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**Minutes of the 10th Meeting of
Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee,
the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

Date: 15 July 2025 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:25 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 TAM Siu-cheuk (Chairman)	Mr HSU Yau-wai
Mr LAM Wai (Vice-chairman)	Mr CHAN Yiu-hung, Jimmy, MH
Mr YU Siu-lun	Mr TSANG Wing-fai
Mr YU Man, MH	Ms CHING Hoi-yan
Mr YU Ka-ming	Ms FENG Yunsi
Mr NG Ting-fung	Mr WONG Kai-san
Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia, MH	Mr LAU Kar-wah
Mr LEE Ka-hang	Mr CHENG Keung-fung
Mr FONG Yat-kwan	Mr LAI Wing-chun, MH
Mr LAM Fung, MH	Mr KAN Ming-tung, MH
Ms KAM Kin	Mr KWAN Kin-wing
Mr MA Yat-chiu, MH	Mr PANG Chi-sang
Mr CHEUNG Yiu-pan	Ms CHAN Ka-man (Co-opted Member)
Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong	Mr CAI Zi-liang (Co-opted Member)
Ms FU Pik-chun, MH	

In Attendance

Mr CHEUNG Ka-long, Kelvin	Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong)2
Mr CHOW Lap-kan, Douglas	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Kwun Tong District Office
Miss CHOW Tak-sum, Amy	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Kwun Tong District Office
Mr FUNG Chun-kin	Chief Health Inspector (Kwun Tong)1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms CHAU King-mui, Alice	Chief Health Inspector (Kwun Tong)2,

Mr HO Pok-man	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Kwun Tong 2,
Ms LEE Sin-ngai, Harriet	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)3,
Mr TANG Tsz-chun, Tommy	Environmental Protection Department Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)31,
Mr LAW Hang-kong	Environmental Protection Department Deputy District Leisure Manager (Kwun Tong)1,
Mr CHUNG Tak-yin	Leisure and Cultural Services Department Acting Housing Manager/Kowloon East 4, Housing Department

Secretary

Mr WONG King-yui, Bobby	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Kwun Tong District Office
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (“FEHC”) and government representatives to the 10th meeting of FEHC under the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council (“KTDC”).

I. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

2. Members had no further comments and the minutes of the 9th meeting were confirmed.

**II. Progress report on environmental hygiene issues by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
(KTDC FEHC Paper No. 15/2025)**

3. The representative of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) presented the paper.

4. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

4.1 Members enquired whether FEHD would assist in handling cases of shops occupying private premises.

- 4.2 Members expressed concern about how FEHD would deal with problems such as shopfront extensions by recycling shops, water dripping from air conditioners in public housing, and water seepage from building rooftops after the Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Ordinance 2025 (“the Amendment Ordinance”) came into effect.
 - 4.3 Members enquired under what circumstances FEHD would apply for an “entry warrant” to conduct water seepage investigations, and how long the application process would take.
 - 4.4 Members enquired about the difference between a “Nuisance Notice” and a “Nuisance Order”.
 - 4.5 Members pointed out that goods from online shopping self-pickup points had long been occupying public places. They urged FEHD to step up enforcement and promote the content of the Amendment Ordinance to shop operators.
 - 4.6 Members enquired about the definition of “garbage apartments” and asked how FEHD would handle related cases.
 - 4.7 Members suggested that FEHD make use of technology (such as closed-circuit television) to enhance enforcement efficiency, and strengthen community publicity and education work on the Amendment Ordinance.
 - 4.8 Members enquired whether FEHD would assist in dealing with vermin problems in private premises.
5. The representative of FEHD responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:
- 5.1 FEHD stated that the department would focus its enforcement efforts on cases where shops caused obstruction in public places, while cases involving shops occupying private premises would be referred to the relevant property management companies for follow-up.
 - 5.2 FEHD stated that if miscellaneous articles occupied public places, FEHD would request the owner to remove them as soon as possible, and the owner might be prosecuted in serious cases. Where the owner could not be identified, FEHD would attach a “Notice to Remove Obstruction” to the obstructing articles. If the articles were not removed within the specified time limit, FEHD was empowered to remove and detain them.

- 5.3 FEHD stated that recycling shops should operate within their shop premises and should not occupy public spaces. If a recycling shop persistently obstructed the street, FEHD would take action in accordance with the law.
- 5.4 FEHD stated that during an investigation into the source of water seepage, if the property owner did not cooperate, government officers would apply to the court for a warrant to enter the relevant premises for investigation. Upon obtaining the warrant, the officers would execute it to conduct tests and collect evidence at the premises suspected to have caused the seepage so as to identify the source of the seepage.
- 5.5 FEHD stated that after confirming the source of water seepage or dripping from an air conditioner, the department would issue a “Nuisance Notice” to the unit concerned, requiring the owner or occupier to abate the nuisance within a specified period. If the “Nuisance Notice” was not complied with, the Government could initiate prosecution or apply to the court for a “Nuisance Order”. Failure to comply with the “Nuisance Order” without reasonable excuse would constitute an offence.
- 5.6 FEHD stated that the penalty for failing to comply with a “Nuisance Order” was heavier than that for a “Nuisance Notice.”
- 5.7 FEHD stated that if the rooftop with water seepage was not privately owned by an individual owner, FEHD would request the owners’ corporation or management company of the property to address the issue.
- 5.8 FEHD stated that “garbage apartments” generally referred to private units or properties causing environmental hygiene nuisance (e.g. proliferation of pests, emission of foul odour or obstruction of common areas) due to the accumulation of a substantial amount of miscellaneous articles or refuse. If the unit was a public rental housing unit, the Housing Department or the Hong Kong Housing Society would handle the case in accordance with established procedures, such as issuing warning letters to the tenants concerned requiring them to make improvements.
- 5.9 FEHD noted Members’ suggestions on making good use of technology to assist in law enforcement and on strengthening publicity of the Amendment Ordinance.
- 5.10 FEHD stated that the Amendment Ordinance empowered its officers to directly take reasonable steps to destroy or remove vermin in private premises, and to recover the related expenses from the person-in-charge of the premises concerned.

6. The Chairman summarised Members' views and requested FEHD to organise and invite District Council Members to participate in the publicity and education activities for the Amendment Ordinance. In addition, the Chairman encouraged Members to report mosquito infestation blackspots in the district so that FEHD could arrange site inspections for Members.

7. Members noted the relevant matters.

III. Environmental Hygiene Problems in Kwun Tong District
(KTDC FEHC Paper No. 16/2025)

8. The Secretary presented the paper.

9. Members requested FEHD to pay attention to shopfront extension and environmental hygiene problems in the vicinity of Jade Field Garden on Ngau Tau Kok Road, and to step up inspections in the area.

10. Members noted the paper.

IV. Any Other Business

11. Members did not raise any other discussion items.

V. Date of Next Meeting

12. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 16 September 2025 (Tuesday).

13. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 16 September 2025.

Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat
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