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**Minutes of the 4th Meeting of
Youth Committee,
the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

Date: 30 July 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:37 p.m. – 3:48 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)	Mr LIN Ho-man, MH
Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang, MH (Vice-chairman)	Ms ZHAN Baoyu
Mr YU Ka-ming	Mr LAU Kar-wah
Mr NG Sing-wah	Ms CHU Lok-wai
Mr NG Ting-fung	Mr TANG Wing-chun
Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia	Mr KWAN Kin-wing
Mr LEE Ka-hang	Mr PANG Chi-sang
Mr FONG Yat-kwan	Ms HUNG Kit-ying (Co-opted Member)
Mr LAM Wai	Mr LAW Kwok-ho (Co-opted Member)
Ms LEUNG Sze-wan	

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
Mr FUNG Chi-man, Tom	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Kwun Tong District Office
Ms HA Wai-yin, Frances	Senior School Development Officer (Kwun Tong)4, Education Bureau
Ms LO Yim-hung, Jada	Assistant 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

Ms LAM Shuk-wah, Amy Senior Community Relations Officer,
Independent Commission Against Corruption

In Attendance by Invitation

Ir LEUNG Man-ye, Mandy Chairman, Public Service Committee, **Item II**
Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Ir KWONG Hui-lok, Anthony Deputy Chairman, Public Service Committee cum
Convenor of the Working Group on Publicity Activities,
Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Ir FAN Kai-to, Jason Member, Public Service Committee,
Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Ir WONG Wai-shun, Wilson Member, Public Service Committee,
Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Ms LEUNG Ka-yan, Betsy Executive Manager - Media & External Affairs,
Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Ms QIU Zihang, Doris Corporate Communications Executive,
Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Secretary

Miss FUNG Siu-man, Alina Executive Officer (District Council)5,
Kwun Tong District Office

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members of the Youth Committee (“YC”) and government representatives to the 4th meeting of YC under the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council (“KTDC”). He extended a special welcome to the Co-opted Members, Ms HUNG Kit-ying and Mr LAW Kwok-ho, who attended the YC meeting for the first time.

2. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had not received any notice of absence from Members before the meeting.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

3. Members had no further comments and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

II. Visit of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (“HKIE”) to YC under KTDC

4. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of HKIE to the meeting.

5. The representative of HKIE introduced the work of the institution.

6. The Chairman hoped that HKIE would strengthen cooperation with YC in future by organising various activities in the district for young people aspiring to join the engineering profession.

7. Members enquired whether kindergartens, primary schools or secondary schools offered courses related to engineering.

8. The representative of HKIE responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

8.1 HKIE pointed out that its Working Group on Promotion to Schools currently had various educational and publicity plans, including collaboration with the Education Bureau (“EDB”) to gradually incorporate engineering elements of STEAM education into subject curricula.

8.2 HKIE stated that it would assist schools in overcoming teaching difficulties in engineering-related subjects. This included providing training for teachers, producing education kits to support teaching, and establishing connections with schools by pairing engineers with students interested in specific engineering disciplines to answer their questions about the future prospects or development of the field.

9. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

9.1 Members enquired whether HKIE could provide pro bono professional advice on engineering or construction, similar to free legal advice, for KTDC and DC members to address relevant questions from the public.

9.2 Members enquired about how long it generally took for university graduates to obtain engineering qualifications.

9.3 Members hoped that HKIE would further explain the system for reciprocal recognition of professional qualifications for engineers.

10. The representative of HKIE responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

10.1 Professional advice: HKIE had different specialised disciplines and divisions. If needed, HKIE's secretariat could be contacted through KTDC or the Kwun Tong District Office to arrange for engineers from the relevant specialised disciplines to provide appropriate advice.

10.2 Engineering qualifications: HKIE stated that the industry placed more emphasis on practical work experience. University graduates generally needed to acquire four to six years of relevant work experience to be eligible for HKIE's engineering qualifications. Additionally, HKIE also offered Scheme "A" Graduate Training to help graduates obtain engineering qualifications more quickly.

10.3 Reciprocal recognition system: HKIE stated that its engineering qualifications were widely recognised internationally, adding that it had signed reciprocal recognition agreements with engineering institutions or authorities in Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom, among other countries. Relevant details were available at the HKIE website.

11. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

11.1 Members enquired about the differences among engineers, architects and surveyors.

11.2 Members enquired whether undergraduate engineering students were required to first study general fundamental engineering courses before deciding on their majors.

11.3 Members enquired which engineering disciplines had better development prospects.

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

12.1 Differences among engineers, architects and surveyors: HKIE stated that during professional engineering qualification assessments, applicants were required to hold relevant engineering degrees recognised by HKIE. Taking the construction of a building as an example, HKIE explained the different roles of the above three types of professionals involved in a project: Engineers were responsible for mechanical calculations and detailed design, architects handled design and plan submissions, and

surveyors were in charge of estimating quantities and project costs.

12.2 University courses: Under the current four-year university programme, students generally took general engineering courses in their first year and then chose their engineering majors based on individual academic performance and interests.

12.3 Industry development: The Construction Industry Council envisaged steady development of the construction industry in the short, medium and long terms, anticipating that manpower demand would continue to rise with optimistic prospects for the industry.

13. The Chairman hoped that HKIE would maintain liaison and strengthen collaboration with KTDC and various youth groups in future.

