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**Minutes of the 5th Meeting of
Youth Committee,
the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

Date: 2 October 2024 (Wednesday)

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:55 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

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| 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

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| 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 LAU King-wai, Phyllis | Liaison Officer-in-charge (Youth Development), Kwun Tong District Office |
| Ms LEE Wai-Leng, Dorothy | Senior School Development Officer (Kwun Tong)1, Education Bureau |
| Ms LAM Sau-wah | Police Community Relations Officer, Kwun Tong Police District, Hong Kong Police Force |

4. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Jockey Club Lok Wah Integrated Social Service Centre ("Social Service Centre") to the meeting.

5. The representative of the Social Service Centre introduced two activity programmes: the Campus Peer Mediation Programme ("Mediation Programme") and the Art and Volunteer Youth Development Programme ("Development Programme").

6. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

6.1 Members suggested that the Social Service Centre and schools invite students with experiences of bullying or being bullied to participate in the mediation programme, thereby teaching them positive values and tackling the bullying problem at its root.

6.2 Members pointed out that general mediators were usually required to complete a 40-hour training course, and therefore believed that the nine-hour training provided by the mediation programme was insufficient. Members added that mediators must remain neutral and impartial during the mediation process, and felt that students might not be suitable to serve as mediators.

6.3 Members enquired whether the Government only subsidised CCC Kei Chi Secondary School to participate in the mediation programme and whether the Government would subsidise other schools to participate if the programme was successful. Members also enquired about how the Social Service Centre would select students to participate in the programme and the ages of the participants.

7. The representative of the Social Service Centre responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

7.1 The Social Service Centre stated that the mediation programme was introductory in nature, and aimed at introducing students to the culture of mediation and promoting a harmonious school atmosphere. The total duration of the activity was 27.5 hours.

7.2 The Social Service Centre mentioned that the school would select students who were interested in understanding and promoting the culture of mediation to participate in the programme. The participants were mainly Secondary 3 to 4 students, with some being prefects. To avoid triggering unpleasant memories, the school would choose students who had not experienced trauma or incidents related to bullying to participate in the mediation programme.

7.3 The Social Service Centre indicated that the mediation programme only subsidised the participation of CCC Kei Chi Secondary School. If the outcome of the programme was satisfactory, the Social Service Centre would consider applying for funding again from the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) to expand the programme to other schools in Kwun Tong District.

8. Members raised views and enquires as follows:

8.1 Members suggested that the Social Service Centre review the target group of the mediation programme to ensure that the programme genuinely helped improve the situation of bullying in schools.

8.2 Members stated that the situations in various communities in Kwun Tong District were different and enquired whether the development programme of the Social Service Centre was designed solely for the youth of Lok Wah Estate. They also enquired how the development programme would cater to the development needs of young people in different communities.

8.3 Members pointed out that handling cases of school bullying was generally more difficult and time-intensive, and enquired how the school-based social workers from the Social Service Centre would help bullies understand the seriousness of their behaviour.

8.4 Members remarked that many victims of bullying felt distressed due to a lack of understanding from the adults around them. Therefore, they believed that there was an even greater need for parents and teachers to learn mediation skills to provide appropriate assistance to bullied victims.

9. The representative of the Social Service Centre responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

9.1 The Social Service Centre stated that the mediation programme aimed to collaborate with schools to reduce school bullying. If bullying incidents were discovered during the implementation of the programme, the Social Service Centre would maintain close liaison with schools and discuss handling measures with parents, teachers, and principals. When handling such cases, the centre would also respect the wishes of bullied victims.

9.2 The Social Service Centre indicated that the development programme was not limited to the youth of Lok Wah Estate and welcomed all young people from Kwun Tong District to participate.

10. The Chairman thanked the representatives of the Social Service Centre for attending the meeting and indicated that Members were very concerned about the issue of school bullying, hoping that HAD would allocate more funding to support similar programmes.

11. Members noted the agenda item.

III. Report on Activity by Kwun Tong Youth Network “Youth Pi @ Kwun Tong” – “Life Planning and Internship Programme 2024”

12. The representative of KTDO reported on the “Life Planning and Internship Programme 2024”.

13. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

13.1 Members suggested that in addition to large organisations and enterprises, KTDO could consider including small shops in the programme to provide young people with more diverse work experience opportunities.

13.2 Members recommended that KTDO hold seminars on civil service positions to introduce different career choices to young people and deepen their understanding of various grades in the Government.

