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**Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
5<sup>th</sup> Term Kwun Tong District Council (Full Council)**

Date: 8 May 2018 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m

Venue: Conference Room, Kwun Tong District Office,  
Unit 05-07, 20/F, Millennium City 6, 392 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon

**Chairman**

Dr CHAN Chung-bun, Bunny, GBS, JP

**Vice-chairman**

Mr HUNG Kam-in, Kin, MH

**Members**

Mr AU YEUNG Kwan-nok

Mr BUX Sheik Anthony

Mr CHAN Chun-kit

Mr CHAN Kok-wah, Ben, BBS, MH

Mr CHAN Man-kin

Mr CHAN Wah-yu, Nelson, MH, JP

Mr CHAN Yiu-hung, Jimmy

Mr CHENG Keng-ieong

Mr CHENG Keung-fung

Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang

Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong

Mr CHEUNG Shun-wah, MH

Mr CHEUNG Yiu-pan

Mr CHOY Chak-hung

Ms FU Pik-chun

Mr HO Kai-ming, Jonathan

Ms KAM Kin

Mr KAN Ming-tung

Mr LAI Shu-ho, Patrick, BBS, MH, JP

Mr LUI Tung-hai

Mr MOK Kin-shing

Mr NGAN Man-yu

Mr OR Chong-shing, Wilson, MH

Mrs POON YAM Wai-chun, Winnie, MH

Mr SO Koon-chung, Kevin

Ms SO Lai-chun, MH, JP

Mr TAM Siu-cheuk

Mr TANG Wing-chun

Ms TSE Suk-chun

Mr WONG Chi-ken

Mr WONG Chun-ping

Mr YIP Hing-kwok, MH, JP

Mr HSU Hoi-shan

Mr YIU Pak-leung, Perry, MH

Representatives of Government Departments/Organisations

Mr TSE Ling-chun, Steve, JP	District Officer (Kwun Tong)	
Ms CHAN Pik-ki, Eiphie	Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong) 1	
Mr CHIU Kwong-kin	Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong) 2	
Mr CHAN Kwok-kee	District Commander (Kwun Tong), Hong Kong Police Force	
Mr TAM Yu-hei	Police Community Relations Officer (Kwun Tong), Hong Kong Police Force	
Ms CHIN Tsang-lo	Deputy District Commander (Sau Mau Ping), Hong Kong Police Force	
Mr TANG Yat-kan	Operation Support Sub-Unit Commander (Sau Mau Ping District), Hong Kong Police Force	
Mr TANG Chi-wai, Leo	Assistant Police Communication Relations Officer (Sau Mau Ping District)	
Mr NG Leung-shui, Tommy	Chief Transport Officer/Housing Project, Transport Department	
Mr LUK Tsz-wai, Ian	Chief Manager/Management (Kowloon East), Housing Department	
Mr CHAN Lun-ming	Senior Engineer/6 (East), Civil Engineering and Development Department	
Ms IP Siu-ming	District Social Welfare Officer (Kwun Tong), Social Welfare Department	
Ms LAI Mei-ling	Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon), Leisure and Cultural Services Department	
Mr LEUNG Yat-king	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kwun Tong), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	
Mr CHUNG Kum-wah, Daniel, JP	Director of Highways, Highways Department	Item II
Mr LUK Wing-cheong	Regional Highway Engineer/Urban, Highways Department	
Mr POON Ming-ho	Senior Engineer/Tunnels 2,	

Mr SO Wing-kin  
Highways Department  
District Engineer/ Kwun Tong,  
Highways Department

Ms FAN Ching-yin, May  
Regional Officer/Kowloon East/Sai Kung, Item III  
Independent Commission Against Corruption  
Ms Markie MAK  
Senior Community Relations Officer,  
Independent Commission Against Corruption

Secretary

Mr LEE Yin-bun, Philip  
Senior Executive Officer (District Council),  
Kwun Tong District Office

**In Attendance:**

Miss KAM Yuen-ching  
Senior Liaison Officer (1),  
Kwun Tong District Office

Miss LEUNG Yin-ping, Pammy  
Senior Liaison Officer (2),  
Kwun Tong District Office

Ms SHIU Kit-chi, Kitty  
Senior Executive Officer (District Management),  
Kwun Tong District Office

