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**Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the
7th Term Kwun Tong District Council (Full Council)**

Date: 6 January 2025 (Monday)

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:48 p.m.

**Venue: Conference Room, Kwun Tong District Office,
Unit 05-07, 20/F, Millennium City 6, 392 Kwun Tong Road,
Kwun Tong, Kowloon**

Chairman

Mr HO Lap-ki, Denny, JP

Members

Mr YU Siu-lun

Mr YU Ka-ming

Mr NG Sing-wah

Mr NG Ting-fung

Mr LUI Tung-hai, MH

Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia

Mr LEE Ka-hang

Mr FONG Yat-kwan

Mr LAM Fung, MH

Mr LAM Wai

Ms KAM Kin

Mr OR Chong-shing, Wilson, MH

Mr HUNG Kam-in, MH

Mr MA Yat-chiu, MH

Mr CHEUNG Yiu-pan

Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong

Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang, MH

Ms LEUNG Sze-wan

Ms FU Pik-chun, MH

Mr HSU Yau-wai

Mr LIN Ho-man, MH

Mr CHAN Yiu-hung, Jimmy, MH

Mr TSANG Wing-fai

Ms CHING Hoi-yan

Ms FENG Yunsi

Mr WONG Chun-ping, MH, JP

Mr WONG Kai-san

Ms YU Juliana

Ms ZHAN Baoyu

Mr LAU Kar-wah

Mr AU YEUNG Kwan-nok

Ms CHU Lok-wai

Mr TANG Wing-chun

Mr CHENG Keung-fung

Mr LAI Wing-chun, MH

Mr KAN Ming-tung, MH

Mr TAM Siu-cheuk

Mr KWAN Kin-wing

Mr PANG Chi-sang

In attendance

Ms CHAN Wai-chun, Regina

Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong)1

Mr CHEUNG Ka-long, Kelvin

Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong)2

Ms CHIN Tsang-lo, Jennifer	District Commander (Kwun Tong), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms TSE Tsui-yan	District Commander (Sau Mau Ping), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms LAM Sau-wah	Police Community Relations Officer, Kwun Tong District, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr TAM Man-hoi	Police Community Relations Officer, Sau Mau Ping District, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr LEE Ming-keung, Marco	Chief Engineer/East 2, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr LING Wai-kit, Ricky	Chief Manager/Management (Kowloon East), Housing Department
Mr LIU Kin-wai, Rick	Chief Transport Officer/Kowloon 2, Transport Department
Ms LAW Kit-nor	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kwun Tong), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr LEUNG Po-wah, Taddy	District Social Welfare Officer (Kwun Tong), Social Welfare Department
Ms CHEUNG Yee-mei, May	Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms NG Kin-ching	District Leisure Manager (Kwun Tong), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms SIU Sau-king, Michelle	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kwun Tong, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss CHOW Tak-sum, Amy	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Kwun Tong District Office
Mr FUNG Chi-man, Tom	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Kwun Tong District Office
Miss YIK Wai-sze, Cecilia	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Kwun Tong District Office
Mr TANG Chun-ming	Senior Liaison Officer (3), Kwun Tong District Office
Ms IP Yuk-mei, Eunice	Senior Liaison Officer (4), Kwun Tong District Office
Ms HUI Po-yu, Bowie	Executive Officer I (District Council), Kwun Tong District Office

Secretary

Mr CHOW Lap-kan, Douglas Senior Executive Officer (District Council),
Kwun Tong District Office

In Attendance by Invitation

Dr CHOW Po-ling, Paulina	Chief Manager (Planning and Commissioning), Kowloon Central Cluster	Item II
Mr Matthew CHENG	Senior Project Manager, Hospital Authority	
Mr HSIE Kwun-kuen, Joe	Senior Engineer/Walkability, Transport Department	Item III & IV
Miss LAM Wing-ching, Larissa	Engineer/Walkability, Transport Department	
Ms NG Ka-wai, Annisa	Senior Engineer/Works, Highways Department	
Mr CHANG Wai-kwai	Engineer/Land Sharing Pilot Scheme 1-2, Highways Department	

Absent

Mr YU Man, MH

The Chairman welcomed all Members and government representatives to the 7th Full Council (“FC”) meeting under the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council (“KTDC”).

2. The Chairman stated that the Secretariat had received a notice of absence from Mr YU Man before the meeting. As Mr YU’s application was in compliance with Order 64(1) of the Kwun Tong District Council Standing Orders, the meeting consented to the above application for absence.

