

**Minutes of the 4th Meeting of
the 7th Term Kowloon City District Council**

Date: 30 July 2024 (Tuesday)
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, MH
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, 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
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 District Office
Mr LEE Chi-leung, Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Kowloon City District Office
Humphrey

Miss MAK Wai-man, Sandy	Senior Liaison Officer (Building Management), Kowloon City District Office
Mr CHAN Yat-kin, Kaiser	Senior Liaison Officer (District Liaison)1, Kowloon City District Office
Miss LIU Suk-fun, Connie	Senior Liaison Officer (District Liaison)2, Kowloon City District Office
Ms SIN Po-king, Crystal	Liaison Officer in Charge (Ho Man Tin), 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
Mr CHAN Wai-wa	Senior Housing Manager / Kowloon West and Sai Kung 1, Housing Department
Ms CHIU Shui-man, Tabitha	District Leisure Manager, Kowloon City, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LAI Wing-fai, Dennis	Deputy District Leisure Manager, Kowloon City 1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr FUNG Yiu-cheung, Dennis	Chief Engineer / East 4, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr TSANG Fan-kwok, PMSM	District Commander, Kowloon City District, 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 District, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr TAM Man-hoi	Police Community Relations Officer, Sau Mau Ping District, Hong Kong Police Force

Ms LAU Wai-yin, Stella

Senior Executive Officer (District Council) (Designate), Kowloon City District Office

Attendance by Invitation:

Item 1	Mr SIU Chak-yee, PDSM, PMSM	Commissioner of Police
Item 4	Mr SO Kai-ho, Nelson	Assistant Secretary (Harbour) 1, Development Bureau

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Opening Remarks by the Chairman

1. **The Chairman** welcomed all Members and representatives of government departments to the fourth 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 proactively 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 District Council meeting was not less than half the Members holding the office for the time being. 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 two speeches during a discussion on the same 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 ringers to vibration notification to avoid causing disturbances.

Item 1

Meeting with the Commissioner of Police

4. **The Chairman** welcomed Mr SIU Chak-yee, the Commissioner of Police, and other representatives of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) to this meeting.

5. **Mr SIU Chak-yee, the Commissioner of the Police**, introduced the crime figure and the work of the HKPF in the first half of 2024 with the main points as follows:

- (i) in the first half of 2024, a total of 45 315 crimes were recorded in Hong Kong, representing an increase of 5.6% compared with the same period last year. Among them, a total of 5 156 cases of violent crimes were recorded, representing an increase of 8.3% compared with the same period last year. Major crimes that recorded increases included deception cases, theft cases, blackmail cases and burglary cases. The overall detection rate was 26.3%, while the detection rate leaving deception cases aside was 44%;
- (ii) in the first half of 2024, a total of 19 897 cases of deception were recorded in Hong Kong, accounting for about 44% of the total number of crimes and the amount involved was about \$4.48 billion. The number of deception cases increased by 1 154 cases and 6.2% compared with the same period last year. However, the increase had slowed down when compared with 2023 (52.1%) and 2022 (41.7%). Among them, online frauds accounted for about 62% of the total deception cases;
- (iii) in view of the combating measures implemented by the Police and the public's heightened awareness of fraud prevention, scammers also changed their modus operandi. For example, there was a decrease of 749 cases in the "Guess Who" category of telephone deception compared to the same period last year, recorded a drop of over 60 per cent. Yet, since the beginning of 2024, cases of scammers impersonating customer service representatives of online shopping platforms (impersonating customer service scams) gradually emerged across the territory, with a total of 1 605 cases recorded in the first half of 2024. The number of the impersonating customer service scams was still on the rise in July;

