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**Minutes of the 1st Meeting of
Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee,
the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

Date: 11 January 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 2:31 p.m. – 3:52 p.m.

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

Present

Mr WONG Chun-ping, MH, JP (Chairman)

Mr MA Yat-chiu, MH (Vice-chairman)

Mr YU Siu-lun

Mr NG Ting-fung

Mr LUI Tung-hai, MH

Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia

Mr LEE Ka-hang

Mr LAM Fung, MH

Mr LAM Wai

Ms KAM Kin

Mr OR Chong-shing, Wilson, MH

Ms LEUNG Sze-wan

Mr HSU Yau-wai

Mr CHAN Yiu-hung, Jimmy, MH

Mr TSANG Wing-fai

Ms CHING Hoi-yan

Ms FENG Yunsi

Mr WONG Kai-san

Ms YU Juliana

Mr TANG Wing-chun

Mr CHENG Keung-fung

Mr LAI Wing-chun, MH

Mr KAN Ming-tung, MH

Mr TAM Siu-cheuk

Mr KWAN Kin-wing

Mr PANG Chi-sang

In Attendance

Ms CHAN Wai-chun, Regina Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong)1

Mr CHOW Lap-kan, Douglas Senior Executive Officer (District Council),
Kwun Tong District Office

Miss TANG Wai-yan Senior Manager (Kowloon East),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms CHU Pui-shan, Edith Manager (Kowloon East) Marketing, Programme and District Activities,
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms SIU Sau-king, Michelle Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kwun Tong,
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms WONG Sze-wan	Senior Librarian (Kwun Tong), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAU Wai-ming, Vivian	Social Work Officer 2 (Planning and Coordinating Team) (Kwun Tong), Social Welfare Department
Ms NG Fei-fan, Fanny	Senior School Development Officer (Kwun Tong)2, Education Bureau

Secretary

Ms TSOI Hung-man, Anna	Executive Officer (District Council)(2), Kwun Tong District Office
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (“CICRC”) and government representatives to the 1st meeting of CICRC under the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council (“KTDC”).

I. Report on Arts and Cultural Activities Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) in Kwun Tong District in 2023/24
(KTDC CICRC Paper No. 1/2024)

2. The representative of LCSD presented the paper.
3. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:
 - 3.1 Members enquired whether LCSD would match with district organisations by drawing lots when organising activities this year.
 - 3.2 Members expressed concern about the audience size of LCSD’s activities and suggested that LCSD should set out in the paper the capacity of the venues so that Members could find out whether LCSD had made good use of the venues.
 - 3.3 Members enquired whether LCSD had been co-organising activities with the Area Committees (“ACs”) and suggested that LCSD should further collaborate with ACs.
 - 3.4 Members considered the activity “Dunhuang x Kwun Tong – Dialogue of Past and Present” under the 18dART Community Arts Scheme creative and hoped that LCSD

would present to Members the details of the Scheme, particularly the activities co-organised with schools.

4. The representative of LCSD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

4.1 Regarding matching with district organisations by drawing lots, LCSD was grateful for the support from district organisations in the past and welcomed their continued provision of venue support for the department and assistance in promoting the activities. LCSD would try to match appropriate activities based on the available venues as far as possible.

4.2 Regarding the collaboration with ACs, LCSD had collaborated with ACs in organising various activities last year and the results were satisfactory. LCSD hoped that ACs would continue to provide venue support to LCSD.

4.3 Regarding the attendance of activities, LCSD said that the number of participants in the activities varied depending on the activity nature. LCSD would consider providing details of the capacity of venues and the programme fees in the paper for Members' reference.

4.4 Regarding the 18dART Community Arts Scheme, LCSD said that 18dART was an arts programme tailor-made for each district. As for "Dunhuang x Kwun Tong – Dialogue of Past and Present", LCSD had invited various art groups, musicians and music performers to collaborate in providing ancient music training for students of Kwun Tong District. Educational matinees were held to provide students with opportunities to learn and perform ancient musical instruments. There would also be public sessions for the public to get to know ancient music.

5. Members raised follow-up views and enquiries as follows:

5.1 Members enquired about the methods and channels used by LCSD to promote its activities.

5.2 Members suggested that apart from strengthening collaboration with ACs, LCSD could also enlist the assistance of Care Teams in distributing event tickets to the public and stepping up publicity for its activities.