Item I — Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

3. The minutes of the 6th meeting were confirmed without amendment.

Item II — Progress Update on New Acute Hospital in Kai Tak Development Area (KTDC Paper No. 1/2025)

4. The Chairman welcomed Chief Manager (Planning and Commissioning) of the Kowloon

Central Cluster (“KCC”) and Senior Project Manager of the Hospital Authority (“HA”) to report to KTDC on the construction progress of a new acute hospital (“NAH”) in the Kai Tak Development Area.

5. The representatives of KCC and HA presented the paper.

6. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

6.1 Ms YU Juliana enquired whether NAH, in addition to receiving patients of specialist out-patient clinics (“SOPCs”) from Queen Elizabeth Hospital (“QEH”), would also accept SOPC patients from other hospitals, such as United Christian Hospital (“UCH”). She also asked if NAH had measures in place to shorten the waiting time for follow-up consultations or SOPC services. Furthermore, she suggested that NAH enhance its telephone enquiry services and increase manpower to handle calls in order to better serve the elderly in the district.

6.2 Mr CHEUNG Yiu-pan learnt that HA used a smart system to facilitate patient queuing for consultations, which was applicable not only to NAH but also to other hospitals under its management. He suggested that HA review and enhance the relevant smart system upon the opening of NAH. Additionally, he enquired whether residents of the Kwun Tong West area requiring emergency ambulance services would be transported to the nearby NAH for treatment.

6.3 Ms CHU Lok-wai enquired whether NAH would initially accept new cases only from residents of Kowloon.

6.4 Mr LAM Wai enquired whether HA would recruit new staff or redeploy healthcare staff from other hospitals to provide healthcare services at NAH. Additionally, he mentioned that there was currently a green minibus (“GMB”) route plying between Sau Mau Ping and Hong Kong Children’s Hospital (“HKCH”) next to NAH. However, the drop-off point at HKCH was not close to NAH. Therefore, he suggested adding public transport routes with a drop-off point near or within NAH to facilitate members of the public in seeking medical consultations or visiting patients.

6.5 Mr LEE Ka-hang expressed concern about the ancillary transport facilities for NAH and enquired whether the Transport Department (“TD”) had provided public transport services connecting NAH to MTR stations. Additionally, he was also concerned about the pedestrian connectivity of NAH. He mentioned that members of the public had to

pass through a complex network of roads in the industrial and business area when heading to NAH. Therefore, he suggested that TD install clear road signs near NAH to help the public identify the routes to NAH more easily.

- 6.6 Mr TSANG Wing-fai enquired whether barrier-free feeder services would be provided at the same time when NAH was commissioned, so as to facilitate travel for persons with disabilities living in the uphill areas of Kwun Tong to and from NAH. Besides, he hoped that the queuing time for healthcare services (especially specialist services) would be shortened after the opening of NAH.
- 6.7 Mr FONG Yat-kwan enquired whether NAH would launch a more advanced mobile application to facilitate the public in making appointments and queuing for consultations. If so, he hoped that HA would provide relevant information to KTDC and local organisations, so that they could introduce and promote it to residents.
- 6.8 Mr TAM Siu-cheuk was concerned about whether the Accident and Emergency (“A&E”) services of NAH would cover the Kwun Tong West area. Furthermore, he mentioned that NAH was located near the Kwun Tong West area and therefore hoped that the hospital could arrange to hold activities such as seminars or exhibitions in the Kwun Tong West area to introduce its services to the residents there. On the other hand, he pointed out that the MTR stations closer to NAH, including Kowloon Bay Station and Choi Hung Station, might not have available space to add public transport routes connecting to NAH. Therefore, he hoped that NAH would promptly discuss with TD how to add public transport routes connecting the MTR stations to NAH.
- 6.9 Mr WONG Kai-san enquired about how NAH would shorten the waiting time for patients seeking consultations after its commissioning. Additionally, he mentioned that there were currently two GMB routes connecting to HKCH, adjacent to NAH, but not all residents in Kwun Tong District could take these two routes from their homes to NAH. Therefore, he hoped that the service efficiency of these GMB routes could be enhanced to cover more locations in Kwun Tong District.
- 6.10 Mr Wilson OR enquired about how NAH, after its commissioning, would reduce the waiting time for SOPC services and whether it could only benefit residents in KCC. Besides, he wanted to know how NAH would leverage information technology to enhance its services and how it would arrange adequate healthcare staffing to provide services, such as by redeploying staff from QEH to NAH or by recruiting new staff. On another note, he indicated that NAH was not conveniently located and expressed

concern about whether the connecting footbridge could be put into service in 2026, coinciding with NAH's opening, to facilitate pedestrian access to the hospital. He also enquired about how TD would plan more public transport routes to carry members of the public to and from NAH. Furthermore, he wanted to learn about the future development plans for QEH.