Mr KO Choar-que, Keith  
Executive Officer I (District Council),  
Kwun Tong District Office

**Absent:**

Mr MA Yat-chiu, Marco

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

**Item I - Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting**

2. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

## **Item II - Meeting with the Director of Highways**

3. The Chairman welcomed Mr Daniel CHUNG, JP, Director of Highways (DH), Mr LUK Wing-cheong, Regional Highway Engineer/Urban, Mr POON Ming-ho, Senior Engineer/Tunnels 2 and Mr SO Wing-kin, District Engineer/Kwun Tong, of the Highways Department (HyD) to the meeting for discussing matters on works conducted by the HyD with Members.

4. The DH introduced the major work of the HyD, which included major road construction projects, railway projects under construction, major works and regional works in Kwun Tong District, the “Universal Accessibility (UA)” Programme, road environment beautification work and minor road improvement works.

5. Members welcomed the DH to the meeting and raised views as follows:

5.1 Mr Nelson CHAN pointed out that road traffic congestion had been worsening given the continuous population growth in Kwun Tong District, and the pedestrian facilities were inadequate to meet the future development needs. He, together with many other Members and community organisers, suggested the HyD should consider connecting the existing pedestrian networks by building a pedestrian elevated walkway system spanning across Yau Tong, Lam Tin, Kwun Tong Town Centre, Ngau Tau Kok, Kowloon Bay and Choi Hung so as to enhance pedestrian accessibility and relieve the pressure on roads. Their suggestions included studying the construction of footbridges under the MTR viaducts which would connect with adjacent buildings and other footbridge systems like the footbridges in Mong kok, Tsuen Wan and Central, as well as further improving the current barrier-free pedestrian facilities in Kwun Tong District.

5.2 Mr KAN Ming-tung suggested the HyD consider: (i) expediting the implementation of the construction of the East Kowloon Line (EKL) so as to satisfy the transport demands of uphill residents; (ii) constructing a lift tower which would connect Kai Tin Road and Lei Yue Mun Road in Lam Tin so as to provide barrier-free access facilities; (iii) enhancing maintenance of roads in Kwun Tong, including Kwun Tong Road and Kwun Tong Bypass; and (iv) commissioning roads in the Kai Tak Development Area as early as possible in order to relieve the existing pressure on the road networks since Trunk Road T2 and the Central

Kowloon Route (CKR) were not able to commence operation yet.

- 5.3 Mr Patrick LAI suggested the HyD consider: (i) expediting the construction progress of road surface repair works at night; (ii) expediting the implementation of installing multi-functional smart lampposts; (iii) studying solutions regarding the serious shortage of parking spaces and motorcycle parking spaces in Yau Tong; and (iv) studying new solutions as soon as possible for prompt removal of hardened concrete on the roads since spilled concrete from concrete mixers was often found on the road section of Yau Tong Road from Cha Kwo Ling Road to Lei Yue Mun Road, which not only polluted the environment, but also endangered the safety of pedestrians.
- 5.4 Mr YIP Hing-kwok suggested the HyD consider: (i) expediting the progress of the study on the Kowloon Bay light rail; and (ii) further enhancing the quality and coordination of road surface repair works.
- 5.5 Mr Wilson OR suggested the HyD consider: (i) expediting the implementation of the EKL, and proactively considering the provision of an additional extension to Yau Tong; (ii) including, in the next phase of the “UA” Programme on the ground of public interest, certain locations where there was the need of providing additional UA facilities while the land use rights of the locations could not be obtained due to the fact that the locations were housing estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme, flats under the Home Ownership Scheme or private land, such as Ping Tin Street in Lam Tin; (iii) expediting the study on the construction of barrier-free access facilities on the road leading from Kai Tin Road to Lei Yue Mun Road in Lam Tin; and (iv) enhancing management, including cleansing and maintenance, of footbridges and escalators, such as the footbridge leading from On Tat Estate to On Tai Estate.
- 5.6 Mr CHEUNG Shun-wah suggested the HyD consider: (i) implementing the construction of the main line of the EKL as soon as possible with the provision of additional extensions serving areas such as Lam Tin, Yau Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Tsz Wan Shan; (ii) constructing barrier-free access facilities on the road leading from Kai Tin Road to Lei Yue Mun Road as early as possible so as to facilitate residents’ access to the MTR stations; and (iii) providing smart lampposts at the Kwun Tong Road/Hoi Yuen

Road roundabout to measure the traffic flow, thereby facilitating the study on how to alleviate traffic congestion.