- (iv) in response to the emergence of the impersonating customer service scams, the Police had liaised with online shopping platforms, online payment platforms and courier companies to post anti-deception messages in their stores, websites and mobile applications. Moreover, SF Express had also put up large-scale anti-deception advertisements on the bodies of more than 120 of its trucks to assist the Police in getting the anti-deception messages across to various districts of the territory;
- (v) apart from the impersonating customer service scams, the Police had also discovered other scams with new modus operandi, including: (a) posing as lawyers and falsely claiming to assist victims of deception cases to recover their losses, thereby perpetrating secondary scams; and (b) imitating computer operating system or anti-virus software to issue warnings, prompting victims to call a certain fake support hotline, which could be used to obtain their personal information. The Police would pay close attention to the trend of deception cases and remind the public to stay vigilant against various types of deception cases through different channels such as press conferences, “CyberDefender” website, “Scameter+” and social media;
- (vi) the Police had collaborated with different stakeholders to build a defence against deception, including (a) collaborating with the banking industry to roll out multiple measures, including the launch of the “Faster Payment System Suspicious Proxy ID Alert” in November 2023. Under this measure, alerts would be issued to transferors if they attempted to make transfers to accounts suspected to be deception-related. As of the end of June 2024, about 655 000 alerts had been issued under this measure; (b) establishing and jointly operating the Anti-Deception Alliance (ADA) with 10 major banks to enhance the ability to intercept fraudulent payments. As of the end of June 2024, the ADA had successfully dissuaded 807 victims from continuing to make transfer, including a successful interception of the entire amount of over \$40 million fraudulent payments in a deception case in June 2024; (c) collaborating with the telecommunications industry to block telephone numbers and website links related to deception cases. As of the end of June 2024, a total of about 6 500 telephone numbers and about 12 200 website links had been intercepted; (d) developing the “Scameter” and “Scameter+” as well

as adding the alert and reporting functions during the upgrade in February 2024. As of the end of June 2024, the “Scameter” and “Scameter+” recorded a total of about 3.97 million searches and issued about 620 000 alerts, whereas the public also reported more than 123 000 telephone numbers and about 12 000 website links; and (e) collaborating with different government departments, regulators and enterprises to disseminate anti-deception messages to the public through various channels. For example, working with five major catering groups to print anti-deception messages on their items such as tray liners, cup sleeves and coupons;

- (vii) the Police would arrange an “anti-scam promotional truck” to reach out to various districts to explain the latest modus operandi of scams to the public through an interactive games approach and encourage the public to download the “Scameter+”. The Police had designated August 2024 as “Anti-Deception Month” again to strengthen anti-deception education and publicity work;
- (viii) as of the end of June 2024, the Police had arrested a total of 5 693 persons involved in deception cases and related money-laundering offences, representing an increase of 40 per cent compared to the same period last year, among which including over 4 000 stooge account holders and some foreign domestic helpers. The Police would expedite the taking out of prosecutions and apply to the court for enhanced sentencing;
- (ix) in the first half of 2024, a total of 11 cases of homicide were recorded in Hong Kong, representing a decrease of five cases over the same period last year. Among them, four cases involved family violence, one case of dangerous driving causing death occurred due to drug trafficking and some cases involved disputes among friends. Furthermore, the Police had detected all homicide cases that occurred in recent years;
- (x) in the first half of 2024, a total of 1 821 cases of wounding and serious assault were recorded in Hong Kong, representing a rise of 1.4% compared to the same period last year. Among them, 10 per cent of cases were related to triads;

- (xi) in the first half of 2024, a total of 44 robbery cases were recorded in Hong Kong, representing a decrease of 25.4% over the same period last year. The detection rate was 84%, which was the highest on record;
- (xii) in the first half of 2024, there were a total of 684 burglary cases recorded in Hong Kong, representing an increase of 112 cases and 19.6% compared to the same period last year. Since the increase was mainly driven by cases involving residential premises and village houses, the Police believed that the increase was due to the surge in the number of people travelling abroad since Hong Kong had fully resumed normal travel, providing opportunities for burglars. Therefore, the Police would step up anti-burglary patrols, particularly targeting at locations with more village houses. In addition, the Police would make good use of technology such as drones to conduct air patrols, as well as collaborate with the Government Flying Service in an to attempt to search for suspects in the wild. As of the end of June 2024, the Police had arrested a total of 196 suspects, representing an increase of more than 30 per cent compared to the same period last year. Yet, the increase in burglary cases had slowed down in recent months;
- (xiii) in the first half of 2024, a total of 11 529 theft cases were registered in Hong Kong, representing an increase of 3.9% over the same period last year. The increase was mainly attributed to shop theft, miscellaneous theft and pickpocketing. In response to the relevant trend, the Police had held a press conference again in July 2024 to remind the public not to commit the offence and call on merchants to make good use of technology to strengthen anti-theft measures;
- (xiv) in the first half of 2024, a total of 1 418 blackmail cases were recorded in Hong Kong, representing an increase of 325 cases and 29.7% compared to the same period last year. Among them, “naked chat” blackmail accounted for 1 102 cases, representing an increase of 269 cases over the same period last year, with students being the largest victim group;
- (xv) in terms of sexual offences, in the first half of 2024, a total of 33 rape cases were recorded in Hong Kong, representing an increase of 12