13.3 Members suggested that KTDO hold more events related to entrepreneurship and the innovative technology industry in the future.

14. The representative of KTDO responded to Members’ views and enquires as follows:

14.1 Diverse work experience opportunities: KTDO indicated that it would consider including different sectors, such as small shops and innovative technology, in the programme, and would provide young people with training in creative media production through the “Photography and Video-shooting Workshop”.

14.2 Civil service positions: KTDO expressed its ongoing desire to help young people understand civil service positions. On 12 July this year, it arranged for members of

“Youth Pi @ Kwun Tong” to visit the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Base of the Customs Canine Force and the World Customs Organization Regional Dog Training Centre. KTDO also arranged for these members to participate in a two-day job shadowing programme at its office to help them gain a better understanding of the operations of both KTDO and KTDC. KTDO would consider organising more activities in the future to allow young people to experience the work of different civil service grades.

15. The Vice-chairman hoped that KTDO would continue to organise the programme and expected more support from enterprises. The Vice-chairman also encouraged Members to recommend suitable enterprises to KTDO for participation in the programme so that young people could gain a deeper understanding of different industries.

16. The Chairman called on Members to continue supporting and promoting the programme.

17. Members noted the agenda item.

IV. Number of Children Referred to Public Sector Primary and Secondary Schools in Kwun Tong District Provided by the Education Bureau
(KTDC YC Paper No. 5/2024)

18. The representative of the Education Bureau (“EDB”) presented the paper.

19. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

19.1 Members enquired whether EDB could provide the number of applications for referral services and the number of successful referrals to public sector primary and secondary schools in Kwun Tong District.

19.2 Members enquired about how many students had been referred by EDB from public sector primary and secondary schools in Kwun Tong District to schools in other districts.

19.3 Members enquired whether EDB would assist in referring students to other schools if they found their current schools unsatisfactory, and how many times such referral services would be provided.

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

20.1 Referral figures: EDB stated that the figures in the paper represented the number of cases handled by the bureau, not the number of successful referrals. However, the bureau would continuously assist students until they secured school places. Therefore, except for individual students who could not be contacted, most referral cases were successful.

20.2 Number of students transferring to schools in other districts: EDB indicated that students generally did not go through the bureau for school transfers, and hence could not provide the relevant numbers.

20.3 Number of referrals: EDB stated that it would continuously provide referral services for students aged 6 to 15 until they successfully enrolled in primary and secondary schools in Kwun Tong District

21. Members noted the paper.

**V. Report on Youth Crimes in Kwun Tong District from July to August 2024
(KTDC YC Paper No. 6/2024)**

22. The representatives of both the Kwun Tong Police District and the Sau Mau Ping Police District of the Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”) presented the paper.

23. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

23.1 Members pointed out that the crime figures for the Sau Mau Ping Police District were particularly high from July to August 2023 and enquired about the cases during that period.

23.2 Members enquired about the roles of youths arrested in deception cases.

23.3 Members indicated that there had been ongoing drug trafficking issues in Sze Shun and invited HKPF to provide details of two drug trafficking cases in the Sau Mau Ping Police District.

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

24.1 Crime figures from July to August 2023: The Sau Mau Ping Police District of HKPF

stated that it would respond to Members after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The Sau Mau Ping Police District of HKPF responded to Members after the meeting.)

24.2 Roles in deception cases: HKPF explained that arrested youths were mainly responsible for collecting money from victims, and some of the arrested individuals had used other people's identity cards to open bank accounts.

24.3 Youth drug trafficking cases: The Sau Mau Ping Police District of HKPF elaborated that a male and a female, aged 18 and 17 respectively, were arrested at Ho King Industrial Building, 9 Tai Yip Street, Kwun Tong, on 19 August this year.

25. Members noted the paper.

VI. Any Other Business

26. The Chairman and the representative of KTDO introduced the youth mobile application "HKYouth+", launched by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau ("HYAB"), and requested Members to assist in promoting and encouraging young people to use the application.

27. Members suggested that HYAB allow other organisations to promote government-funded programmes and activities through HKYouth+ to create synergy.

28. KTDO stated that it would convey Members' views and enquiries to HYAB.

(Post-meeting note: HYAB noted Members' views on HKYouth+ and would continue to actively promote HKYouth+, including uploading more government-funded youth programmes and activities.)

VII. Date of Next Meeting

29. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 3 December 2024 (Tuesday).

30. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 3 December 2024.

Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat
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