5.3 Members enquired how schools could apply to become partners of LCSD.

- 5.4 Members enquired how art groups could apply to collaborate with LCSD and the department's selection criteria.
- 5.5 Members suggested that LCSD consider organising more inclusive activities to provide opportunities for persons with disabilities ("PWDs") to participate.
6. The representative of LCSD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:
- 6.1 Regarding the promotion of activities, LCSD currently promoted its activities mainly through online platforms, including the websites, Facebook and Instagram of LCSD and the arts groups responsible for organising the activities. LCSD indicated its willingness to strengthen collaboration with members of KTDC, local organisations, ACs, the District Fight Crime Committee and the District Fire Safety Committee in order to enhance the effectiveness of publicity efforts.
- 6.2 Regarding the programme plan for the coming year, LCSD was speeding up its preparation of the paper and planned to present to Members its programme plan for the coming year in the next meeting.
- 6.3 Regarding the target number of participants of the activities, LCSD would provide relevant figures in the paper in the future. It would also review the public's response to different activities.
- 6.4 Regarding organising more inclusive activities, LCSD would relay the views to the colleagues responsible for programme planning, with the hope of arranging such activities in the coming year.
- 6.5 Regarding the enquiry about the number of participants in the activities, LCSD explained that the number of participants in the activities was subject to a number of factors, including venue arrangement. LCSD hoped that activity arrangements could be improved in the coming year.
- 6.6 Regarding the criteria for selecting partnering art groups, LCSD would be glad to work with organisations that could provide venues on a long-term and stable basis, and were able to reach out to local residents.
7. Members noted the paper.

II. Report on the Recreation and Sports Programmes Organised by LCSD in Kwun Tong District from August 2023 to November 2023
(KTDC CICRC Paper No. 2/2024)

8. The representative of LCSD presented the paper.

9. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

9.1 Members opined that the participation in elderly activities was relatively high and were pleased to know that some activities were open to PWDs. Members enquired whether different PWDs participated in the activities each time, or whether it was mainly a fixed group of PWDs who participated in the activities.

9.2 Members opined that the enrolment figures for youth activities were unsatisfactory and hoped that LCSD would review different factors, such as the attractiveness of activities, with a view to improving the situation.

9.3 Members pointed out that the paper showed a reduction in the number of activities organised for PWDs and enquired how LCSD decided on activity arrangements.

9.4 Members enquired whether LCSD had plans to develop new sports and suggested that the department introduce new sports that were suitable for PWDs, such as floor curling.

9.5 Members suggested that LCSD provide the enrolment figures of various activities in the paper for Members' reference.

9.6 Members enquired whether LCSD had considered promoting mind sports, such as bridge, go and chess.

9.7 Members enquired whether LCSD had plans to introduce activities suitable for children with disabilities.

9.8 Members said that the Community Garden Scheme was well received by the public and enquired why the paper showed a reduction in the number of such activities, as well as how LCSD arrived at the estimated number of participants.

9.9 Members enquired if LCSD planned to organise activities for ethnic minorities.

9.10 Members enquired if LCSD could include the locations of the activities in the paper

and opined that the department should avoid having an uneven distribution of activity locations.

10. The representative of LCSD gave a consolidated response to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

10.1 Regarding the data on the various activities in the paper, LCSD said that most of the activities were ongoing and spanned across different months. Thus, the decrease in the number of activities shown in the paper did not imply an actual reduction in the number of sessions of activities. Also, LCSD explained that the estimated number of participants in the paper represented the activity quotas, and that LCSD would compile the actual number of participants after the end of the activities, which would be included in the paper for the next meeting for Members' reference.

10.2 Regarding new sports, LCSD said that in response to last year's Policy Address, LCSD had promoted a number of new sports this year, including 3-on-3 basketball, skateboarding, sport climbing and breaking. As new sports were constantly emerging, LCSD would gradually introduce different new sports in an orderly manner.

10.3 Regarding chess activities, LCSD currently offered go classes, but the enrolment was not high and therefore only a few sessions were held throughout the year for now.

10.4 Regarding activities designed for children, LCSD said that such activities were mainly held during the summer holiday or year-end period. LCSD would take into account a number of factors when designing the activities, and would arrange different activities throughout the year, taking into account the season and the nature of various sports activities.

10.5 Regarding activities targeting at ethnic minorities, LCSD pointed out that the recreation and sports activities organised by the department were aimed to promote sports for all and were open to anyone. She further pointed out that some ethnic minority groups had rented LCSD's venues, such as hockey grounds, for holding activities.

