

**Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of
the 7th Term Kowloon City District Council**

Date: 30 May 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 Management), Kowloon City
Humphrey District Office

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 SO Lai-yee, Ivy	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 CHIU Shui-man, Tabitha	District Leisure Manager, Kowloon City, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr FUNG Yiu-cheung, Dennis	Chief Engineer / E4, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr LEUNG Kwok-wing	Deputy District Commander, Kowloon City, Hong Kong Police Force
Ms LAU Ching-nam, Rachel	Police Community Relations Officer, Kowloon City District, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr HO Ming-yan	Deputy District Commander, Sau Mau Ping, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr TAM Man-hoi	Police Community Relations Officer, Sau Mau Ping District, Hong Kong Police Force

Attendance by Invitation:

Item 2	Ms AU Pui-wai, Florence	Regional Officer / Kowloon West, Independent Commission Against Corruption
	Ms Kelly CHOW	Community Relations Officer, Independent Commission Against Corruption
Items 3 and 4	Ms LAM Wai-ling, Judy	Senior Building Surveyor / Fire Safety 4, Buildings Department
	Mr WONG Yuk-ping	Senior Divisional Officer (Building Improvement Strategy Office), Fire Services Department
	Mr WONG Man-yan	Divisional Commander (Kowloon Central), Fire Services Department
	Mr NG Chi-chiu	Divisional Officer (Kowloon Central) (Acting), Fire Services Department
Items 5 and 6	Mr CHEUNG Wai-fung	Engineer / Kowloon (Distribution 1), Water Supplies Department
	Mr MA Chun-hang, Dennis	Engineer / Kowloon (Distribution 3), Water Supplies Department
	Mr KONG Kwai-sau	Project Coordinator / Design (20), Water Supplies Department
	Mr Edward LEE	Senior Resident Engineer / WSD Contract No. 4 / WSD / 21, Water Supplies Department

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Opening Remarks by the Chairman

1. **The Chairman** welcomed all Members and representatives of government departments to the third 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 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 ringers to vibration mode to avoid causing disturbances.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes of the 2nd Meeting

4. **The Chairman** announced that the minutes of the second meeting were unanimously endorsed without amendments.

Item 2

Anti-corruption Work Strategy 2024/25 cum Proposal for the “Fighting Corruption: The Mission Continues” of Kowloon City District’s Integrity Activity 2024/25 of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Regional Office (Kowloon West)

(KCDC Paper No. 16/2024)

5. **Ms Florence AU, Regional Officer / Kowloon West of the Independent Commission Against Corruption**, introduced Paper No. 16/2024 with presentation slides. The main points were as follows:

- (i) the service areas of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) Regional Office (Kowloon West) included three districts, namely, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po;

- (ii) the ICAC consisted of Operations Department, Corruption Prevention Department and Community Relations Department, which were responsible for the work on law enforcement, corruption prevention and preventive education respectively;
- (iii) the work strategies and objectives of the ICAC included: (a) providing preventive education services to the public and private sectors; (b) promoting integrity and law-abidingness among the younger generation; (c) encouraging the continued participation of residents in maintaining an anti-corruption culture; and (d) enhancing the publicity work of the ICAC;
- (iv) in the public and private sectors, the work of the ICAC included: (a) briefing new district councillors on the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance; (b) co-organising with the Civil Service Bureau the “Ethical Leadership Programme” to plan, coordinate and monitor the situation of implementing the integrity management initiatives in their departments through the Ethics Officers in various departments; and (c) promoting integrity in industries with a higher risk of corruption (for example, tourism, finance, insurance and property management);
- (v) the ICAC would proactively issue letters to invite relevant owners’ corporations (OCs) to approach the Commission for the provision of corruption prevention services when the OCs were newly formed or upon the receipt of statutory orders (for example, Building Repair Orders). In addition, following the establishment of the Property Management Services Authority (PMSA) which required property management companies (PMCs) and eligible property management practitioners to obtain licences, the ICAC would provide professional training courses for the industry and jointly organise the “Integrity Property Management League” with the PMSA to encourage the industry to make use of the league to maintain their integrity and conduct;
- (vi) the ICAC would distribute free teaching materials (for example, picture books and animation videos) to schools which were suitable for students’ age groups and invite students to become ICAC Ambassadors and Ethical Leaders so as to promote positive values.