III. Number of Children Referred to Public Sector Primary and Secondary Schools in Kwun Tong District Provided by EDB
(KTDC YC Paper No. 3/2024)

14. The representative of EDB presented the paper.

15. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

15.1 Members enquired whether schools could decide on their own to admit newly-arrived children and whether EDB would assist all newly-arrived school-age children in successfully enrolling in schools.

15.2 Members indicated that in the past two months, they had assisted four to five students in seeking placement assistance services from the Regional Education Office (“REO”) and successfully referred them to different schools. They did not understand why the number of referrals in the paper was recorded as zero “0”. Considering that new arrivals were not well-informed about the referral services, they asked EDB about the ways new arrivals could access relevant information and the related school places allocation procedures.

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

16.1 Schooling: The four REOs under EDB provided placement services for newly-arrived children in need. Parents could directly apply for these services at nearby REOs.

Additionally, newly-arrived children or their parents could obtain leaflets introducing Hong Kong's education system at the airport, Lo Wu Control Point, REOs of EDB or the 20 Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of the Home Affairs Department.

16.2 Number of referrals: EDB pointed out that as the school term was nearing its end, students generally needed to look for placements for the next academic year rather than for the current one, resulting in a referral number of "0".

17. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

17.1 Members enquired about the number of consultation cases related to the referral of students.

17.2 Members pointed out that many newly-arrived children needed to transfer schools and enquired whether EDB would proactively and specifically provide school information to the families concerned.

18. The representative of EDB responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

18.1 Number of cases: EDB stated that there was a considerable number of consultation and follow-up cases, but the exact figures could not be provided.

18.2 Referral information: The EDB website contained detailed information on education and support services available for newly-arrived children, as well as information on different schools.

19. The Chairman urged EDB to expedite the processing of referral cases in the new academic year and encouraged Members to continue collaborating with EDB in handling assistance cases.

20. Members noted the paper.

IV. Report on Youth Crimes in Kwun Tong District in the Second Quarter of 2024 (KTDC YC Paper No. 4/2024)

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

22. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

- 22.1 Members were concerned that criminals might take advantage of the summer vacation and exploit young people to commit crimes. Therefore, they enquired whether HKPF would organise corresponding activities to address the situation or provide Members with related information to support publicity efforts. Members urged HKPF to enhance publicity and education during the summer vacation to reduce and prevent juvenile delinquency.
 - 22.2 Members considered the consequences and penalties of drug-related crimes to be serious and suggested that HKPF step up efforts to prevent drug-related youth crimes.
 - 22.3 Members were concerned about the significant increase in youth crime figures and enquired whether HKPF had any relevant control measures or publicity and education activities to raise law-abiding awareness among youth.
 - 22.4 Members suggested that HKPF provide more detailed crime statistics in the paper for the next meeting so that they could compare and analyse the situation of youth crime in the district.
23. The representative of HKPF responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:
- 23.1 Crime prevention efforts: HKPF organised anti-crime seminars with DC Members from time to time and would strengthen publicity efforts during the summer vacation in collaboration with Care Teams to prevent young persons from being exploited by criminals to commit crimes. Additionally, before the summer vacation, the police held seminars on employment fraud at various schools in the district to strengthen anti-scam awareness among youth.
 - 23.2 Drug cases: HKPF stated that combating drugs had always been a key focus for the police. Apart from holding seminars and distributing pamphlets and souvenirs at schools, the police also publicised anti-drug messages to young people through interest classes and training camps organised by the Junior Police Call.
 - 23.3 Crime figures: HKPF clarified that the crime figures in the paper represented the number of individuals arrested for crimes rather than the number of cases. Some cases involved multiple youths; for example, a blackmail case involved three 15-year-olds, while another school conflict case involved five to six young persons, making the number appear significantly higher. The police would continue to publicise anti-crime messages through channels such as the Junior Police Call, collaboration with DC

members, and organising seminars and activities.

23.4 Provision of more detailed crime figures: HKPF would supplement the figures for different types of cases at the next meeting.

24. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

24.1 Members enquired whether the main type of deception cases were monetary or emotional scams.

24.2 Members suggested that HKPF collaborate with the Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office of the Department of Health and the Customs and Excise Department to strengthen publicity to curb the widespread use of traditional tobacco and electronic cigarettes among youth.

24.3 Members enquired about the number of crimes committed unwittingly and the types of such crimes, expressing hope that HKPF would take targeted preventive measures against these crimes.

25. The representative of HKPF responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

25.1 Deception cases: HKPF stated that most deception cases for this quarter were related to lending or selling bank accounts to fraud syndicates for illegal purposes. In contrast, deception cases involving emotional scams were less prevalent.

25.2 Unwitting commitment of crimes: HKPF indicated that the case figures in the paper represented the number of individuals arrested for crimes, which could not reflect whether the youth involved committed crimes wittingly or unwittingly. The reasons for committing crimes would only be recorded in police documents following the judge's judgment.

26. The Chairman reiterated the hope that HKPF would include detailed data on the types of youth crimes in the district in the paper for the next meeting.

27. Members noted the paper.

V. Any Other Business

28. Members did not raise other items for discussion.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

29. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 2 October 2024 (Wednesday).

30. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 2 October 2024.

Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat
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