6.11 Mr KAN Ming-tung was concerned about the ancillary transport facilities for NAH and wanted to learn about how TD would plan the roads near NAH to enhance its accessibility.

7. The consolidated response from the representative of KCC was as follows:

7.1 Healthcare services provided by NAH: Upon its completion, NAH could provide services, such as an A&E department, a community health centre and SOPCs, to the residents in the vicinity.

7.2 Expansion of SOPC services: HA had consistently followed an established mechanism for resource allocation and service enhancement. It would project the corresponding service demands based on the population in each district, review the utilisation of existing services in the district and accommodate the Government's development direction before allocating resources to add new services. NAH would increase SOPC services, including adding more sessions for new SOPC cases. Further expansion of services would be reviewed based on the above established mechanism and relevant indicators.

7.3 Enquiry hotline: With the relocation of QEH to NAH, a telephone hotline would be provided to answer public enquiries.

7.4 Smart systems: NAH would adopt various smart systems to enhance its services. For instance, smart toilets would be installed in the hospital. Furthermore, smart equipment would be added in the wards to assist healthcare staff in monitoring patients' vital signs. On the other hand, HA would continuously enhance the mobile application "HA Go" for the convenience of the public. Currently, members of the public were able to use HA Go to make appointments for general out-patient clinic services, check the queue status while waiting for consultations, pay out-patient consultation and medication fees, and access some laboratory reports, prescription records and medication information. HA was pleased to see that many patients and carers had downloaded HA Go and registered as members, hoping that the mobile

application could provide convenience to more members of the public.

7.5 Healthcare staffing arrangements: Recruitment, training and retention of talent had been an important programme area for HA. Relevant work had been continuously carried out, such as recruiting non-locally trained healthcare professionals and strengthening training to cultivate more talent to meet the public healthcare demand. HA would review the overall healthcare staffing and, if necessary, flexibly redeploy manpower among clusters and hospitals to meet the healthcare service demands of different districts.

7.6 A&E services: KCC had been in discussion with the Fire Services Department on how to plan ambulances and ambulance services for NAH. It would define the service scope of ambulances based on the established principles, such as ensuring the service area was within a reasonable distance from the A&E department. Meanwhile, it would also review the service scope and utilisation rates of other nearby A&E departments to better utilise resources and achieve greater synergy. Once a concrete plan was in place, KCC would report to KTDC.

7.7 Barrier-free facilities: KCC stated that NAH would offer barrier-free facilities to facilitate members of the public in need to use public transport services to reach NAH.

7.8 Development plans for QEH: The Health Bureau and HA were currently reviewing the Second Ten-year Hospital Development Plan (“HDP”) in accordance with future territory-wide planning, anticipated population growth, population distribution and projected healthcare service demand. The review included exploring potential uses for the site vacated after the relocation of QEH from King’s Park. Once the Second Ten-year HDP was finalised, the Government would unveil the subsequent development blueprint altogether.

8. The consolidated response from the representative of TD was as follows:

8.1 Public transport services connecting to MTR stations: TD indicated that several bus and GMB routes had been arranged to connect HKCH and the adjacent soon-to-be-completed NAH to nearby MTR stations, including Yau Tong Station, Kwun Tong Station, Ngau Tau Kok Station, Kowloon Bay Station, and Kai Tak Station. In the light of current passenger demand, the frequency of these routes was not very high, with some routes operating approximately every 20 to 30 minutes. The department had maintained communication with the relevant bus companies and GMB operators

to review the demand and operations of these routes. Many operators expressed their willingness to enhance services when demand increased at a later stage.

8.2 Public transport services connecting to other areas in Kwun Tong: TD stated that not only did the current bus and GMB services to HKCH connect the hospital to various MTR stations in Kwun Tong District, but some individual routes also passed through other locations in the district. For instance, GMB route no. 90B could connect the above hospital to the Sau Mau Ping area, while Citybus route no. 22M passed through the Kwun Tong West area, such as Richland Gardens and Kai Yip Estate. The department would continue to explore the introduction of more public transport routes to serve NAH and would communicate with KTDC members about relevant proposals in due course.

8.3 Rehabus services: TD indicated that there were currently Rehabuses to and from HKCH. The department would actively explore the arrangements for the provision of Rehabus services to NAH.