- 5.7 Mr CHEUNG Yiu-pan suggested the HyD consider: (i) studying construction of a lift tower at Exit A of Kowloon Bay MTR Station as soon as possible in order to address the request of people living in the neighborhood; and (ii) expanding the coverage of the “UA” Programme, such as including Lok Nga Court under the programme.
- 5.8 Mr HSU Hoi-shan suggested the HyD consider: (i) providing information about types of data collected by the multi-functional smart lampposts; and (ii) improving the design of lift towers under the “UA” Programme by adopting materials except glass for external walls so as to facilitate cleansing and maintenance in the future and prevent the temperature inside the lifts from becoming excessively high.
- 5.9 Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong suggested the HyD consider: (i) expediting the implementation of the EKL plan; and (ii) conducting an in-depth study on the suggestion of constructing a pedestrian elevated walkway system in Kwun Tong District.
- 5.10 Mr MOK Kin-shing suggested the HyD consider implementing the EKL plan as early as possible and provide an implementation timetable.
- 5.11 Mr Kin HUNG suggested the HyD consider providing additional closed circuit television (CCTV) monitoring systems on footbridges near On Tat Estate and On Tai Estate so that residents could feel at ease when getting around the district.
- 5.12 Ms SO Lai-chun suggested the HyD consider: (i) expediting the implementation of the EKL plan; (ii) expediting the works progress of the CKR and Trunk Road T2; (iii) proactively exploring the proposal of constructing a pedestrian elevated walkway system; and (iv) constructing a lift tower in Sau Ming Road Park as soon as possible to tie in with the expansion works of the United Christian Hospital, thereby easing traffic pressure on the area around Hip Wo Street, Hiu Kwong Street and Sau Ming Road.

- 5.13 Mr CHENG Keung-fung suggested the HyD consider: (i) improving the “UA” Programme by including housing estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme (e.g. Tsui Ping (North) Estate) and flats under the Home Ownership Scheme in the ambit; and (ii) proactively studying the proposal regarding a pedestrian elevated walkway system, such as constructing a footbridge extending from Exit D of Kwun Tong MTR station to Lam Tin and the adjacent areas.
- 5.14 Mr WONG Chun-ping suggested the HyD consider: (i) expediting the implementation of the EKL plan; (ii) proactively following up on the construction of a pedestrian elevated walkway system; and (iii) exploring the possibility of solving the problem in regards to the construction of an escalator proposed by the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) by resumption of the relevant lands. The escalator would provide access from Tai Sheung Tok Hill to Kwun Tong MTR Station via On Tat Estate, Po Tat Estate, Sau Mau Ping and Leung Shek Chee College. However, the suggestion had been shelved due to the involvement of housing estates under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.
- 5.15 Mr LUI Tung-hai suggested the HyD consider: (i) constructing the EKL as soon as possible; (ii) proactively following up on the proposal of constructing a pedestrian elevated walkway system in Kwun Tong District; and (iii) comprehensively reviewing the pedestrian network connecting with Yau Tong MTR Station, improving the connections with the adjacent areas, such as Lei Yue Mun, former industrial areas and the Junk Bay Chinese Permanent Cemetery, as well as providing shelters on pavements.
- 5.16 Mr Anthony BUX suggested the HyD consider: (i) setting an additional dedicated team for managing road lighting facilities instead of solely relying on the public to report problems such as unlit street lamps; and (ii) engaging experts or discussing with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) when conducting beautification works for roads (e.g. areas around Wang Chiu Road and Wang Kwong Road) in order to choose plants that were suitable for being roadside planting so as to avoid removing plants again due to road safety reasons.
- 5.17 Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang suggested the HyD consider: (i) constructing the EKL as early as possible and connecting Sau Mau Ping to Lam Tin North

and Yau Tongg; (ii) conducting in-depth study in regards to the proposal of constructing a pedestrian elevated walkway system in Kwun Tong District so as to divide pedestrians and vehicles properly; and (iii) studying the use of more advanced noise reduction surfacing materials, striving to further reduce street noises.