In addition, the ICAC had also launched the “ICAC ELITE Youth Leadership Programme” to invite the participation of senior secondary and tertiary students with leadership potential, with a view to nurturing them to become future leaders of society with a strong sense of national identity and global vision;

- (vii) to promote the continued participation of residents in upholding an anti-corruption culture, the ICAC organised integrity activities in Kowloon City District under the theme of “Fighting Corruption: The Mission Continues” this year. The ICAC planned to organise the “ICAC Cares” campaign and would support the Care Teams in organising corruption prevention activities in the district, including providing free publicity materials for suitable activities as well as arranging “ICAC Club” members to join volunteer services;
- (viii) the ICAC would disseminate messages through various platforms such as its website, Facebook, Instagram, WeChat, YouTube and would like Members and their organisations to share the relevant messages to promote the ICAC’s activities more extensively;
- (ix) the Hong Kong International Academy Against Corruption (HKIAAC) was established in February 2024 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ICAC. The academy would organise professional training for the public and private sectors and facilitate the exchange of anti-corruption experiences among experts and scholars from overseas and the Mainland, with a view to raising Hong Kong’s international status in integrity building;
- (x) a new season of TV drama series titled “ICAC Investigators 2024” would be broadcasted in the fourth quarter of 2024;
- (xi) in the light of the Government’s related schemes for importation of labour and talents, the ICAC would explain the related laws and regulations on anti-corruption as well as probity requirements in Hong Kong to the relevant personnel through various channels;
- (xii) the ICAC invited the District Officer, Assistant District Officer and Members of the KCDC to visit its headquarters on 17 July 2024 for an in-depth exchange; and

- (xiii) the ICAC invited the KCDC to be a supporting organisation for the “Fighting Corruption: The Mission Continues” Kowloon City District’s Integrity Activity 2024/25.

6. **Mr KWAN Ho-yeung** stated that some owners who spent their personal time to handle matters on the OC might have been subjected to corruption allegations as a result of widespread rumours made against them for handling building management problems. Therefore, he suggested the ICAC to step up the targeted publicity for old buildings and three-nil buildings in the district by taking into account the relevant situation as well as the problems of corruption and bid rigging with building maintenance works through Kowloon City District Integrity Activity.

7. **Mr LAI Yin-chung** enquired about the details of the corruption prevention services, including the methods and conditions for applying the relevant services.

8. **Mr LAM Tak-shing**’s views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) residents in Kowloon City District often received building repair orders, building inspection orders and fire safety orders issued by the departments. Corruption problems might arise in the handling of relevant orders. Therefore, he suggested the ICAC to step up the publicity work on OCs and PMCs as well as to organise more visits and exchange activities to answer the queries of the public; and
- (ii) he suggested to conduct more case sharing on successful cases and corruption cases in the publicity work to allow the public to have a deeper understanding.

9. **Mr CHO Wui-hung**’s views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) the public recognised the ICAC’s anti-corruption initiatives on local and international fronts. He also supported the series of activities under Kowloon City District’s Integrity Activity 2024/25; and
- (ii) he suggested the ICAC to organise large-scale open days or carnivals on festive days such as the National Security Education Day, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day and the National Day to enhance the effectiveness of the publicity work.

10. **Ms Florence AU of the ICAC** thanked Members for their recognition for the ICAC's work and gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) the ICAC had been proactively approaching the building management bodies in the district, such as buildings with newly formed OCs, that had received repair orders from the Government and that had successfully applied for Government's rehabilitation subsidy, to provide comprehensive corruption prevention services as well as to appeal to owners to be more vigilant and actively take part in building management affairs. The ICAC had also produced diversified online and offline education resources on corruption prevention, for example, a thematic website on "Integrity and Quality Building Management", promotional leaflets, videos and posters, to cater to the needs of different stakeholders;
- (ii) the ICAC had actively participated in building management seminars organised by government departments and local organisations to explain statutory provisions relating to bribery offences to and share cases with owners and members of OCs in the district. In recent years, the ICAC had also cooperated with the PMSA in organising professional training courses to staff of PMCs to enhance the professional conduct of the industry. If Members received enquiries from OCs or PMCs about ICAC services, they were welcomed to refer the requests to the ICAC for follow-up;
- (iii) the ICAC organised district corruption prevention activities across the 18 districts every year to promote anti-corruption messages extensively in the districts. The ICAC also collaborated with various local organisations earlier in organising and attending related publicity activities on the National Security Education Day; and
- (iv) the ICAC would continue to maintain close liaison with different organisations and institutions in the district as well as to actively participate in activities organised by the Government and local organisations and provide appropriate support, with a view to enabling an anti-corruption culture to take root in the community through uniting the community forces. The ICAC also invited Members to incorporate anti-corruption messages into their activities.

