Standing Orders) and stated that if the matters to be discussed had any connection or potential conflict of interests with their personal interests such as property rights, profession or investment, they should make a declaration at the meeting so that she could make a decision in accordance with the Standing Orders.
- 3. **The Chairman** stated that in accordance with Order 32 of the Standing Orders, the quorum of the KCDC was no less than half the number of Members. If the quorum was not present at the commencement of the meeting or in the course of the meeting, she would direct the Secretary to summon the absentees. If the quorum was still not present 15 minutes thereafter, she would adjourn the meeting. According to Order 13 of the Standing Orders, she then set out that each attendee was allowed to make a maximum of three speeches during a discussion on an agenda item and the time limit for each speech was two minutes. She also reminded the attendees to switch off their mobile phones or to switch the phones to vibration mode to avoid causing disturbances.

#### Item 1

# <u>Opinion Survey on the Municipal Solid Waste Charging Bill – Results and Analysis</u>

(KCDC Paper No. 8/2024)

4. **The Chairman** invited Mr LAM Tak-shing, the Chairman of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC), to introduce the Paper.

- 5. **Mr LAM Tak-shing** introduced Paper No. 8/2024 with the main points as follows:
  - (i) from 1 January to 1 March 2024, Members set up street counters in the district to collect the public's views on the municipal solid waste (MSW) charging policy and successfully interviewed nearly 1 000 members of the public;
  - (ii) views collected including: (a) the public was aware of the implementation time of the MSW charging policy; (b) the public in general considered the level of charges of the MSW charging policy reasonable, while some also thought the level of charges was too high and would increase their burden of living; (c) the majority of the public considered that the half-year adaptation period under the MSW charging policy was sufficient, while some also suggested that the adaptation period should be extended to one year; (d) the public considered that the MSW charging policy could reduce the overall waste disposal amount, but quite a number of people were also worried that the situation of littering would be worsened; (e) 60 per cent of the public had acquired the habits of separating and delivering domestic waste to the recycling points in the community while those who did not have the aforementioned habits said they did not participate as they did not have time or there were no recycling points nearby their homes; and (f) the public who had the habits of waste separation and recycling generally considered that the current measures of encouraging waste reduction were inadequate, and they suggested stepping up publicity on the policy and increasing the number of recycling points in the community;
  - (iii) having consolidated the aforementioned views, Members had the suggestions as follows: (a) stepping up publicity on the MSW charging policy and the "polluter pays" principle through means such as television, radio and posters; (b) strengthening civic education, including the organisation of thematic workshops in collaboration with schools, elderly centres and community organisations to educate the public on how to separate, recycle and legally dump domestic waste effectively; (c) requesting the Government to closely monitor the implementation situation of the policy during the adaptation period, especially the situation of hygiene management of "three-nil"

buildings, and extend the adaptation period of the policy if necessary; (d) raising the number of recycling points in the community with a view to facilitating and encouraging the public to carry out waste separation and recycling; (e) stepping up the publicity on the locations of recycling points, for example, distributing relevant information to local residents through the means of mailing; (f) stepping up the promotion on the Food Waste Smart Recycling Bins and extending the promotion to all major housing estates in the district; (g) distributing 10-litre designated bags to the public free of charge within the first three months upon implementation of the MSW charging policy with a view to stepping up publicity work on the policy; (h) stepping up publicity work on the penalty of the policy to remind the public not to litter; and (i) promoting and providing training as well as strengthening the supporting work to owners' corporations (OCs) in the district so that the OCs and property management companies could comply with the implementation of the MSW charging policy and communicate with households about the relevant arrangements; and

- (iv) all in all, Members suggested the related departments to allocate more funds and hire more staff to carry out the recycling work properly so that the public could support and comply with the implementation of the MSW charging policy in a more effective manner.
- 6. **The Chairman** thanked Members for their work on the collection of views and particularly Mr LAM Tak-shing for his efforts in consolidating the relevant views. She stated that the Environmental Protection Department did not send representatives to attend this meeting, and Members were invited to refer to the written reply on relevant views furnished by the Department, i.e. Document No. 2 tabled.
- 7. **The Chairman** said that Members would continue to follow up the relevant matters with the related departments at the FEHC in future.