- 5.18 Mr CHENG Keng-ieong suggested the HyD consider: (i) constructing a footbridge to connect the MTR station and residential areas such as Tsui Ping Estate, facilitating the residents' travelling; (ii) including more areas (such as Po Pui Court) under the "UA" Programme so as to benefit more residents; and (iii) following up on cases of road maintenance with serious delay more proactively.
- 5.19 Mr Jonathan HO suggested the HyD consider: (i) constructing the EKL as soon as possible; (ii) applying resources from Legislative Council for the construction of Trunk Road T2 as soon as possible so as to make Route 6 an unobstructed connection; and (iii) resuming certain lands located within housing estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme on the ground of public interest according to Lands Resumption Ordinance so as to construct barrier-free escalators to facilitate residents' access to other areas, such as providing connections to locations like Exit A of Lam Tin MTR Station.
- 5.20 Mr CHAN Chun-kit suggested the HyD consider: (i) improving the barrier-free pedestrian facilities on the footbridge of Kowloon Bay MTR Station; (ii) studying the possibility of connecting the proposed new escalator in Ngau Chi Wan Footbridge KF51 with Choi Hung MTR Station and Ngau Chi Wan Market when conducting a feasibility study on the provision of the abovementioned escalator, conducting on-site inspections with Members again and coordinating the project with the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL); and (iii) installing a lift tower in Choi Hing Court, thereby facilitating residents' travelling and easing road traffic pressure.
- 5.21 Mr TAM Siu-cheuk suggested the HyD consider: (i) establish consultation channels extensively for works of the EKL so as to collect more public views; (ii) improving the whole footbridge system in Kwun Tong District in addition to that of the CBD2 area with reference to the successful

examples in Tsuen Wan and Central; (iii) conducting the work under phase two of the “UA” Programme properly by handling the land use issues involving the Housing Department (HD), LCSD and other government departments appropriately; and (iv) constructing Choi Wan Station of the EKL at Choi Hing Road so as to facilitate travelling of residents of Choi Hing Court.

5.22 Mr Kevin SO suggested the HyD consider: (i) consulting Kwun Tong residents on the EKL proactively and implementing the construction as soon as possible so as to alleviate the traffic congestion pressure on the road network of Kwun Tong; and (ii) solving the issue of the land title facing by the “UA” Programme, striving to construct more barrier-free access facilities for the public.

5.23 Mr Perry YIU suggested the HyD consider expediting the study on constructing a lift tower at Exit A of Lam Tin MTR Station for connecting Kai Tin Road with Lei Yue Mun Road and implementing the plan as soon as possible so as to meet Lam Tin residents’ aspirations in the past 10 odd years.

6. The HyD responded to Members’ comments as follows:

6.1 EKL: the HyD understood the expectations and demands of the residents towards the railway concerned. The MTRCL was currently conducting the preparation work. The HyD would urge the MTRCL to expedite their work and conduct public consultations on the project as soon as possible.

6.2 “UA” Programme: the HyD believed that the work completed could benefit the public. It also hoped the public would understand that the existing programme could not cover all the locations that the public wished to improve since land and land titles issues were involved. After hearing Members’ views, the HyD would consider further expanding the scope of phase two of the existing “UA” Programme so as to include more works projects.

6.3 Overheating problem on lift towers: concerning Members’ view that constructing lift towers with glass would cause the temperature inside the lifts to become excessively high, the HyD said that it emphasised more on

users' impression when using the lifts. Yet, when designing lift towers currently, ventilation and directions of the sunlight would also be considered in order to take into account the transparency and security considerations.