cases over the same period last year. Among which, none of them involved strangers. The larger increase was owing to a relatively low number of cases compared to the same period last year. The figure this year was similar to the average number for the same period five years before the pandemic. Moreover, 568 indecent assault cases were recorded in Hong Kong, representing an increase of 0.5% over the same period last year. Among them, 60 per cent of cases occurred in public places or MTR premises with a detection rate of 75%;

- (xvi) in the first half of 2024, a total of 577 serious drug cases were registered in Hong Kong, representing a fall of 2.5% compared to the same period last year. The number of youths arrested were 67 persons, representing a decrease of 32% compared to the same period last year. Among them, 17 persons were local students;
- (xvii) drugs would bring serious social issues. Citing Thailand as an example, the local government legalised recreational cannabis in 2022. However, the local government was now considering reinstating the ban on recreational cannabis. In Hong Kong, the stance of the Police on combatting drugs was resolute and the Police would continue to promote anti-drug messages to youths and the public. At the beginning of 2024, the third cohort of the Leadership Institute on Narcotics was officially launched. The institute would arrange mentees to visit the Mainland in August to exchange anti-drug experiences with the local students. In April 2024, the Police also collaborated with the Correctional Services Department (CSD) to produce an anti-drug video to caution young people not to go astray through narrating the experience of a girl inmate;
- (xviii) in the first half of 2024, a total of 959 triad-related cases were recorded in Hong Kong, representing an increase of 5.2% over the same period last year. During this period, the Police had conducted multiple large-scale anti-triad operations and arrested a total of over 2 000 persons, including arrested 735 persons for illegal gambling activities during the UEFA Europe, seizure of over 690 million betting records and about 2.5 million of cash and assets. Additionally, the police authorities of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao conducted a joint operation to arrest a total of 98 persons in

the three places. The Police would continue to combat triad activities and interdict their source of income;

- (xix) in the first half of 2024, a total of 873 Mainland visitors were arrested for committing criminal offences, representing an increase of 252 persons over the same period last year and accounting for 0.005% of the total number of Mainland visitors. These persons were mainly involved in offences such as deception, shop theft and miscellaneous theft. The rise was attributed to the increase in the base number of Mainland visitors since the full resumption of normal travel;
- (xx) in the first half of 2024, a total of 1 541 youths were arrested for committing criminal offences. The figures were similar to the same period last year. Among them, an increase of 28% to 57% was recorded in crimes such as deception, miscellaneous theft and shop theft. A drop of 22% to 40% was recorded in crimes such as serious drugs, criminal damage and unlawful society;
- (xxi) the Police would convey anti-crime messages to youths via schools with a view to cultivating their law-abiding awareness, including collaborated with the Education University of Hong Kong, various school sponsoring bodies and Project WeCan, a charitable organisation, from January to April 2024 to share digital literacy and anti-drug messages with more than 5 000 teaching staff and prospective teachers. From November 2024 to June 2025, the Police would also jointly organise training camps with the Education Bureau to offer training opportunities for over 2 000 Secondary One students to enhance their resilience;
- (xxii) in the first half of 2024, a total of 1 993 crimes were recorded in Kowloon City District, representing a drop of 40 cases and 2% compared with the same period last year. The detection rate was 28%. Among them, a decrease was recorded in crimes such as deception, criminal damage, serious drugs, robbery and burglary. However, an increase was recorded in theft. There were 61 youths arrested for committing criminal offences, representing a decline of 4.7% over the same period last year;

- (xxiii) recently, the Kowloon City Police District also collaborated with the stakeholders in the district and successively implemented various schemes such as Project Star Making for ethnic minorities, Project SEED and school visits by the anti-scam mascot “Little Grape” to prevent crime and strengthen community liaison;
- (xxiv) since the enactment of the Hong Kong National Security Law, as of the end of June 2024, the Police had arrested a total of 300 persons. Among them, around 60 per cent had been prosecuted; and
- (xxv) in conclusion, the overall law and order situation of Hong Kong were stable. He took this opportunity to thank the KCDC and residents in the district for their support in the local crime fighting and prevention work and would like the KCDC to continue to assist the Police in implementing crime fighting and prevention work.