#### Item 2

# Report of the Study on the Ancillary Transport Facilities under Concern in the District

(KCDC Paper No. 9/2024)

- 8. **The Chairman** invited Mr CHO Wui-hung, the Chairman of the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC), to introduce the Paper.
- 9. **Mr CHO Wui-hung** introduced Paper No. 9/2024 with the main points as follows:
  - the TTC collected a number of views on traffic matters from Members and categorised the relevant views into seven categorises as follows;
  - (ii) in terms of illegal parking, speeding and red light jumping, the public suggested stepping up law enforcement along Prince Edward Road West and in Ho Man Tin area as well as setting up a prohibition area for tourist coaches in the vicinity of Wyler Gardens to improve the problem of traffic congestion;
  - (iii) with regard to transport services to and from the airport, residents along Prince Edward Road West and in Ho Man Tin area suggested the provision of additional transport services between the airport and the two aforementioned areas;
  - (iv) in respect of improvement of transport facilities, the public requested the implementation of the project on the rapid transit system in Kai Tak as soon as possible and suggested: (a) providing smart car parks to alleviate the problem of illegal parking; (b) extending the pedestrian signal time, providing diagonal pedestrian crossings and introducing pedestrian traffic light countdown devices; (c) adding covers above some walkways; and (d) improving facilities at taxi stands;
  - (v) as far as bus services were concerned, the public suggested offering new bus routes (for example, bus routes to and from Kai Tak) and increasing the frequency of runs of buses (for example, requesting the modification of Citybus Route A25 to provide all-day service) and

requested the installation of bus arrival information display panels and priority seats at more bus stops;

- (vi) on MTR services, the public suggested: (a) increasing the number of runs along Tuen Ma Line during peak hours; (b) installing more lifts and escalators at Ho Man Tin Station; (c) resuming real-person customer service at To Kwa Wan Station, Sung Wong Toi Station and Kai Tak Station; and (d) installing platform screen doors at Kowloon Tong Station of East Rail Line as soon as possible;
- (vii) as regards minibus services, the public was concerned about the problems of insufficient drivers and lost trips and called for improvements in the service attitude of drivers and the environmental hygiene situations of compartments; and
- (viii) as for car parks and charging facilities for vehicles, the public suggested promoting the construction of multi-functional smart car parks as well as installing more charging facilities for electric vehicles. The public also suggested providing parking spaces for bicycles and "shared-use" parking spaces to facilitate sustainable transport development.
- 10. **The Chairman** thanked Members for their work on the collection of views and particularly Mr CHO Wui-hung for his efforts in consolidating the relevant views. She invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the Transport Department (TD), i.e. Paper No. 5 tabled.
- 11. **Mr Rick LIU, Chief Transport Officer / Kowloon 2 of the TD**, replied with the main points as follows:
  - (i) the TD thanked Members for their submission of extensive views and stated that the Department had given an initial response in the written reply; and
  - (ii) the Department was willing to continue to follow up with Members on the TTC their views regarding matters related to district traffic and public transport and to conduct site visits to relevant locations with Members when necessary.

12. **The Chairman** said that transport matters had always been a subject of great concern to the KCDC. Should Members have any new matters concerned, they could raise at the TTC and discuss with the related departments.

# Item 3

Request for Stepping up Site Inspections and Enhancing Occupational Safety in View of the Spate of Industrial Accidents at Constructions Sites in Kai Tak (KCDC Paper No. 10/2024)

- 13. **Mr NG Po-keung** introduced Paper No. 10/2024 with the main points as follows:
  - (i) in recent years, serious industrial accidents had occurred one after another in Kai Tak area, including the accident involving the collapse of a scaffold at the construction site of Pano Harbour in Kai Tak on 20 February 2024, causing two deaths and three injuries;
  - (ii) even one industrial accident was too many. Members requested the related departments to conduct a detailed investigation into the accident as soon as possible to examine whether there were inadequacy in supervision or inspection or situations of human negligence, to pursue legal liability of the relevant duty holders, and to render appropriate support to the families of the deceased and injured;
  - (iii) since there were many construction sites in Kowloon City District, Members requested the related departments to step up inspections and investigate safety hazards in the construction sites, so as to minimise potential risks; and
  - (iv) Members suggested speeding up the development pace of smart construction sites and subsidising the introduction of smart tools on construction sites, as well as monitoring whether sufficient equipment and support were provided or irregularities were found for high-risk works, so that management personnel could rectify problems in a timely manner, prevent tragedies and enhance occupational safety standards.