- 6.4 Pedestrian elevated walkway system: the system was one of the HyD's development directions. The Energizing Kowloon East Office was currently considering various proposals. The pilot area would be set up in the area around Kowloon Bay and buildings would be connected by the pedestrian elevated walkway system. The HyD would also consider other areas (such as Lam Tin District and United Christian Hospital) proactively.
- 6.5 Installing CCTVs: the issue was relatively complicated and controversial. Different members of the public had different considerations on safety, traffic and privacy problems. The HyD would carefully consider the circumstances when conducting road works.
- 6.6 Repair and maintenance of roads: different government departments or public utility companies were responsible for different road opening works. In regard to the fact that permits of certain road opening works needed to be extended for over one year, the HyD would adopt a stricter attitude in management, and would also request government departments and public utility companies to be more careful when planning and supervising works, thereby minimising the need for extension of road opening permits. On the other hand, with the HyD's dedicated effort, the current number of road opening permits issued decreased significantly when compared with that in the past. The HyD wished to develop the community while at the same time minimising the impact on the public. Meanwhile, the HyD would urge the permit applicants to conduct maintenance work properly so as to avoid causing inconvenience to the public because of repetitious maintenance works.
- 6.7 CKR: the works had already commenced and was scheduled for completion in 2025. The works was divided into three phases. The first phase included the works of Tseung Kwan O - Lam Tin Tunnel. After the completion of the abovementioned works, some of the vehicular flows from Tseung Kwan O could be diverted via Eastern Harbour Crossing to cross the harbor directly without using Tseung Kwan O Tunnel and

entering Kwun Tong Town Centre. It was expected that the traffic within Kwun Tong District could be effectively improved. Moreover, the HyD and the CEDD were responsible for the works for the CKR and Trunk Road T2 respectively. The works of Trunk Road T2 required less time. The two departments would conduct coordination and submit a funding application to the Legislative Council in regards to the works of Trunk Road T2 in due course in order to close the gap between the completion dates of Trunk Road T2 and the CKR, maximising the benefits for the public in the district.

- 6.8 Problems with street lamps: the pilot Multi-functional Smart Lampposts scheme will be launched in Kwun Tong District soon. Under the coordination of the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer, the lampposts would collect different kinds of information. In the long run, this scheme could improve traffic condition in the district and provide different kinds of services to pedestrians, as well as developing Hong Kong into a smart city. The malfunction and damage of street lamps had all along been monitored by designated personnel of the HyD. However, receiving reports made by the public was the quickest way for spotting the abovementioned problems. As most of the street lamps were divided into different groups for a controlling purpose, there was a possibility that all street lamps in a row became out of order at the same time. Meanwhile, the HyD was currently conducting a preliminary study on “smart street lamps”. It was expected that the HyD would notice the malfunction of street lamps and follow up on the matters instantly in the future, improving the services provided to the public.
- 6.9 Road beautification work: the HyD has accumulated sufficient experience and included landscape architects in the team. It was expected that the planting of unsuitable species would not recur in the future, thereby effectively greening urban districts and improving the public’s living environment.
- 6.10 Surfacing materials: applying low-noise materials could reduce noise in the surrounding by a few decibels, demonstrating significant effectiveness. However, the materials were not applicable to all kinds of roads due to their properties and were mainly applied on expressways.

6.11 Improvement works on Exit A of Kowloon Bay MTR Station: the HyD noted Members' views and indicated that there were many constraints on the location of the proposed works, adding difficulties to the works. The HyD would study the feasibility of the proposal.

7. The Chairman expressed his gratitude to the DH for his visit to the Kwun Tong District Council (KTDC) for exchanging views on works of the HyD with Members.

**Item III (A) - Annual Report of Kwun Tong and Sau Mau Ping Districts Policing Plan 2017  
(KTDC Paper No. 14/2018)**

8. Mr CHAN Kwok-kee, District Commander (Kwun Tong) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) and Ms CHIN Tsang-lo, Deputy District Commander (Sau Mau Ping) of the HKPF, briefed Members on KTDC Paper No. 14/2018, which set out the law and order situation of the two districts in 2017.

9. Mr TANG Wing-chun expressed his gratitude to Kwun Tong Police District (KTDIST) for their prompt follow-up actions on a suspected abduction incident that happened in Laguna City, and suggested the HKPF consider installing CCTVs at Laguna City and other parks under the LCSD's management.

10. Ms SO Lai-chun highly praised the professional spirit demonstrated by the police when maintaining road order in a slow drive protest in Sau Mau Ping District on 29 April 2018.