6. **Mr HE Huahan** welcomed Commissioner SIU to visit the KCDC and made up for the regret that Mr TANG Ping-keung, the former Commissioner of the Police, was unable to visit and make exchanges due to the control of the KCDC by the Members related to the “black-clad violence”. He took this opportunity to thank the Police for their contributions made to maintain stability in Hong Kong during the “Occupy Central”, the “black-clad violence” and the pandemic. He raised the following views:

- (i) there were a number of residential buildings and construction sites in the Kai Tak Development Area (KTDA). Owing to the unsatisfactory road planning in that area, problems of traffic congestion and illegal parking were frequently occurred in the area. He thanked the Sau Mau Ping Police District for its efforts in handling the aforementioned problems; and
- (ii) following the rapid growth in population at the KTDA and the gradual completion of major infrastructure projects such as Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and Kai Tak Sports Park, he enquired about the feasibility of establishing the Kai Tak Police District or building a Kai Tak Police Station.

7. **Mr LEE Chiu-yu** thanked the Police’s work and raised the following views:

- (i) he cited the random kidnapping case in Tseung Kwan O and several

cases of cats being taken away from shops as examples to point out that multiple cases in random nature had occurred in recent years. Hence, he enquired if the Police had any countermeasures; and

- (ii) the Police announced earlier that 2 000 closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs) would be installed at 615 locations across the territory. He expressed support for the aforementioned plan and enquired if the Police would use intelligent technology to enhance the effectiveness of law enforcement.

8. **Mr CHEUNG King-fan** welcomed Commissioner SIU to visit the KCDC and raised the following views:

- (i) he thanked the Police for their speedy handling of the traffic at the roundabout at Muk On Street in Kai Tak and the problem of illegal use of bicycles in the area;
- (ii) the grassroots living in the public housing estates area in the KTDA often expressed that they received fraudulent messages impersonating the customer service of WeChat and Taobao. He suggested the Police to strengthen the promotion of anti-deception messages to the public in the area;
- (iii) there were often advertisements on the suspected selling of duty-not-paid cigarettes on Facebook and Instagram. He suggested the Police to follow up and remove the relevant advertisements as soon as possible; and
- (iv) he suggested the Police to collaborate with the CSD to organise activities to visit the persons in custody to enhance the effectiveness of crime fighting and prevention work.

9. **Mr NG Po-keung** welcomed Commissioner SIU to visit the KCDC and thanked the representatives of the Police Force such as Mr TSANG Fan-kwok for their active participation in local activities and prompt follow-up on issues raised by Members. He raised the following views:

- (i) he cited the AI deepfake deception case at the beginning of 2024 as an example and pointed out that such type of scams had repeatedly

occurred in the Asia-Pacific region. Therefore, he enquired about how the Police could effectively combat these scams and remind the public to stay vigilant;

- (ii) in May 2024, there was a case of a card reader and keyboard being installed at an automatic teller machine in Hong Kong. Thus, he enquired if the Police had any countermeasures; and
- (iii) he expressed support to the plan on the installation of CCTVs and enquired: (a) if there were any newly added functions for the relevant CCTVs; (b) if the Police would share the CCTV footage with other government departments; and (c) the storage time of the relevant CCTV footage.

10. **Mr LAM Tak-shing** welcomed Commissioner SIU to visit the KCDC and took this opportunity to thank Mr TSANG Fan-kwok and Ms TSE Tsui-yan for their support in community work. He raised the following views:

- (i) he suggested the Police to enhance collaboration with local organisations and timely promote the latest anti-deception messages to the public in the district;
- (ii) there were multiple renewal projects and maintenance works in Kowloon City District. He requested the Police to increase manpower to patrol at relevant locations so as to enhance the combat of crimes such as burglary and theft; and
- (iii) he deemed that there was a trend of deception victims becoming increasingly younger and suggested the Police to step up anti-deception publicity at locations such as tunnel entrances, buses and MTR in the district.

11. **Mr TING Kin-wa** welcomed Commissioner SIU to visit the KCDC and would like the Police to collaborate with local organisations regarding the matter on national security education.