14. **The Chairman** said that the Labour Department did not send representatives to attend this meeting, and Members were invited to refer to the written reply furnished by the Department, i.e. Document No. 4 tabled.

## Item 4

# Call for the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau to Take forward the Introduction of a Statutory Cooling-off Period for Beauty and Fitness Services Consumer Contracts

(KCDC Paper No. 11/2024)

- 15. **Mr WONG Chi** introduced Paper No. 11/2024 with the main points as follows:
  - (i) according to a press release of the Government in late 2023, the Consumer Council received a total of more than 1 400 complaints against unfair trade practices in the past three years, among which involved a number of cases on fitness and beauty industries;
  - (ii) the Government conducted a three-month consultation on the proposal to stipulate a cool-off period on beauty and fitness services contracts but did not proceed to next step on legislative work due to the reason that "there have been drastic changes in the social environment, economic situation and consumption sentiment"; and
  - (iii) he considered that the continuation of taking forward the aforementioned legislative work could enhance confidence of the public in Hong Kong's retail and service industries, which would help encourage them to stay and spend in Hong Kong, thereby improving Hong Kong's economic situation.
- 16. **The Chairman** said that the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau did not send representatives to attend this meeting, and Members were invited to refer to the written reply furnished by the Bureau, i.e. Document No. 1 tabled. She also said that Members could submit further views and enquiries after the meeting, if any, to the Secretariat.

#### Item 5

## **Promoting "Sport for All" in the Community**

(KCDC Paper No. 12/2024)

- Mr CHEUNG King-fan introduced Paper No. 12/2024 and stated that the Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP) would soon be completed. The Government intended to make the KTSP as the main arena for 2025 National Games with a view to fostering sports development and exchanges in Hong Kong as well as promoting "Sport for All". Members would like the related departments to make full use of the venues in the KTSP, including: (a) negotiating for the holding of events such as international sports events and pop music concerts to promote Hong Kong as Asia's Sports and Arts Capital; and (b) opening venues to different sports and arts organisations and schools to facilitate cultural, sports and arts events in the community.
- 18. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB), i.e. Document No. 3 tabled.
- 19. **Mr KWAN Ho-yeung**'s views were consolidated as follows:
  - (i) he pointed out that one of the important objectives of the KTSP was to promote "Sport for All", while the charges of venues were a matter of greater public concern; and
  - (ii) he pointed out that as the venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) were subsidised by the Government, its charges were relatively lower. He enquired about the details of charges of the KTSP, including whether the charges were reasonable and difference in charges when compared with LCSD venues.
- 20. **Mr NG Po-keung**'s views were consolidated as follows:
  - (i) venues of some individual sports items were more difficult to make a booking. He requested the related departments to speed up the development of facilities at the venues and to make optimal use of land resources, including using locations such as vacant school premises, rooftops or spaces under flyovers as sports venues by the way of short-term tenancy; and

(ii) regarding the promotion of "Sport for All", he proposed to launch a pilot scheme on electronic sports vouchers, under which a sports voucher of \$1,000 would be issued to primary and junior secondary school students at the initial stage to encourage them to exercise more. If the scheme was effective, the Government could extend the promotion of the scheme to elders and even the public territory-wide at its subsequent stages.

# 21. **Mr LAM Tak-shing**'s views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) he enquired about the progress of the construction works and the opening date of the KTSP. He also enquired if all the facilities would be opened for the hiring of the public upon the opening of the KTSP;
- (ii) he suggested the Government to actively promote the scheme on electronic sports vouchers; and
- (iii) he enquired if the KTSP and its arenas would be opened for a time slot in the evening for public use.

#### 22. **Dr Rizwan ULLAH**'s views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) since a large number of ethnic minorities lived in Kowloon City District and Yau Tsim Mong District and they mostly loved playing cricket, he enquired if there would be related facilities at the KTSP for them to hire; and
- (ii) he enquired if the KTSP had space and facilities to host major international events such as the Hong Kong International Cricket Sixes.

# 23. **Ms Vivian WONG**'s views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) she enquired about the detailed information regarding the hiring of venues at the KTSP, including the prices and related criteria; and
- (ii) she enquired about the details of the "Kai Tak Sports Initiative School Programmes" in the written reply and if the KTSP would provide

venues for hosting inter-school competitions.