11. Mr Kin HUNG praised the efforts made by the two districts in maintaining the law and order in the districts, especially in cracking down on a number of usury cases in the districts, and said that crimes often took place on the footbridge connecting Po Tat Estate, On Tat Estate and On Tai Estate. He opined that installation of CCTVs could effectively lower the crime rate. Therefore, he requested the departments concerned to install CCTVs on the footbridge.

12. Mr CHAN Kwok-kee, District Commander (Kwun Tong) of the HKPF thanked Members for their views, and said that the HKPF also made use of high technology and CCTVs when investigating cases. As for installing CCTVs in Laguna Park, since the location was not under the police's

purview, it would be up to the departments concerned to decide whether CCTVs would be installed.

13. Ms CHIN Tsang-lo, Deputy District Commander (Sau Mau Ping) of the HKPF said that Sau Mau Ping Police District (SMPDIST) had investigated the situation of installing CCTVs in the district, and indicated that the Police Community Relations Office and Crime Prevention Bureau would encourage and advise persons in charge to install CCTVs as and when necessary. The HKPF would continue to investigate and follow up on cases involving usury groups.

14. Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang praised the effort and hard work made by the two police districts in combating and preventing crimes, and pointed out that the number of crimes involving South Asian ethnic groups had been on an upward trend in recent years. He enquired if the HKPF had formulated any plans.

15. Mr CHAN Chun-kit praised the Police Community Relations Office of both police districts for maintaining close liaison with the District Council (DC) to handle cases in the district. He also agreed to install CCTVs in the district as he thought CCTVs could effectively prevent crimes.

16. Mr CHAN Kwok-kee, District Commander (Kwun Tong) of the HKPF said that, once the HKPF noticed certain crime trends during the course of intelligence gathering, they would allocate more resources to detect or prevent crimes. In addition, the police would complement the government's efforts by conducting more publicity and education work so as to gain more support from local communities and reduce the occurrence of crimes, thereby facilitating the effective implementation of police policies.

17. Ms CHIN Tsang-lo, Deputy District Commander (Sau Mau Ping) of the HKPF said the police attached great importance to the crimes related to ethnic minorities and adopted a multi-pronged approach in combatting crimes. In addition, SMPDIST had also launched a number of community programmes, such as "Project Harmonious Pyramid" so as to strengthen liaison with ethnic minorities.

18. The meeting noted the paper.

**Item III(B) - Work Plans for 2018/19**

**(KTDC Paper No. 15/2018)**

**(a) Kwun Tong District Core Departments**

19. Core departments (namely the CEDD, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), HD, Kwun Tong District Office (KTDO), LCSD, Social Welfare Department (SWD), Transport Department, HKPF KTDIST, HKPF SMPDIST, Independent Commission Against Corruption Regional Office (Kowloon East/Sai Kung) and KTDC) had laid out their work plans for 2018/19 in detail in the paper. In regard to each of the annexes, Members raised enquiries and departments replied as follows:

Annex 2: FEHD

20. Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang suggested the FEHD consider listing How Ming Street as an easy-mount frame black spot so as to step up enforcement.

Annex 3: HD

21. Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong said that there had been a number of water main burst incidents in Sau Mau Ping Estate recently. He hoped the HD could conduct a comprehensive examination on and change the pipes and gate valves in Sau Mau Ping Estate.

Annex 4: KTDO

22. Mr TANG Wing-chun welcomed the Government's intention to add a lift at Exit A of Lam Tin MTR Station. He pointed out that the situations in Exits D and A of Lam Tin MTR Station were similar and suggested the government also consider other exits of Lam Tin Station when conducting relevant research.

23. Mr CHEUNG Yiu-pan enquired, besides providing an additional lift at Exit A of Lam Tin MTR Station, whether local communities and Members could suggest other projects in respect of the \$8 billion set aside in the 2018-19 Budget by the Financial Secretary for the additional provision of local facilities in the 18 districts.

24. Mr TAM Siu-cheuk hoped the KTDC and KTDO could strengthen cooperation so that more members of the public in Kwun Tong District could be benefited under the project concerned.

25. Mr Steve TSE, District Officer (Kwun Tong), replied that the Government understood different demands of the district, and would follow up on other district projects where resources permitted.

