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**Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of  
Youth Committee,  
the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

**Date:** 28 May 2024 (Tuesday)

**Time:** 2:30 p.m. – 3:01 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 CHENG Keung-fung (Chairman)	Ms LEUNG Sze-wan
Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang, MH (Vice-chairman)	Mr HSU Yau-wai
Mr YU Ka-ming	Mr LIN Ho-man, MH
Mr NG Sing-wah	Mr TSANG Wing-fai
Mr NG Ting-fung	Ms ZHAN Baoyu
Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia	Mr LAU Kar-wah
Mr LEE Ka-hang	Ms CHU Lok-wai
Mr FONG Yat-kwan	Mr TANG Wing-chun
Mr LAM Wai	Mr KWAN Kin-wing
Mr CHEUNG Yiu-pan	Mr PANG Chi-sang

**In Attendance**

Mr CHOW Lap-kan, Douglas	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Kwun Tong District Office
Mr FUNG Chi-man, Tom	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Kwun Tong District Office
Ms LAM Sau-wah	Police Community Relations Officer, Kwun Tong Police District, Hong Kong Police Force
Ms TANG Yin-mei	Assistant Police Community Relations Officer, Kwun Tong Police District, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr LAM Kwok-keung	Assistant Police Community Relations Officer, Sau Mau Ping Police District, Hong Kong Police Force



- 5.3 Members said that some schools arranged for newly-arrived students to undergo assessments within the school or at external organisations to understand their ability to articulate with the local curriculum. Hence, they asked whether EDB had set any assessment standards or relevant guidelines.
- 5.4 Members enquired about the definition of “returnee students”.
- 5.5 Members suggested that EDB set up an online system to show the vacant places in public sector schools and allow students in need to submit their admission applications through the system.
- 5.6 Members enquired whether schools could decide on their own whether to admit individual students in the middle of a school term and how EDB would ensure that every newly-arrived school-age child could successfully enrol in schools.

6. The representative of EDB responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

- 6.1 EDB would provide placement services for needy Secondary 1 to Secondary 3 students. Parents could apply for this service at the Regional Education Offices (“REOs”). As for Secondary 4 to Secondary 6 students, EDB would provide them with information about the vacancy situation of schools. Students and parents in need were welcomed to enquire with EDB.
- 6.2 EDB said that “returnee students” referred to students who had returned to settle in Hong Kong after having emigrated, while “immigrant students” referred to students who had moved to Kwun Tong District from other areas and were enrolled in public sector schools in the district.
- 6.3 EDB said that schools could decide whether or not to admit a student depending on the student’s interview performance.
- 6.4 EDB would respond to enquiries about information on new school premises and the reprovisioning of school premises, arrangements for academic ability assessments and how to ensure all newly-arrived children could successfully enrol in schools after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note:

Information on new school premises and the reprovisioning of school premises:

Construction works for the two new primary school premises had commenced in November 2021 (Hong Kong Taoist Association Wun Tsuen School) and January 2023 (Carmel Leung Sing Tak School) and were expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2024 and the fourth quarter of 2025, respectively. However, the actual completion dates depended on the progress of the construction works.

Arrangements for academic ability assessments:

Schools normally interviewed children applying for admission and assessed the appropriate grade for their enrollment.

How to ensure all newly-arrived children could successfully enrol in schools:

The four REOs operated by EDB, including Hong Kong, Kowloon, New Territories East and New Territories West, would provide placement services to newly-arrived children who required assistance. Parents of newly-arrived children could approach any of the REOs nearest to their living place direct to seek placement assistance services.

In addition, an information leaflet on Hong Kong's education system with a self-addressed business reply for newly-arrived students and their parents was available at the airport, Lo Wu Control Point, REOs of EDB and the 20 Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of the Home Affairs Department. Parents might fill in the particulars of their newly-arrived children requiring schooling and send the business replies to EDB. Upon receipt of the business replies, the Placement and Support Section of EDB would contact the parents concerned within three working days for placement assistance.)

7. The Chairman urged EDB to respond to Members' enquiries after the meeting and suggested that EDB publicize the vacancy situation of schools online every half a school term.

8. Members noted the paper.

**III. Report on Youth Crimes in Kwun Tong District in the First Quarter of 2024**  
**(KTDC YC Paper No. 2/2024)**

9. The representatives of Kwun Tong and Sau Mau Ping Police Districts of the Hong Kong Police Force ("HKPF") presented the paper.

10. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

10.1 Members suggested that HKPF clearly list the figures for various types of crimes and the total number of youth crimes last year in the paper, allowing Members to compare and analyse the situation of youth crimes in the district.

10.2 Members enquired about the details of various crime prevention work of HKPF, including the Junior Police Call (“JPC”).

11. The representative of HKPF responded that the cases involving juvenile offenders aged 10 to 15 in Kwun Tong Police District included serious assault, deception and sex crimes, while young offenders aged 16 to 20 were involved in deception, theft, serious assault, possession of drugs and unlawful gambling, with deception cases accounting for half of the total number of youth crimes. In Sau Mau Ping Police District, juvenile offenders aged 10 to 15 were involved in cases of indecent assault, battery, theft, criminal damage, and deception, while young offenders aged 16 to 20 were involved in cases of deception, unlawful assembly, blackmail, criminal intimidation, false instrument, theft and drug-related offences.

12. Members were concerned about the issue of drug abuse among youths and said that some university students had recently shared photos of cannabis use on social media platforms. Members were worried that this could create an undesirable trend and enquired how HKPF would follow up on similar incidents.

13. The representative of HKPF responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

13.1 Regarding crime prevention: HKPF launched a programme called “Y • KT Fight Crime” last year in collaboration with the Kwun Tong District Fight Crime Committee to enhance crime prevention and national security awareness among local youth through a series of activities. Additionally, HKPF would arrange for School Liaison Officers to organise talks at schools and had been working with various schools to organise promotional activities. For instance, “Decoding Criminal Investigation 3.0”, themed around bullying in schools, was organised this year to carry out publicity and education through role-playing. As for JPC, the police would instil law-abiding and national security awareness in young people through various sports activities and summer exchange programmes.

13.2 Regarding follow-up work: In addition to the Police Superintendent’s Discretion Scheme, HKPF also actively promoted cross-sector collaboration to provide support to

every young person involved in cases, as well as youth victims, as far as possible. This included referring cases to non-governmental organisations, such as the Hong Kong Playground Association, for further follow-up.

13.3 Regarding drug cases: HKPF said that not many young people in Kwun Tong District were arrested for drug-related offences. Members of the public were welcomed to inform the police at any time if they received any information related to drug-related crimes and the police would take immediate action.

14. The Chairman said that YC would be glad to assist in publicising the youth activities organised by HKPF.

15. Members noted the paper.

#### **IV. Any Other Business**

16. Members did not raise other items for discussion.

#### **V. Date of Next Meeting**

17. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 30 July 2024 (Tuesday).

18. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

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

**Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat**  
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