- 24. **Mr NG Fan-kam** enquired about the traffic arrangements during the organisation of major events, including the estimated peak pedestrian flow and crowd dispersal plans.
- 25. **Mr LAM Pok**'s views were consolidated as follows:
  - (i) he proposed the opening of KTSP for public use when no event was hosted and no maintenance works were required to carry out so as to promote "Sport for All"; and
  - (ii) he suggested the KTSP to launch dedicated smart cards and mobile app in order to facilitate the public to get a grasp of the usage situation of the venues and hire the venues. He also proposed increasing the incentives for the public to use smart cards, including: (a) offering purchase discounts just as annual passes; and (b) providing functions such as check-in and calculation of running distance with reference to the practices in Singapore, enabling the public to earn points through doing exercises and redeem rewards with points such as event tickets with an aim of increasing their motivation to exercise.
- 26. **Mr WONG Man-kong** enquired if support and ancillary facilities (for example, barriers-free facilities) to facilitate persons with disabilities were available at the KTSP so that they could participate in exercise together.
- 27. **Mr CHEUNG King-fan** stated that the Government announced earlier the construction of smart and green mass transit system in Kai Tak and a station would be built at the KTSP. He enquired if the KTSP had evaluated the roles of the project on crowd dispersal, facilitating spectators and the public in entering and exiting the KTSP and if the information regarding the location of the proposed station was available.
- 28. **Mr CHAN Chi-wah** stated that designated sports venues for some new sports (for example, frisbee and shuttlecock) were yet to be available. Hence, he enquired if the KTSP would lease its venues for carrying out the relevant sports items there.

- 29. **Ms Joyce WAN, Senior Manager Public Relations & Communications of the Kai Tak Sports Park Limited**, gave a reply with the main points as follows:
  - (i) the KTSP was the most important sports infrastructure in Hong Kong in recent decades, serving the purpose of supporting the Government's policies and goals in sports development, promoting sports in the community, developing Hong Kong into a centre for major international sports events and supporting elite sports;
  - (ii) there were three main facilities in the KTSP respectively: (a) a Main Stadium that could accommodate 50 000 spectators; (b) a 10 000-seat Indoor Sports Centre; and (c) a 5 000-seat Public Sports Ground. With the aforementioned facilities and other facilities in the KTSP, major events such as international sports and entertainment events, international and local conferences and exhibitions, special events, cultural and sports festive events and pop music concerts could be organised in the KTSP. Community projects such as sports day organised by schools could also be conducted in the KTSP;
  - (iii) since the commencement of works of the KTSP in 2019, the KTSP had begun to negotiate with different national sports associations and entertainment organisations. The KTSP had so far introduced the facilities of the KTSP to more than 200 organisations and invited them to organise events at the KTSP. At present, some organisations confirmed to hold events at the KTSP. However, under the constraints of commercial terms, the KTSP had to be in line with the promotion strategies of the Government and the organisers. Therefore, the KTSP could only announce the relevant details in due course;
  - (iv) the installation of the last panel on the exterior wall of the Main Stadium of the KTSP had been completed in February 2024. This signified that the construction progress was over 85%. The KTSP would then proceed to wiring work and internal decoration and conduct fire safety tests to comply with the Government. The works concerned would be completed gradually in 2024;
  - (v) the Government would make announcement in a timely manner and organise some trial events (for example, sports events and concerts)

to review the situation of operation of the KTSP and collect views from various parties. Upon completion, the KTSP would commence operation in the first half of 2025;