26. The Chairman added that the project of providing an additional lift at Exit A of Lam Tin MTR Station was one of the 16 projects proposed under the "Signature Project Scheme" in 2013.

Although two of the other proposals were launched under the scheme eventually, there were requests of following up on the remaining proposals to cater for the demand of the DC then. The present project reflected that the follow-up work of the discussion was still ongoing. In addition, Members could also raise other works suggestions for departments' consideration in accordance with the feasibility and priority where resources permitted.

#### Annex 6: SWD

27. Mr Kin HUNG was concerned about the matters in relation to the relocation of Sau Mau Ping (East) Social Security Field Unit. He worried that the relocation would affect seeking help of residents in need. He opined that the SWD should strike a balance between providing convenience to the frontline staff and public when considering relocation.

28. Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang expressed concern towards the rising trend of residents expressing their emotions through online media in recent years. He enquired whether the SWD had any plan on taking the initiative in identifying and providing assistance to the individuals concerned.

29. Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong expressed concern on the relocation of Sau Mau Ping (East) Social Security Field Unit. He opined that the service recipients of the office were the grassroots in the district, including residents of On Tat Estate and On Tai Estate. However, the location of the new office was currently inaccessible by direct public transport. Therefore, relocation might bring inconvenience to the public.

30. Mr Jimmy CHAN opined that the relocation of Sau Mau Ping (East) Social Security Field Unit would bring inconvenience to the residents. He opined that the service recipients in Sau Mau Ping District were mostly the elderly and grassroots who often raised enquiries and submitted applications to the office in person, and the SWD might consult the locals in advance so as to reduce the inconvenience caused by the relocation.

31. Mr WONG Chun-ping hoped the SWD could strike a balance between providing convenience to the public and a reasonable working environment to colleagues.

32. Ms IP Siu-ming, District Social Welfare Officer (Kwun Tong) of the SWD, replied that Sau Mau Ping (East) Social Security Field Unit under the SWD was established in end-2014 to cope with the recently increased service demand in Kwun Tong District. The SWD and responsible departments had started to identify an office for Sau Mau Ping (East) Social Security Field Unit before its establishment in 2013. Although there was no suitable property for setting up the office of Sau Mau Ping (East) Social Security Field Unit at the moment, the department had arranged Sau

Mau Ping (East) Social Security Field Unit and Sau Mau Ping (West) Social Security Field Unit to share a very limited office space temporally in order to serve the residents as soon as possible. The number of staff members of Sau Mau Ping (East) Social Security Field Unit doubled along with the rise in the case number. In spite of the SWD's effort in searching for an office with a suitable location and adequate space within the service area and surrounding areas, including areas near Sau Mau Ping, On Tat area and Sze Shun, in the past few years, no suitable places were found eventually. The new office was now located in a commercial building near an exit of the MTR Station in Kwun Tong Town Centre. Service recipients might go to the new office by public transport. In general, it took 6 to 12 months or even longer for clients to meet with the staff from the Social Security Branch and conduct review procedures. Although the lease term was time-limited, the lease was in fact useful in relieving the long-standing problem of limited space for operation and serving customers. The SWD would continue to provide convenience to service recipients through different methods, including accepting the submission of required documents through mail or drop-in boxes placed outside the offices, arranging home visits for persons with disabilities and the elderly in need of the arrangement, and discussing with Members on providing more facilitating measures for the public as transitional arrangements. As for approaching people with negative emotions or suicidal symptoms through online media, the Suicide Crisis Intervention Centre subsidised by the SWD would search for specific negative words and keywords on Facebook, and would distribute positive soft messages and contacts of relevant counselling groups to those Internet users; in addition, other non-government organisations would also approach people in need of help and conduct follow-up work through different social media so as to provide emotion support services, counselling, etc. to them as soon as possible.

(Post-meeting note: the SWD added that the floor area of Sau Mau Ping (East) Social Security Field Unit and Sau Mau Ping (West) Social Security Field Unit should approximately be 350 square metres and 450 square metres respectively while the current floor area of the office located in Sau Mau Ping Shopping Centre was only approximately 410 square metres. Since the staff of the two offices and public needed to share facilities such as service counters and the waiting hall, the waiting time of service users was therefore prolonged. Service users sometimes lodged complaints in regard to queuing and situations arising when waiting since they did not understand how the two offices operated. Therefore, there was a need for the SWD to seek for another office so as to provide more efficient services.)