12. **Ms Vivian WONG** welcomed Commissioner SIU to visit the KCDC and pointed out that some electric vehicle users would charge the batteries of their electric vehicles at home. She was concerned that the relevant behaviour would pose a fire

risk and enquired if the Police would monitor the relevant behaviour.

13. **Dr Rizwan ULLAH** welcomed Commissioner SIU to visit the KCDC and pointed out that since non-Chinese individuals accounted for about 8.4% of the population of Hong Kong, he proposed the production of an ethnic minority version of “Police Magazine” to enhance the dissemination of anti-deception and anti-drug messages to ethnic minorities, as well as to explain the legislation regarding electric mobility devices.

14. **Mr WONG Chi** welcomed Commissioner SIU to visit the KCDC and thanked Mr TSANG Fan-kwok and Ms Rachel LAU for their efforts in conducting anti-deception publicity in the district. He suggested the Police to collaborate more with local organisations to enhance the effectiveness of the publicising anti-deception messages and promoting “Scameter” and “Scameter+”.

15. **Mr LAM Pok** welcomed Commissioner SIU to visit the KCDC and thanked Mr TSANG Fan-kwok for frequently exchanging crime fighting and prevention messages with local organisations. He raised the following views:

- (i) he believed that it was difficult for the public to instantly receive information regarding the modus operandi of new scams. Therefore, he enquired if the Police could intercept the relevant messages before the public received fraudulent calls or telecommunications, or issue alerts to the public under the situation that they have not installed the “Scameter+”;
- (ii) some members of the public pointed out that the voice of the scammer on fraudulent calls remained unchanged. Hence, he enquired if the Police were unable to arrest scammers because they were located outside Hong Kong, as well as the feasibility of collaborating with the local police authorities; and
- (iii) as some currency exchange shops were suspected of engaging in illegal activities, the remittance accounts of some members of the public were being frozen by Mainland law enforcement agencies after sending remittance to the Mainland through such currency exchange shops. He would like the Police to offer assistance to the affected public.

16. **Mr CHAN Chi-wah** welcomed Commissioner SIU to visit the KCDC and pointed out that youths might fall into the traps related to summer jobs because of lacking experience. Therefore, he suggested the Police to strengthen publicity and education work in this regard.

17. **Mr SIU Chak-ye, the Commissioner of the Police**, gave a reply with the main points as follows:

- (i) road safety was one of the Commissioner's Operational Priorities. The primary goal of the Police was to reduce the number of fatal and serious traffic accidents, followed by changing the irresponsible behaviours of road users. Taking illegal parking as an example, the Police would issue fixed penalty notices to offending vehicles. If the situation of illegal parking continued or caused road obstruction, the Police would tow away the vehicles involved;
- (ii) regarding whether to establish a new Police District or build a new Police Station, the Police would take into consideration various factors such as the population, crime rates, geographical features and if there were any special buildings in the area. Over a decade ago, the Police reduced the number of Police Stations so as to allocate resources more effectively. The Police would closely monitor the situation of Kai Tak area to decide if Kai Tak Police Station would be built;
- (iii) as for the random kidnapping case in Tseung Kwan O, upon receipt of the report, the Police immediately reviewed the CCTV footage and successfully arrested two suspects within a short period. The Police had charged them with one count of kidnapping. The relevant case would be scheduled for a further hearing on 23 September 2024;
- (iv) "fighting crime was our shared responsibility". If every member of the public could become the eyes and ears of the Police, the effectiveness of crime fighting and prevention work could be greatly enhanced. If the public found any suspicious individuals, objects or events, they should make a report at the soonest. In addition to dialing 999, the public could also call the hotline of Task Forces of the respective Police District. Upon receipt of a report, the Police would promptly send officers to follow up to prevent crime from

occurring;