11. **The Chairman**, after consulting Members, announced that the KCDC became a supporting organisation of “Fighting Corruption: The Mission Continues” Kowloon City District’s Integrity Activity 2024/25.

Item 3

Proposal to Adopt a Multi-pronged Approach to Assist Owners of Old Buildings in Kowloon City District to Comply with Building Inspection Notices and Fire Safety Directions

(KCDC Paper No. 17/2024)

Item 4

Concern over Fire Safety Problems of Old Buildings in Kowloon City District

(KCDC Paper No. 18/2024)

12. **The Chairman** stated that as Items 3 and 4 were related to the fire safety problems of old buildings, she declared that these items would be discussed together after consulting Members.

13. **Mr LAM Tak-shing** introduced Paper No. 17/2024. He pointed out that the fire at New Lucky House revealed the fire safety risks of old buildings. In view of a number of aged and old buildings in Kowloon City District, he suggested: (a) the Development Bureau (DEVB) to coordinate with departments such as the Buildings Department (BD), the Fire Services Department (FSD) and the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) so that owners and OCs could follow up on various problems on buildings easier; (b) assisting in organising three-nil buildings to hire PMCs in the Joint Property Management approach; (c) prioritising support for buildings with more subdivided households by means of “default works”; (d) allowing related departments to step up inspections and re-inspect buildings with higher risk through internal coordination; (e) motivating owners and tenants to carry out a charter campaign on fire safety; and (f) distributing “three treasures for fire protection” to the households of old buildings and three-nil buildings.

14. **Mr CHO Wui-hung** introduced Paper No. 18/2024. He stated that the aforementioned fire aroused Members’ concerns over the problems of dilapidation and insufficient fire service equipment of old buildings in the district. Therefore, he suggested: (a) conducting systematic investigation of old buildings; (b) launching targeted supporting programmes such as assisting in the coordination of district tendering work on fire service works; and (c) organising more activities concerning fire safety to enhance the fire safety awareness of the public.

15. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the Home Affairs Department, the BD, the URA, the DEVB and the FSD, i.e. Documents No. 1 to 6, 8 and 9 tabled.

16. **Mr WONG Man-kong's** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) some contractors did not remove the scaffolding upon the completion of related works which gave rise to environmental hygiene and security issues. He enquired if the relevant situation was related to the awaiting of re-inspection by related departments; and
- (ii) he enquired if a scoring and screening system on the quality of contractors would be introduced.

17. **Ms LAU Yuen-yin's** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) recently, someone climbed the scaffolding that had yet to be removed for a long time at a location in Chung Hau Street in Ho Man Tin. The person concerned only left after being witnessed and stopped by the public. The relevant incident highlighted the security problem arising from scaffolding; and
- (ii) some workers of the contractors got changed in public places, making the passing-by residents felt embarrassed.

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

- (i) a number of the public were not aware that the "three treasures for fire protection" had an expiry date. Hence, she suggested the related departments to step up publicity on the relevant knowledge; and
- (ii) she suggested the FSD to arrange fire drills at old buildings in the district every year to enhance residents' evacuation awareness.

19. **Mr NG Fan-kam** pointed out that many fires that caused serious casualties were related to fire escape routes being obstructed. Thus, he suggested the FSD to regularly inspect the old buildings in the district to remove the miscellaneous items obstructing fire escape routes as far as possible.

20. **Mr NG Chi-chiu, Divisional Officer (Kowloon Central) (Acting) of the FSD**, gave a reply with the main points as follows:

- (i) under the Hong Kong Fire Services Department Disaster Management Programme, the FSD would distribute free “three treasures for fire protection”, namely fire extinguishers, fire blankets and stand-alone fire detectors, to the targeted buildings under the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance to enhance the fire safety at home of buildings concerned. The relevant work had commenced in May 2024;
- (ii) if the public discovered that the fire extinguishers distributed by the Department had already expired, they could contact the fire stations near their homes. The FSD would arrange for free replacement;
- (iii) the FSD would introduce the ways to use the “three treasures for fire protection” when organising fire safety seminars and fire drills, as well as remind the public of the points to note during fire evacuation to enhance the public’s response capabilities in the event of a fire;
- (iv) after the fire occurred at New Lucky House, the FSD had allocated resources to step up inspections. As the main risk factors of the fire included: (a) obstruction by miscellaneous items; (b) fire service installations or equipment could not keep in efficient working order or lacked annual maintenance; (c) defective lobby doors; and (d) emergency exits being locked; the FSD had immediately, in accordance with the risk assessment on the buildings, stepped up proactive inspections and taken out appropriate enforcement actions targeting at old buildings with higher risks such as buildings with premises that held guesthouse licences, of higher age, without fire service installations and equipment, with a single-staircase design and three-nil buildings; and
- (v) the FSD would consider regularising the related work according to the actual needs and circumstances, as well as apply for additional resources via the existing resources allocation mechanism when necessary so as to further enhance the work in this regard.