#### Annex 7: TD

33. Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang was concerned about the two minibus routes plying to Hong Kong Children's Hospital in Kai Tak to be introduced soon. He requested that the terminus of one of the minibus routes be provided in Domain Mall in Yau Tong instead of Yau Lai Estate as originally

proposed so as to provide convenience to residents.

34. Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong requested the TD to add more public transport modes for connecting On Tat Estate and On Tai Estate to Kwun Tong Town Centre.

35. The Full Council endorsed the KTDC's work plan for 2018/19 as set out at Annex 11 to the paper, and noted Annexes 1 to 10 to the paper submitted by all other aforesaid departments.

(Mr NGAN Man-yu left the meeting at 5:05 p.m., Mr CHAN Man-kin at 5:30 p.m., Mr MOK Kin-shing at 5:40 p.m. and Mr Kevin SO at 5:43 p.m.)

**Item IV - Matters on District Minor Works**

(KTDC Paper No. 16/2018)

36. The Secretary presented the paper.

37. The meeting endorsed the paper.

**Item V - Proposed Allocation of a Small Central Reserve under the District Minor Works Block**

**Vote**

(KTDC Paper No. 17/2018)

38. The Secretary presented the paper.

39. The meeting endorsed the paper.

**Item VI - Reports - Chairman of the District Management Committee and Chairmen of Standing Committees and Task Forces**

(KTDC Paper No. 18/2018 and No.19/2018)

40. The Secretary presented the paper.

41. The meeting endorsed the paper.

**Item VII - Report on Duty Visit of KTDC**  
**(KTDC Paper No. 20/2018)**

42. The Secretary presented the paper.
43. Mr Kin HUNG suggested replacing the word “visit” in the report with “duty visit” so as to fully reflect the aim of the delegation. Members agreed unanimously.
44. The meeting endorsed the paper.

**Item VIII - Any Other Business**

**(1) Letter to KTDC from Estate Owners’ Committee of Laguna City**

45. The Chairman reported that the Estate Owners’ Committee of Laguna City sent a letter to the KTDC on 4 May 2018, reflecting views on the rezoning of open space in Kwun Tong Promenade.
46. The Chairman said that the item concerned was discussed and the relevant motion was passed at the 11th meeting of the Full Council on 7 September 2017. The meeting had already referred the relevant resolution to departments for their information and follow-up actions.
47. The meeting endorsed the paper.

**(2) The 7<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Games (7<sup>th</sup> HKG)**

48. The 7th HKG Organising Committee sent a letter to the KTDC in order to secure support for the 7th HKG to be held in 2018 and 2019, as well as obtaining consent for using the logo of the KTDC on relevant promotion events and items.
49. The above activity is a mega event in Hong Kong held every two years to provide the community with more opportunities for sport participation, exchanges and co-operation, and to encourage the public to actively participate in sports, strengthening the public's sense of belonging to the district they live in. The meeting accepted the invitation of being a supporting organisation.

**(3) HK Territory-wide Youths Painting Day 2018**

50. Young Artists Development Programme sent a letter to the KTDC in order to secure support

for the “HK Territory-wide Youths Painting Day 2018” to be held at the Central and Western District Promenade and other locations in all the 18 districts of Hong Kong on 7 July 2018, as well as obtaining consent for using the logo of the KTDC on relevant promotion events and items.

51. The above activity is a meaningful event that helps youngsters to integrate art into our community. The meeting accepted the invitation of being a supporting organisation.

**(4) Sport For All Day 2018**

52. The LCSD sent a letter to the KTDC in order to secure support for the “Sport For All Day 2018” to be held on 5 August 2018, as well as seeking assistance in promoting the activity concerned in the district.

53. The above activity is a meaningful event that helps the public to enjoy exercising and maintain a habit of doing exercise regularly. The meeting accepted the invitation and referred the matters concerned to the Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee for follow-up actions.

**Item VIII – Date of Next Meeting**

54. The next meeting was scheduled for 10 July 2018 (Tuesday). There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 10 July 2018.

**Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat**

**June 2018**