9. The meeting noted the paper.

Item III – Provision of Cover to Walkway (First Round) **(KTDC Paper No. 2/2025)**

10. The Chairman welcomed Senior Engineer/Walkability and Engineer/Walkability of TD and Senior Engineer/Works and Engineer/Land Sharing Pilot Scheme 1-2 of the Highways Department (“HyD”) to the meeting to assist in the discussion of Agenda Item III, Provision of Cover to Walkway (First Round) (“first-round scheme”), and Item IV, Provision of Cover to Walkway (New Round) (“new-round scheme”).

11. The representatives of TD and HyD presented the paper.

12. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

12.1 Mr LUI Tung-hai stated that based on his observations, the pedestrian flow along the walkway covered by the original proposal was not high. Moreover, the provision of a cover there might lead to security issues. Therefore, he suggested adopting the second option of Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station.

- 12.2 Mr TAM Siu-cheuk mentioned that KTDC had discussed the original proposal a few years ago and learnt that providing a cover to the walkway there might cause security issues. He agreed that the feasibility of the original proposal was not high and hoped that TD could roll out the second option as soon as possible.
- 12.3 Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong indicated that the pedestrian flow at Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station was relatively high, and therefore agreed that the second option should be adopted. He hoped that the relevant works could commence as soon as possible.
- 12.4 Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang pointed out that the covered walkway proposed in the original proposal was not long and had a gap in the middle, which was of little practical use for the convenience of residents. He agreed to adopt the second option and suggested that, in addition to providing a cover to the walkway connecting Exit A of Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station to the railway bridge, consideration could be given to the concurrent provision of a cover to the walkway connecting Exit B of the station to the subway.
- 12.5 Mr CHENG Keung-fung agreed to adopt the second option and hoped that the relevant works could be carried out as soon as possible. Additionally, he supported Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang's suggestion, hoping that the relevant proposal could also include the provision of a cover to the walkway connecting Exit B of Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station to the subway.
- 12.6 Mr MA Yat-chiu learnt that the second option would encounter many technical difficulties. Therefore, he hoped that TD would explain its feasibility when introducing the proposal in order to handle it more efficiently.
- 12.7 Mr WONG Kai-san stated that the pedestrian flow at Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station was high, adding that building a cover to the walkway there could provide convenience to many members of the public. He hoped that the relevant works could commence as soon as possible and urged the relevant departments to provide timely project information to the public and ensure sound project management during construction to avoid environmental impacts.
- 12.8 Mr TSANG Wing-fai supported the second option, believing that it would better align with the development of Kwun Tong District and provide greater convenience for the public compared to the original proposal.
- 12.9 Ms KAM Kin agreed to adopt the second option. She mentioned that Garden Estate

and Kwun Tong Town Centre near Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station were set to undergo redevelopment while lifts and a pedestrian walkway system would be built on Kung Lok Road. Therefore, she reminded the relevant departments to consider the impact of other projects on nearby traffic and the environment when planning the second option.

12.10 Ms ZHAN Baoyu agreed to adopt the second option and concurred with other Members' recommendations that consideration could be given to the concurrent provision of a cover to the walkway at Exit B of Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station to facilitate the public walking out of the station on rainy days. Furthermore, she asked TD and HyD for their professional advice on the reasons for recommending the second option and its feasibility.

12.11 Mr PANG Chi-sang mentioned that KTDC had discussed the road improvement works at Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station a few years ago, which included the improvement works of pedestrian linkage facilities from the station to the area under the Kwun Tong Road footbridge. Since the relevant project had not yet commenced, he wanted to learn about its latest progress.

13. The representative of TD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

13.1 Recommendation of the second option: TD stated that the original proposal selected by KTDC in the first-round scheme could not be implemented due to technical issues and local views. Therefore, the department recommended, in accordance with the mechanism, that KTDC choose the second-ranked option from the first-round scheme for implementation. This option also received support from many district personalities.

13.2 Consultation with KTDC: TD indicated that it had consulted KTDC in 2017 and ranked the proposals, with the first being the option of Lei Yue Mun Road and the second being the option of Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station. In 2020, the department conducted consultations on the original proposal. At that time, out of security considerations, the police suggested removing the part of the proposal that involved the provision of a cover to the walkway outside Kwun Tong Police Station. Having regard to the police's suggestion and feedback from relevant stakeholders, such as Lei On Court, TD recommended the provision of a cover to the emergency vehicle access connecting Lei Ting House to the Lam Tin Station Public Transport Interchange ("PTI"). This recommendation was circulated for consultation with the Traffic Development and

Transport Committee under the 6th Term KTDC. Subsequently, the department conducted a technical study on the revised proposal and maintained close communication with relevant departments. Among them, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department pointed out in early 2024 that the proposed cover would affect the routine maintenance of some air vents at the Lam Tin Station PTI. Due to the intractable problems encountered in the original proposal, the department consulted KTDC on the adoption of the second option.