10.6 Regarding activities suitable for PWDs, LCSD would collaborate with relevant organisations every year to organise suitable activities for different PWDs.

11. Members raised follow-up views and enquiries as follows:

11.1 Members suggested that LCSD improve the format of the paper to facilitate Members'

comparison of the estimated and actual number of activities and participants.

11.2 Members asked whether LCSD could include the locations of activities in the paper.

11.3 Members suggested that LCSD consider organising visits for children during the summer holiday, e.g. visits to the Coca-Cola plant, the Yakult Plant and the Cathay Pacific City.

11.4 Members suggested that LCSD specify in the paper the locations for holding the Community Garden Scheme to facilitate Members' promotion of the activity.

12. The representative of LCSD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

12.1 Regarding the format of the paper, LCSD was willing to make improvements and would list the relevant figures as clearly as possible.

12.2 Regarding the activity locations, LCSD held nearly 1 000 activities in the district every year, which took place at various venues under the purview of the department, including nine sports centres, three swimming pools and more than a hundred parks and pleasure grounds. If Members wished to know the activity information for specific venues, they were welcome to make enquiries with LCSD after the meeting.

12.3 Regarding organising visits for children during the summer holiday, LCSD had to examine the feasibility of the suggestion as the visit locations mentioned by Members involved private or commercial organisations.

12.4 Regarding the Community Garden Scheme, LCSD pointed out that the community gardens under the Scheme were located in LCSD's recreational venues, and each programme would last for about three months. Participants would be allocated small planting plots and would plant under the guidance of instructors. LCSD would provide Members with information on the three Community Garden Scheme sites in Kwun Tong District after the meeting.

13. Members raised follow-up views and enquiries as follows:

13.1 Members suggested that LCSD introduce more inclusive activities, such as board games, so that young people and the elderly could participate together.

13.2 Members enquired whether the activities in the paper could be enrolled through the

“My SmartPLAY” App.

14. The representative of LCSD responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

14.1 Regarding board games, the Leisure Services Branch of LCSD was mainly responsible for sports activities. There were many types of board games and LCSD would normally collaborate with the relevant organisations to arrange related activities. LCSD noted Members’ views and would relay them to the department.

14.2 LCSD said that the details of all activities were uploaded to the website of LCSD and the “My SmartPLAY” App. Members of the public could enroll in the activities and make payments through the above channels.

15. Members noted the paper.

**III. Report on Promotional Activities Organised by Public Libraries of LCSD in Kwun Tong District
(KTDC CICRC Paper No. 3/2024)**

16. The representative of LCSD presented the paper.

17. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

17.1 Members said that the paper indicated that three libraries held four Reading Club sessions each month from September to November. However, the number of participants in each month was about a dozen. Hence, Members enquired whether this was due to insufficient promotion.

17.2 Members said that most of the reading programmes were targeted at upper primary children and pointed out that the programmes might not be suitable for teenagers, and therefore suggested that LCSD enhance teenagers’ interest in reading through other means.

17.3 Members said that Shun Lee Estate Public Library was relatively small in scale, but noticed that the art or other exhibitions held in the library in October had recorded a high attendance and would like to know the details of the activities.

17.4 Members enquired about the effectiveness of Book Display.

- 17.5 Members enquired about the types of books that were more popular among teenagers.
- 17.6 Members noted that Storytelling for Children were conducted in Cantonese and English and enquired whether they were also held in other languages.
- 17.7 Members enquired whether the themes of Storytelling for Children sessions would tie in with the Government's future policies, e.g. whether libraries would promote books related to environmental protection in response to the upcoming implementation of the Municipal Solid Waste Charging Scheme.
- 17.8 Members opined that the number of participants in the Reading Clubs, library guided tours and user education sessions was unsatisfactory and enquired about the types of books introduced in the Reading Clubs.
- 17.9 Members recommended that LCSD should increase the channels for publicising library activities so as to promote the activities within the district and encourage more residents to participate.
18. The representative of LCSD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:
- 18.1 Regarding Reading Clubs, LCSD replied that the department would invite students to participate in Reading Clubs organised by district libraries through schools in the area every year. The activity format was to hold four physical Reading Club sessions for the participants in one of the months in a year, followed by continued discussions online afterwards. The number of sessions and participants mentioned in the paper represented the number of online discussion sessions in each month and the total number of Reading Club members, respectively.
- 18.2 Regarding the Reading Programme for Children and Youth, LCSD said that the programme was designed for students to record their reading progress in a booklet distributed by LCSD. At the end of the year, the department would tally the results and issue certificates of appreciation to the participants as encouragement. LCSD also displayed students' book reports or reading reflections in the libraries. In addition, LCSD organised writing competitions, writing workshops and other promotional activities from time to time to encourage young people's participation and promote reading and cultural creation.
- 18.3 Regarding Storytelling for Children, LCSD said that the activity was mainly targeted