Item 5**Call for Expediting Replacement and Enhancing Monitoring of Underground Water Pipes In View of the Frequent Bursts**

(KCDC Paper No. 19/2024)

Item 6**Concern over the Spate of Water Mains Bursts in Kowloon City District**

(KCDC Paper No. 20/2024)

21. **The Chairman** stated that as Items 5 and 6 were related to the problem of water mains bursts, she declared that these items would be discussed together after consulting Members.

22. **Mr NG Po-keung** introduced Paper No. 19/2024. He stated that there were a spate of water mains burst incidents in Kowloon City District, including a serious incident occurred in the early hours on 13 May at the location off 456 Chatham Road North. He believed that the aforementioned incident revealed the problem of ageing water mains in the district. Therefore, he suggested the Department to set up more monitoring locations and expedite the replacement of water mains at high risk in the district to minimise the impact on the public.

23. **Ms FUNG Mo-kwan** introduced Paper No. 20/2024. She requested the Water Supplies Department (WSD) to accelerate the development of the Water Intelligent Network (WIN) project and provide the timetable of related works. With a view to lowering the risk of occurrence of water mains burst incidents, she also suggested the Department to set up more monitoring locations and establish a monitoring mechanism to get to know more about the healthiness of underground water mains in details through adopting new equipment and technology.

24. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the WSD, i.e. Document No. 7 tabled.

25. **Dr Rizwan ULLAH** enquired if the redevelopment works in the district had increased the wear and tear of water mains and if it would be difficult for the Department to handle when water mains burst incidents occurred.

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

- (i) the written reply mentioned that there were about 37 km of water mains at high risk in Kowloon City District. He enquired about the locations of the relevant water mains and the related work arrangements so that Members could notify the potentially affected residents, enabling them to make proper preparation in advance;
- (ii) in the water mains burst incident at Chatham Road North, serious flooding occurred at the residences of two households. He enquired if there was a mechanism for the relevant households to make claims on the Department; and
- (iii) in the aforementioned incident, the WSD only closed the valve one hour after the incident took place, which indirectly exacerbated the severity of flooding. He enquired about the reason that the Department did not close the valve immediately.

27. **Mr NG Fan-kam** enquired about the time required for the Department to fully replace the aged water mains in the district.

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

- (i) he suggested to adjust the priority of water mains replacement with regard to the latest water mains burst incidents and enquired about the time required to complete the replacement of the 37 km water mains at high risk;
- (ii) he enquired if there was a mechanism for the households affected by flooding to make claims on the Department;
- (iii) the written reply mentioned that the Department planned to establish 85 District Metering Areas (DMAs) in Kowloon City District. He enquired if the number of DMAs was sufficient and suggested setting up more monitoring locations to enhance the accuracy of monitoring the conditions of water mains by the Department; and
- (iv) the situation of subsidence occurred at a number of manhole covers in the district. He suggested the related department to step up

inspections and follow-ups to avoid the occurrence of water mains burst incidents due to the crushing of water pipes by vehicles.

29. **Mr CHO Wui-hung**'s views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) he enquired about the Department's method of screening locations with a higher risk of water mains bursts;
- (ii) he enquired about the Department's repair and maintenance mechanism for water mains at high risk; and
- (iii) when the water mains replacement works were conducted at location A, the construction process might increase the pressure withstood on location B and raise its risk of water mains bursts. Hence, he suggested that the Department to make relevant plans properly first before carrying out water mains replacement works to avoid the occurrence of water mains burst incidents due to the construction process.

30. **Mr Dennis MA, Engineer / Kowloon (Distribution 3) of the WSD**, replied and stated that the water mains burst incidents were not directly related to the redevelopment works in the district.