- (v) the Police had installed a total of 15 sets of CCTVs in Mong Kok in the first batch in April 2024, which had assisted in detected 13 cases so far. The Police would collect public views with regard to the plan of CCTVs. Upon completion of the enhancement, the Police would install 600 sets and 1 385 sets of CCTVs at crime black spots or locations with more people flow in various districts this year and next year respectively, that was a total of 2 000 sets of CCTVs would be installed in the first phase. Upon completion of the first phase of the plan, the Police planned to install 2 000 to 2 500 sets of CCTVs every year to enhance the effectiveness of crime fighting and prevention work. Under normal circumstances, the relevant footage would be kept for 30 days. If the relevant footage was listed as an exhibit, it would be kept until the conclusion of the relevant case;
- (vi) currently, the CCTV system in London, United Kingdom had approximately 800 000 cameras with AI technology applied. He believed that Hong Kong would make reference to the relevant practice and begin to use AI technology in a timely manner;
- (vii) in the first half of 2024, the Police arrested a total of 319 persons for the illegal use of electrical mobility devices, representing an increase of 206 persons and 182% over the same period last year. In response to the relevant trend, the Police conducted large-scale law enforcement operations in West Kowloon from June to July 2024, arresting a total of 44 persons and seizing 37 electric bicycles. The Police would continue to combat the relevant situation and at the same time combat illegal acts involving the holding of “going-out passes” as fake identity cards to be illegal workers (such as food delivery);
- (viii) with regard to the cigarette advertisements, he invited Mr CHEUNG King-fan to provide more detailed information to the Police after the meeting;
- (ix) the Police had been collaborating with different disciplined services, including jointly organised activities with the CSD to invite youths to visit correctional institutions;

- (x) the Police would record locations where works were in progress or scaffolding had been erected and would step up patrols at these locations;
- (xi) among deception cases, online shopping scams had the highest number of cases and investment fraud had the highest amount of losses. In 2023, a total of 39 824 deception cases were recorded in Hong Kong and the amount involved was about \$9.12 billion, of which investment frauds accounted for \$5.93 billion. Since most of the deception victims were unaware of the Police's publicity targeting the modus operandi of new scams, the Police would like the public to forward the anti-deception messages which the public had received to do a proper role of the public in the "anti-deception triangle". The Police would also collaborate with different local organisations such as Care Teams and incorporate anti-deception elements into various activities with the aim of enhancing the dissemination of anti-deception messages to different communities;
- (xii) he believed that the youths could only enhance their sense of national identity by visiting the Mainland in person to see, observe and experience the development of the country. If Members had any opinions concerning national security education, they could contact the Police after the meeting;
- (xiii) the AI deepfake deception cases occurred from time to time around the world. Therefore, the Police would continue to collaborate with law enforcement agencies in other countries in intelligence exchange and operations so as to jointly address the relevant crimes. In addition, the Police had set up the "Cybercrime Policing Advisory Panel" in December 2022 and invited 12 experts and leaders from different sectors to be panel advisors. The panel would hold meetings regularly to assist the Police in formulating strategic directions and enhance the capability of the Police to deal with cybercrime;
- (xiv) the public should stay vigilant. If the public received messages that were suspected of impersonating the identity of the others, they could ask the other party some topics that only two of them knew;

- (xv) the Police would discuss with related departments the relevant problem of charging electrical vehicles at home. He believed that various aspects would be covered when the Government set up legislation to regulate electrical mobility devices;
- (xvi) he considered the production of the ethnic minority version of “Police Magazine” was a good suggestion. Therefore, he would let the Public Relations Wing to study its implementation method; and
- (xvii) the Police had launched the second edition of “Youth Crime Prevention Booklet” to enhance law-abiding awareness of the youths through explaining trends in youth crimes and the information on related cases.

18. **The Chairman** thanked Mr SIU Chak-ye, the Commissioner of Police, for taking the time to attend the meeting and exchange ideas with the KCDC.

19. **The Chairman** adjourned the meeting for five minutes in accordance with Order 33 of the Standing Orders.

(Adjournment)

Item 2

Confirmation of Minutes of the 3rd Meeting

20. **The Chairman** announced that the minutes of the third meeting were unanimously endorsed without amendments.

Item 3

Pressing Need to Solve the Problem of Insufficient Lifeguards Which Caused the Closure of Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool

(KCDC Paper No. 28/2024)

21. **Mr CHAN Chi-wah** introduced Paper No. 28/2024. He pointed out that the problem of insufficient lifeguards had been existing for years but the problem had yet to be resolved. He suggested the Department to actively solve the problem by means of offering competitive salaries, extending working hours during summer holidays and introducing technology.

22. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), i.e. Document No. 2 tabled.

Item 4

Connecting Fragmented Promenade Sections to Develop a “New Kowloon Promenade”

(KCDC Paper No. 29/2024)

23. **Mr KWAN Ho-yeung** introduced Paper No. 29/2024. He stated that the harbourfront line in the district could not be fully connected owing to three sections, namely the Green Island Cement Pier in Hung Hom, Kowloon City Vehicular Ferry Pier and waterfront gas facility off Grand Waterfront. Therefore, he supported the Government’s amendments to the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance to facilitate the Government’s connection of the aforementioned sections, thereby building a complete promenade for the public.

24. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply jointly furnished by the Development Bureau (DEVB) and the Planning Department, i.e. Document No. 1 tabled.

25. **Mr WONG Man-kong** suggested the Government to open up more harbourfront areas for public enjoyment through the Central Kowloon Route Project and the “5 streets” redevelopment project and incorporate elements with the characteristics of Kowloon City District such as the former Kai Tak Airport.

26. **Mr LEE Chiu-yu** pointed out that the Government’s concept of harbourfront development was an incremental approach but he deemed that the current implementation approach lacked integrity. He cited a section of the promenade from Hung Hom to the Avenue of Stars as an example. The section of the Avenue of Stars was an inclusive space for pets while the section of Hung Hom was not. The relevant design would cause confusion to the public. He suggested the Government to conduct an overall planning for harbourfront development.

27. **Mr WONG Chi** considered the relevant idea of “exploring the feasibility of opening up a walkway there without affecting the gas facility” in the written reply was inspiring and enquired about the feasibility of connecting the remaining three sections at the non-waterfront site.

28. **Mr LAM Pok**'s views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) regarding the section of Kowloon City Vehicular Ferry Pier, he stated that the Bureau only mentioned in the written reply that it would consider revitalising the pier to make it as an event hub with catering facilities and other attractions. However, how to connect that section was not mentioned. He requested the Bureau to provide more information; and
- (ii) he agreed with the suggestion that the Government should conduct an overall planning for harbourfront development and consider incorporating various elements such as tourism, economy, culture and history into different harbourfront sections during the planning. He also proposed the joint planning of the harbourfront development and the "5 streets" redevelopment project.

29. **Mr KWAN Ho-yeung** pointed out that different departments were responsible for different aspects of harbourfront sections at present. He proposed to let one department to coordinate and manage various matters to enhance the integrity of harbourfront sections.

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

- (i) he proposed the revitalisation of the surrounding areas of the harbourfront section and the provision of additional "check-in" spots to promote tourism development of the promenade; and
- (ii) apart from following up on the connection of the promenade, the Bureau should enhance the harbourfront facilities along the way, such as railings being corroded by seawater, planters with stagnant water, mosquito infestation and insufficient lighting. He also suggested the painting of marine life on the railings to add artistic elements there.

31. **Mr Nelson SO, Assistant Secretary (Harbour) 1 of the DEVB**, thanked Members for their views and support to the amendments to the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance. He gave a reply as follows:

- (i) the work of the Harbour Office of the DEVB included the planning of harbourfronts and lands matters. In terms of aspects in enhancing

the harbourfront policy, the Office and the Harbourfront Commission would listen to public views via various channels to provide the public with diversified, vibrant, inclusive and accessible waterfront sites and reflect the concept of “making every section special” in harbourfront development;

- (ii) the Government was adopting the incremental approach as the concept of the harbourfront development to open up waterfront sites by sections, including the harbourfront of the KTDA in Kowloon City District. It was anticipated that a total of about 3.6 km of promenade in Kowloon City District would be opened for public enjoyment on or before 2028;
- (iii) as mentioned by the DEVB at the meeting of the Subcommittee to Study Policy Issues Relating to the Harbourfront of the Legislative Council in July 2023, the Urban Renewal Authority would open up the waterfront site at Ma Tau Wai in To Kwa Wan through its redevelopment projects. Besides, the related developers were gradually completing and opening the harbourfront public open space in the vicinity of Kai Tak;
- (iv) the Kowloon City Vehicular Ferry Pier had been accorded as a Grade 2 historic building. If the amendments to the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance were passed, the Office would consider the feasibility of revitalising the pier;
- (v) the Office would continue to review multiple factors such as the complexity of works and community needs with the “dealing with simple issues before the difficult ones” approach to improve the accessibility of harbourfront sections such as Green Island Cement Pier in Hung Hom and the gas facility off Grand Waterfront;
- (vi) in respect of the waterfront site, even though the promenade was owned and managed by different government departments, public organisations and private developers with different planned uses, the Office had been encouraging different proponents of harbourfront development to refer to Papers such as the Harbour Planning Principles and Guidelines to conceive the design and facilities of the site; and

- (vii) the Office noted the views on enhancing harbourfront facilities and would relay them to related departments for follow-up.