at kindergarten and lower primary level students. Tutors would tell stories to the children and lead them in activities such as role-playing and handicraft workshops. Storytelling for Children was generally conducted in Cantonese, while sessions held in English were territory-wide promotional activities in which Native-speaking English Teachers were referred by the Education Bureau to take up the role of tutors.

- 18.4 As a total of 11 different exhibitions were held in Kwun Tong District from September to November, LCSD would provide Members with details of the roving exhibitions held at Shun Lee Estate Public Library in October after the meeting.
- 18.5 Regarding Book Display, LCSD said that librarians would decide on the themes every month and display the selected books in areas with a higher flow of people within the libraries to arouse readers' interest in reading. Figures on the loans of books had been reported in the first meeting of the District Facilities and Works Committee.
- 18.6 Regarding whether the themes of Book Displays would align with the Government's future policies, LCSD said it would make timely adjustments when deciding on the themes, e.g. books related to the Olympics would be displayed during the Olympic Games. LCSD thanked Members for the suggestion to display books with the theme of environmental protection to raise public awareness on waste reduction and would consider displaying the relevant books in March and April.
- 18.7 LCSD had been committed to encouraging children to develop their reading habits at an early age. Readers of the libraries in Kwun Tong District were mainly children, with over 70% of the books borrowed from the three small libraries in Sau Mau Ping, Shun Lee Estate and Lei Yue Mun being children's books. Regarding the types of books preferred by young people, LCSD said that the annual ranking of the most borrowed books was uploaded to the website of the Hong Kong Public Libraries. Books including Jin Yong's martial arts novels and travel books were popular among young people.
- 18.8 Regarding the channels for publicising library activities, apart from putting up activity posters in libraries, LCSD would distribute leaflets to schools and non-profit-making organisations in the district. LCSD would also distribute leaflets to Members through the Secretariat by email and WhatsApp. LCSD would consider distributing leaflets to ACs and Care Teams to further enhance publicity in the future.

19. Members opined that holding attractive activities could help attract readers of different age groups and suggested that LCSD organise computer workshops in libraries to teach participants how

to use popular computer applications, such as ChatGPT and artificial intelligence drawing tools, etc.

20. The representative of LCSD expressed appreciation for and noted Members' suggestions, and said that LCSD would consider organising the relevant activities.

21. Members noted the paper.

IV. Any Other Business

22. Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong)1 (“ADO(KT)1”) said that the Chief Executive had announced on 9 January that to boost the local economy, each district would organise a series of activities under the theme of “Day x Night Vibes” from this month to May to showcase district characteristics, promote traditional culture, and foster a festive atmosphere. Apart from the previously mentioned “Kwun Tong Night Market in the Year of Dragon”, which would be organised later, the Kwun Tong District Office (“KTDO”) planned to organise a Lantern Festival Carnival for three consecutive days from 23 to 25 February this year, i.e. the 14th to the 16th days of the first month on the lunar calendar, at a location in Kwun Tong that had a high pedestrian flow to enhance the festivity of the Lunar New Year and the Lantern Festival. A wide range of performances, traditional activities and brand-new elements would be featured in the Carnival to provide holiday activities for the public, as well as to increase pedestrian flow and stimulate local spending. KTDO proposed to invite KTDC to be the co-organiser of the Lantern Festival Carnival and asked Members to consider and provide views on the proposal.

23. Members expressed full support for the activity and suggested that Members could dress up as historical figures during the event to enliven the festive mood. Members also enquired with KTDO about the preliminary site selection for the event.

24. ADO(KT)1 said that the venue of the event had not been finalised yet but said that it would be a location with a high pedestrian flow near the Kwun Tong MTR Station.

25. Members noted the relevant matters.

V. Date of Next Meeting

26. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 14 March 2024 (Thursday).

27. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 14 March 2024.

Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat

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