31. **Mr CHEUNG Wai-fung, Engineer / Kowloon (Distribution 1) of the WSD**, gave a reply with the main points as follows:

- (i) the WSD had to modify the water supply routes of nearby water mains before closing the valve. In the water mains burst incident at Chatham Road North, the Department had completed the relevant work and closed the valve at the soonest. In addition, the Department would review its workflow upon the completion of the emergency repair work of each incident;
- (ii) the WSD was implementing the "risk-based water main asset management strategy" (Management Strategy), that was to continuously review factors such as materials of the water mains, age of use, if nearby water mains would be affected and past records of bursts or leaks, so as to adjust the priority of water mains improvement works;

- (iii) the Government had an established claim mechanism. Households affected by flooding could make claims on the Government through the relevant mechanism;
- (iv) under the WIN project, the WSD proposed to set up 85 DMAs in Kowloon City District. As at the end of 2023, the Department had established about half of the DMAs and the remaining 43 DMAs were anticipated to be completed in 2025; and
- (v) the WSD would refer to and adopt the latest water mains monitoring strategy and technology such as installing noise loggers or related devices at busy road sections or important water mains locations.

32. **Mr KONG Kwai-sau, Project Coordinator / Design (20) of the WSD,** gave a reply with the main points as follows:

- (i) since the implementation of the Management Strategy, the WSD had completed the replacement or rehabilitation of one-third of the 37 km water mains at high risk;
- (ii) the WSD would formulate the priority of the water mains improvement works based on factors such as age of use, materials, past records of bursts or leaks of water mains and the resources of the Department. Since the water mains would continue to age, the Management Strategy was a cyclical scheme; and
- (iii) prior to the commencement of the water mains replacement works, the WSD would first study the feasible works proposal to minimise the impacts of the works on residents and traffic.

33. **Mr Edward LEE, Senior Resident Engineer / WSD Contract No. 4 / WSD / 21 of the WSD,** gave a reply with the main points as follows:

- (i) the WSD would gradually replace or rehabilitate the remaining 23 km water mains at high risk under the Management Strategy. However, as various preliminary work had to be completed prior to the commencement of works, it took time for the Department to handle;

- (ii) the preliminary work included: (a) obtaining a temporary traffic management proposal approved by the traffic management liaison group; (b) communicating and coordinating with stakeholders such as merchants and bus companies; (c) applying for an Excavation Permit; and (d) applying for a Construction Noise Permit if the works had to be conducted during nighttime; and
- (iii) the WSD would like to take this opportunity to obtain the support from the KCDC so as to facilitate the Department to implement the water mains improvement works in the district at the soonest.

Item 7

Proposal to Add a Temporary Pedestrian Link between Hoi Sham Park in Kowloon City and its Extension to Increase the Public's Utilisation Rate and Enhance Connectivity of the Park

(KCDC Paper No. 21/2024)

34. **Mr LAM Pok** introduced Paper No. 21/2024. He suggested providing a temporary pedestrian link at the construction area of Hoi Sham Park to enhance the connectivity between the two sides of the park, thereby facilitating residents in that area. He also stated that he learned from the written reply that there was already a footpath inside the park to connect the two sides of the park. Hence, he suggested the Department to step up the relevant publicity.

35. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), i.e. Document No. 10 tabled.

36. **Ms Tabitha CHIU, District Leisure Manager, Kowloon City, the LCSD**, replied and stated that the Department had already put up a sign in the park to remind the public of the location of the path concerned.

Item 8

Any Other Business

37. **The Chairman** stated that the KCDC decided to conduct a duty visit in the second meeting. Upon communication and coordination between different parties, the KCDC would visit the local units and visiting points related to community development in Qingdao in the Mainland from 24 to 27 June 2024. She would like Members to learn from the local government about the experience of district governance through

this visit so as to better build Kowloon City District.

38. **The Chairman** indicated that a total of 19 Members signed up to participate in the duty visit. Among them, Mr TING Kin-wa had to deal with important matters and could not be in time to join the first day programme of the visit. Therefore, he applied to join the delegation in Qingdao in the afternoon of the second day of the visit (25 June 2024). In accordance with Order 18 of the Manual on the Use of Provision for Duty Visits outside Hong Kong for Members of the District Councils of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, unless otherwise permitted by the KCDC, Members should participate in the entire programme. She sought Members' approval on whether to accept the application of Mr TING Kin-wa.

39. **The Chairman** declared that the application of Mr TING Kin-wa was accepted after consulting Members.

40. **Mr NG Fan-kam** enquired about the arrangements of the Meet-the-Public Scheme during the duty visit.

41. **The Chairman** stated that Dr Rizwan ULLAH was unable to participate in the duty visit due to official duties. He would stand in for other Members to be on duty for the Meet-the-Public Scheme.

Item 9

Date of Next Meeting

42. **The Chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 30 July 2024 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 15 July 2024.

43. **The Chairman** adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 30 July 2024.

The Chairman

The Secretary