- (vi) since the positioning of the KTSP included organising international events, its ancillary facilities and equipment were all able to meet international standards. Therefore, the charges of the related facilities could not be directly compared with the facilities under the LCSD. Nevertheless, in order to promote "Sports for All" and the development of sports economy of Kowloon East and Hong Kong, the KTSP had submitted a suitable preliminary proposal on charges to the CSTB. Upon completion of the study and approval, the KTSP would announce the relevant details in a timely manner;
- (vii) the KTSP would be opened to the hiring of organisations, schools and the public when no events or activities were held with a view to promoting the policy of "Sports for All";
- (viii) the KTSP welcomed the public to raise suggestions in regard to events and promotions;
- (ix) the KTSP could flexibly arrange its facilities and settings according to the needs of organisers. Hence, majority of events of different types could take place at the KTSP, including the Hong Kong International Cricket Sixes;
- the KTSP and the Government had commissioned a consultancy to conduct a detailed traffic assessment, including the use of simulation technology to simulate the situation of 50 000 spectators dispersing from the Main Stadium. According to the simulation, about 80 per cent of the people would opt for public transport such as the MTR (a five- to ten-minute walk to the Sung Wong Toi MTR Station or Kai Tak MTR Station), buses and ferries. A covered walkway would be provided in the KTSP to connect to nearby landmarks such as Kai Tak Station Square. There would also be 600 parking spaces for private cars and some parking spaces for tourist coaches to facilitate the public to leave using other means. The results of the simulation showed that the dispersal process only took around 30 to 45 minutes;

- (xi) Kai Tak Mall was established nearby the KTSP with about 70 shops and dining facilities. The public could enjoy a one-stop experience in the KTSP through shopping and dining so that those who did not exercise could also experience the vibrancy and atmosphere of the KTSP, thereby promoting "Sports for All";
- (xii) the KTSP had developed a mobile app for its venues. The public could get to know the usage situation of venues and hire the facilities of the KTSP when no event was organised through the internet or mobile app. The KTSP would make reference to Mr LAM Pok's views and study the feasibility of introducing a membership system so that the public could use points to redeem dining facilities and eligibility to participate in events;
- (xiii) the KTSP would launch some exclusive visits to the stadium. Apart from introducing the KTSP, the visit also allowed visitors to participate in some of the events of the KTSP. The KTSP welcomed schools and organisations to sign up for the programmes by then;
- (xiv) in terms of barrier-free facilities, the KTSP had referred to related international standards and related ordinances of the Buildings Department when designing the KTSP. The KTSP had also exchanged views with the organisations of people with disabilities to optimise the related design;
- (xv) a visit to the KTSP would be organised on 27 March 2024. Visitors could gain first-hand information on the construction situation and ancillary facilities of the KTSP. She welcomed the attendees to actively sign up for this programme;
- (xvi) since the agenda item was not focus on transport, she did not have information concerning the smart and green mass transit system and recommended to relay this enquiry to the related departments for them to respond;
- (xvii) the KTSP had a 5-a-side soccer pitch and the highest climbing wall in the territory so that the public could experience urban sports which were popular among the youth. The KTSP also welcomed the public to do other types of new sports at the KTSP; and

- (xviii) in recent years, to promote "Sports for All", various events on new sports, including crate climbing, breaking, Kai Tak X'Mas Get Set Go, had been organised in the community under the Kai Tak Sports Initiative of the KTSP. The 100KM Treadmill Charity Challenge would be conducted soon. She welcomed Members to form teams and participate.
- 30. **Mr LEE Chiu-yu** enquired about the commencement time and the tenancy situation of Kai Tak Mall.
- 31. **Ms Joyce WAN of the KTSP** gave a reply with the main points as follows:
  - (i) the total gross area of Kai Tak Mall was approximately 700 000 feet, consisting of three blocks of main building. The public could travel between the KTSP and Kai Tak Mall via the barrier-free section of Kai Tak Sports Avenue to enjoy the dining facilities from the KTSP to the waterfront area; and
  - (ii) the tenancy situation of Kai Tak Mall was satisfactory, with the leasing rate reaching 70 per cent. Apart from dining facilities, the Kai Tak Mall also offered fitness programmes and sports academies led by sports coaches or star athletes to provide the public a unique and one-stop sports and leisure experience.
- 32. **The Chairman** appealed to Members to sign up for the visit to the KTSP to be held on 27 March.

#### Item 6

The Community Involvement Activities of the Kowloon City District Office (KCDO) in 2024-2025 (between April 2024 and March 2025)

(KCDC Paper No. 13/2024)

- 33. Mr Kenneth WU, Assistant District Officer (Kowloon City) (ADO (KC)), presented Paper No. 13/2024 with the main points as follows:
  - (i) the Government implemented the Community Involvement Programme across 18 districts every year with the aim of promoting social harmony and encouraging the public to engage in community affairs via the organisation of sports events and cultural programmes.

