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**Minutes of the 6th Meeting of
Youth Committee,
the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

Date: 3 December 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:32 p.m. – 3:56 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 LIN Ho-man, MH
Mr YU Ka-ming	Ms ZHAN Baoyu
Mr NG Sing-wah	Mr LAU Kar-wah
Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia	Mr TANG Wing-chun
Mr LEE Ka-hang	Mr KWAN Kin-wing
Mr FONG Yat-kwan	Mr PANG Chi-sang
Mr LAM Wai	Ms HUNG Kit-ying (Co-opted member)

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 LEE Wai-leng, Dorothy	Senior School Development Officer (Kwun Tong)1, Education Bureau
Ms CHEUNG Ho-ting	School Development Officer (Kwun Tong)11, Education Bureau
Ms LAM Sau-wah	Police Community Relations Officer, Kwun Tong Police District, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHOW Kin-on	Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Police Community Relations Office, Kwun Tong Police District, Hong Kong Police Force

Mr TAM Man-hoi 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

Secretary

Mr POON Tsz-chun, Edmund Executive Officer (District Council)5,
Kwun Tong District Office

In Attendance by Invitation

Mr TONG Yung-kwai, Nathan Principal Programme Secretary,
Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Lam Tin Centre

Ms LAI Chun Assistant Principal Programme Secretary,
Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Lam Tin Centre

Ms MOK Hoi-ki Assistant Programme Secretary,
Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Lam Tin Centre

Item II

Absent

Mr NG Ting-fung
Mr LAW Kwok-ho (Co-opted member)

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members of the Youth Committee (“YC”) and government representatives to the 6th meeting of YC under the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council (“KTDC”).

2. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received notices of absence from Mr NG Ting-fung and Mr LAW Kwok-ho before the meeting. YC consented to the above two applications for absence due to their compliance with Order 64 (1) of the Kwun Tong District Council Standing Orders.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

3. The Secretariat had earlier circulated the draft minutes of the last meeting to all Members. Members had not raised any other comments before and during the meeting. The minutes of the 5th meeting were confirmed.

II. Introduction to Activities of Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Lam Tin Centre

4. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Lam Tin Centre (“Lam Tin Centre”) to the meeting.

5. The representative of the Lam Tin Centre introduced five district youth activities organised by the Centre, namely “Caring Hearts for the Deaf”, “Proud. Art Exchange”, “Outdoor Adventure Training”, “Dancing in Lam Tin”, and “Whispers of Happiness” (in Chinese, “童心聾感共融”, “Proud · 藝交流”, “童歷同樂野外訓練”, “舞動藍田” and “幸福微語”).

6. The Chairman asked how the Lam Tin Centre recruited participants for its activities.

7. The representative of the Lam Tin Centre explained that the Centre mainly promoted its activities through posters and social media. In addition, it proactively invited youths to participate in its activities and also recruited participants through schools.

8. Members enquired whether the Lam Tin Centre would continue to offer the “Dancing in Lam Tin” course. They also expressed interest in the performance opportunities for participants, hoping to enjoy their performances in the future.

9. The representative of the Lam Tin Centre responded that the instructor for “Dancing in Lam Tin” was willing to continue teaching, and the course was therefore expected to resume in January next year. The Centre would also consider arranging for participants to perform at various venues in Kwun Tong District.

10. Members noted the agenda item.

III. Briefing on Student Mental Health Support by the Education Bureau (“EDB”)

11. The representative of EDB briefed Members on student mental health support services.

12. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

12.1 Members enquired whether EDB could provide statistics on student mental health help-seeking cases and share case examples with Members.

12.2 Members enquired how EDB supported students who skipped school due to academic pressure.

12.3 Members suggested that EDB promote student mental health support to students and parents in formats other than reports.

12.4 Members suggested that EDB share case examples with parents to help them better understand their children's needs.

13. The representative of EDB responded that student mental health cases involved personal privacy issues and therefore could not be disclosed. Regarding individual cases and support for communication between parents and schools in the district, the representative of EDB said that parents could contact the Kwun Tong District School Development Section of EDB for enquiries. Parents could also visit the "Mental Health @ School" website to access resources related to student mental health. EDB would continue to promote student mental health support in schools and enhance parents' awareness of the relevant support services.

14. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

14.1 Members noted that some parents had demanding work schedules and enquired about the measures or channels EDB had in place to facilitate communication between parents and school-based educational psychologists or school social workers.

14.2 Members enquired about the details of the Three-tier Emergency Mechanism ("Emergency Mechanism"), including the composition of the schools' multi-disciplinary team at the first-tier mechanism, and the referral process and time required under the second-tier. Members also asked what measures EDB had in place to reduce teachers' workload.

14.3 Members requested EDB to provide statistics on student mental health help-seeking cases.

14.4 Members enquired whether EDB could provide Members with the presentation materials and a sample of the Mental Health Literacy Resource Package ("the Resource Package").

15. The Chairman considered peer support to be crucial for student mental health and suggested that EDB strengthen education for students under the first-tier mechanism to make it more comprehensive.

16. The representative of EDB responded to Members' views and enquires as follows:
- 16.1 Provision of the Resource Package: The representative of EDB indicated that the Resource Package included teaching materials such as worksheets and presentation slides. EDB would explore whether the relevant materials could be provided to Members.
- (Post-meeting note: The representative of EDB provided information on the Resource Package to Members after the meeting.)
- 16.2 Provision of presentation materials: The representative of EDB stated that the presentation materials could be provided to Members after the meeting.
- (Post-meeting note: The Secretariat forwarded the presentation materials provided by EDB to Members after the meeting.)
- 16.3 Facilitating communication: The representative of EDB pointed out that home-school cooperation was very important and encouraged parents to take the initiative in contacting schools, expressing confidence that schools would do their utmost to provide assistance.
- 16.4 Emergency Mechanism: The representative of EDB indicated that schools' multi-disciplinary teams mainly consisted of guidance masters/mistresses, school social workers and school-based educational psychologists.
- 16.5 Workload of teachers: EDB was implementing the "One Executive Officer for Each School" policy to strengthen administrative support for schools and reduce teachers' administrative duties.
- 16.6 Resources: EDB updated the scope of the Life-wide Learning Grant in September this year, which included encouraging schools to use the grant to organise activities that promoted student mental health.
17. Members noted the agenda item.

IV. Number of Children Referred to Public Sector Primary and Secondary Schools in Kwun Tong District Provided by EDB

(KTDC YC Paper No. 7/2024)

18. The representative of EDB presented the paper.
19. Members wished to understand the general procedures and time required for school transfers and enquired about the channels for obtaining information about referral services.
20. The representative of EDB responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:
 - 20.1 School transfer procedures: If a student was already enrolled in a school but wished to transfer to another school due to personal reasons, EDB would provide information on remaining school places to the student and their parents upon receiving the documents provided by the student. Parents could arrange for their child to apply to their preferred school based on the information.
 - 20.2 Referral services: EDB provided referral services for students aged 6 to 15 until they successfully secured a school place.
 - 20.3 Obtaining referral service information: The four Regional Education Offices ("REOs") under EDB provided assistance to newly-arrived children in need. 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 and the 20 Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of the Home Affairs Department.
21. Members noted the paper.

**V. Report on Youth Crimes in Kwun Tong District from September to October 2024
(KTDC YC Paper No. 8/2024)**

22. 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.
23. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:
 - 23.1 Members expressed concern about the issue of youth abusing "etomidate" (commonly known as "space oil") and enquired HKPF about the situation in Kwun Tong District.
 - 23.2 Members provided feedback on the police's patrol operations in housing estates.

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

24.1 "Etomidate": The representative of HKPF said that no arrests related to "space oil" cases had been made in Kwun Tong District so far. The Kwun Tong Police District and Sau Mau Ping Police District of HKPF collaborated with the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau to enhance publicity and education on the harmful effects of "space oil". This included organising seminars in local schools and presenting and discussing related efforts at the Kwun Tong District Fight Crime Committee. In addition, the representative of HKPF stated that the Government planned to amend the law in the first quarter of 2025 to include "etomidate" in Part I of the First Schedule to the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Cap. 134).

24.2 Patrol operations in housing estates: The Sau Mau Ping Police District of HKPF noted Members' feedback.

25. Members noted the paper.

VI. Any Other Business

26. The Chairman introduced Phase 8 of the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth and invited Members to help promote the scheme and encourage young people interested in serving the community to submit applications.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

27. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 24 January 2025 (Friday).

28. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 24 January 2025.

Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat
January 2025