Item 5

Work Plan for the Kowloon City District Office in 2024 to 2025

(KCDC Paper No. 30/2024)

32. **Mr Kenneth WU, Assistant District Officer of the Kowloon City District Office (KCDO)**, introduced Paper No. 30/2024 and presented the work plan for the KCDO in 2024 to 2025 with the main points as follows:

- (i) the various district committees under the KCDO would organise a range of diversified events. The KCDO would also arrange for the KCDC, “the three committees” and members of Care Teams to regularly visit local facilities and different organisations with a view to exploring more collaborative opportunities to serve the community;
- (ii) the 25 sub-district Care Teams of the Kowloon City District had officially came into service on 27 September 2023. The Care Teams had organised a number of activities, including haircutting services in the Lunar New Year and assisting the public in need to carry out household cleaning and repairs;
- (iii) the Community Involvement Programme under the KCDO would allocate funding to subsidise the organisation of different activities, including “Days x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts @ Kowloon City Songkran Festival 2024”, a series of activities to celebrate Hong Kong’s return to the Motherland and National Day, as well as the installation of “check-in” spots activities;
- (iv) regarding the District-led Actions Scheme, the KCDO would continue to actively promote five projects, including improving local environmental hygiene, stepping up anti-mosquito and anti-rodent work, supporting the three-nil buildings in cleaning common areas, handling street obstructions caused by shops and clearing of abandoned vehicles. The KCDO would continue to collaborate with the KCDC and local organisations to enhance the effectiveness of the scheme;

- (v) the Youth Development and Civic Education Committee of Kowloon City District and the Youth Community Building Committee of Kowloon City District under the KCDO would continue to promote a wide range of youth work, including the Reading Award Scheme on Sustainable Development, the Virtual Reality Community Tour Programme and the National Security Education Community Promotional Scheme. The Kowloon City Youth Network under the KCDO would also continue to implement the “Y-Dragon Programme” to collaborate with the secondary schools and social welfare organisations in the district to broaden the life experiences, capabilities and horizons of about 150 secondary school students. Moreover, the KCDO would allocate funding through the “Youth Development Programme” to schools and local organisations in the district to organise more than 80 different types of recreational, sports and cultural activities that were beneficial to the body and mind;
- (vi) regarding building management, the KCDO would continue to organise seminars, training courses and certificate courses to assist the owners of private buildings in fulfilling their responsibilities in property management and maintenance;
- (vii) as for the District Minor Works Programme, the KCDO would promote the installation of additional seats at locations such as the pedestrian walkway outside Exit D of To Kwa Wan MTR station, near Exit A3 of Ho Man Tin MTR station and at the footbridge KF102 near Hung Ling Street. The KCDO would also continue to enhance the recreational and sports facilities in the district together with the LCSD via the District Minor Works Programme;
- (viii) in respect of electoral work, the KCDO would continue to assist the Registration and Electoral Office to conduct voter registration and publicity work;
- (ix) the KCDO would organise diversified events, including a carnival integrating traditional, new and AI sports, Cantonese opera performances, activity programme on Virtual Reality Tour of Kowloon City and lighting decorations to celebrate the National Day, allowing the public to participate and share the joy of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China; and

- (x) the KCDO would also organise events such as Well-being Carnival in Celebration of the 27th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR and sports day on cultural integration to celebrate the 27th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the Motherland with the public.

Item 6

Any Other Business

33. **The Chairman** stated that Ms Betty LAU, the Secretary, would soon be posted out and thanked her contributions. She also introduced Ms Stella LAU, the next Secretary.

34. **The Chairman** stated that Mr TING Kin-wa and Mr HE Huahan were awarded the Medal of Honour on the 2024 Honours List. As for the representatives of government departments, Mr TSANG Fan-kwok was awarded the Hong Kong Police Medal for Meritorious Service, while Mr CHAN Chi-sing was awarded the Chief Executive's Commendation for Government/Public Service. She congratulated the aforementioned individuals together with all attendees.

Item 7

Date of Next Meeting

35. **The Chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 26 September 2024 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 10 September 2024.

36. **The Chairman** adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 26 September 2024.

The Chairman

The Secretary