Taking into account the factors such as community needs and local characteristics, the KCDO planned to launch four main community involvement activities in 2024/25;

- (ii) the Kowloon City District National Security Lighting Decorations Festival: the KCDO would display lighting decorations across the district from April to May 2024 to deepen the public's understanding of national security and publicise the National Security Education Day, thereby enhancing the publicity and education work on national security at district level;
- (iii) the Kowloon City District National Security Education Community Promotion Programme: the KCDO would jointly organise this activity in collaboration with the Hong Kong Metropolitan University and the Kowloon City District Youth Development and Civic Education Committee from April 2024 to March 2025 to echo with the National Security Education Day every year, deepen the understanding of the rule of law and country's development, as well as enhance the sense of national identity among young people in the district. The activity involved the production of board games with themes based on the 20 major fields of national security which would be distributed free of charge to the primary schools in Kowloon City District in the new academic year with a view to promoting national security education. Thematic talks on national security would also be organised during the activity for the participation of the young people in the district;
- (iv) the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts @ Kowloon City Songkran Festival 2024: in order to boost the local economy, the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy of Kowloon City District, the KCDO and the Hong Kong Kowloon City Industry and Commerce Association would jointly organise the Kowloon City Songkran Festival 2024 at Carpenter Road Park and in the vicinity of South Wall Road from 12 to 14 April 2024 to promote the dining, shopping and entertainment experiences in Kowloon City District through exciting activities and publicity. This activity was anticipated to attract 30 000 local residents, the public from other districts and tourists to come and enjoy authentic Thai cuisine, singing and dancing performances and Muay Thai competitions, as well as

experience Thai cultural activities;

- (v) the Kowloon City National Day Vitality Carnival: the KCDO and the KCDC would jointly organise an inclusive sports carnival on 28 and 29 September 2024 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC). The activity included traditional sports from ancient times (for example, pitch-pot and Cuju) and various kinds of new sports to encourage everyone to exercise and enable people of different ages and those with disabilities in the district to participate in inclusive sports and celebrate the founding of the PRC together; and
- (vi) apart from the aforementioned activities, the KCDO, the KCDC and its committees and working groups would also invite nongovernmental organisations to jointly organise different community involvement activities.

#### 34. **Ms Vivian WONG**'s views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) since Kowloon City District was a place with profound culture, she suggested adding some lighting decorations with intangible cultural heritage as the theme at the lighting decorations festival; and
- (ii) she enquired if the KCDO would distribute the board games in the community promotion programme to Members so that more members of the public could have the opportunity to experience the board games.

## 35. **Mr LAM Tak-shing**'s views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) he suggested displaying part of the lighting decorations at the playgrounds and parks in the district, such as the location near the exit of MTR station of Wu Hu Street Temporary Playground; and
- (ii) in addition to lighting decorations, he proposed the display of some exhibition boards showcasing national achievements and national security-related pictures to enrich the content and enhance the effectiveness of the activity.

- 36. **Mr Kenneth WU, ADO (KC)** thanked Members for their views and gave a reply as follows:
  - (i) the locations for displaying the lighting decorations this time in the lighting decorations festival were mainly concentrated on main routes and places with higher pedestrian flow. The KCDO would actively consider the suggestions raised by Members regarding the location selection and themes of lighting decorations when organising similar activities in the future; and
  - (ii) he believed that the board games in the community promotion programme could be distributed to Members so that more members of the public could participate in the activity. He would take follow-up actions with related colleagues after the meeting.

# Item 7 Any Other Business

- 37. **The Chairman** stated that the KCDC of this term was reformed after the implementation of the proposals on improving governance at the district level. In the past three months, the KCDC had been playing an active role in various livelihood issues and had become a good communication bridge between the Government and the public. Since some Members expressed their desire to learn from the experiences of other places in terms of local governance through field trips and further introduce the unique culture of Kowloon City District to the others to attract more visitors and boost the local economy, she invited Mr LEE Chiu-yu to be the convenor for duty visits of the KCDC who was responsible for collecting Members' views and suggestions, as well as maintaining liaison with the Secretariat. She asked if Mr LEE Chiu-yu would be willing to be the convenor for duty visits.
- 38. **Mr LEE Chiu-yu** indicated that he was willing to be the convenor for duty visits.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

39. **The Chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 30 May 2024 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 14 May 2024.

40.	The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.		
The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 30 May 2024.			
-	The Chairman	The Secretary	
KCDC	Secretariat		

May 2024