- 13.3 The time required for the project: TD stated that based on the experience of completed or ongoing projects in the 15 districts under the first-round scheme, it generally took five to six years from alignment selection to project completion. Projects in the remaining three districts, including Kwun Tong District, had not yet commenced for various reasons. If the selected alternative encountered issues such as technical infeasibility or opposition from district personalities, the department needed time to handle them; if the issues could not be resolved, the department might need to select another option.
- 13.4 Revision of the alignment under the second option: TD noted Members' suggestion for the provision of a cover to the walkway at Exit B of Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station and would study its feasibility.
- 13.5 Footpath closure arrangements during construction works: TD indicated that if the relevant construction works required footpath closure, temporary traffic measures could be implemented to divert pedestrian flow.

14. The representative of HyD responded that it had obtained as-built drawings for the underground infrastructure within the scope of the second option, including the underground utilities around Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station. Additionally, if KTDC supported the selection of the second option, the department would start investigation works at the relevant locations, such as excavating shafts and investigating underground conditions, to determine the feasibility of the option.

15. Members raised follow-up views and enquiries as follows:

- 15.1 Mr Wilson OR welcomed the second option, believing that it would benefit a large number of people and add value to Kwun Tong District. He hoped that the relevant departments would catch up on the progress and provide a timeline for each works activity of the project, so that KTDC could offer advice and follow up on the progress.

- 15.2 Ms Sophia LEE hoped that a timeline could be set for the construction works under the second option so that Members could follow up. She also enquired whether TD would provide another proposal for KTDC's consideration if the option turned out to be infeasible.
- 15.3 Mr WONG Chun-ping hoped that the second option could be implemented as soon as possible to provide greater convenience for members of the public entering and exiting Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station.
- 15.4 Mr TAM Siu-cheuk stated that if the second option was endorsed, the relevant departments could report the progress of the project to the Traffic and Transport Committee ("TTC") under KTDC so that Members could follow up.
- 15.5 Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong enquired when the relevant works could commence if the second option was endorsed.
- 15.6 Ms ZHAN Baoyu asked TD about the reasons for recommending the second option. Additionally, she wanted to know what advance work had been carried out by the relevant departments regarding the second option.
- 15.7 Mr TANG Wing-chun enquired about the fees paid by TD for commissioning a project consultant to conduct a feasibility study on the original proposal.
16. The representative of TD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:
- 16.1 Recommendation of the second option and the scheme mechanism: TD stated that during its consultation with KTDC in 2017, the Council had selected the proposal for Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station as the second option. As per the scheme mechanism, if the first option could not be implemented for technical reasons, the department would recommend proceeding with the second option.
- 16.2 The time required for the project: TD indicated that projects under the first-round scheme generally took five to six years to complete. If the second option was supported by KTDC, HyD would promptly conduct a detailed technical feasibility study. The department hoped to expeditiously carry out relevant works and set the project timeline, adding that it could report the progress of the project at TTC meetings.
17. The representative of HyD responded that it had obtained as-built drawings for the

underground infrastructure within the scope of the second option. It had also started advance work, which included measuring the width of the walkway and checking the exact locations of facilities, such as manhole covers, lampposts and railings. As for the costs required for the advance work, including the investigation works, the department would report to KTDC after confirming the relevant figures later.

18. The Chairman concluded that KTDC supported the second option and hoped that TD and HyD would expeditiously take forward the relevant works and regularly report the latest progress to TTC.

19. The meeting noted the paper.

Item IV - Provision of Cover to Walkway (New Round)
(KTDC Paper No. 3/2025)

20. The representative of TD and HyD presented the paper.

21. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

21.1 Ms FU Pik-chun enquired whether the proposed alignment of the covered walkway would connect On Tai Estate to the lift on On Sau Road near Shun Tin Estate, or to the lift near Lee Foo House of Shun Lee Estate. She also enquired about the length of the covered walkway. In addition, she pointed out that the area near On Tai Estate on Anderson Road was often exposed to wind and rain, and therefore suggested that the covered walkway should be wider. She also hoped that the cover could be made of materials that were effective in blocking sunlight to provide shade for residents. She expressed her support for the proposal and hoped that her suggestions regarding the walkway's width and construction materials could be adopted.

21.2 Mr HSU Yau-wai supported the proposal and pointed out that there was ample space behind the existing separation barriers along the road section, which could allow for the construction of a wider covered walkway. He also suggested utilising the vacant land beside the separation barriers to provide facilities such as fitness equipment or parking spaces to optimise land use. He indicated that the newly built covered walkway connecting On Tai Estate to the lift on On Sau Road would facilitate residents of On Tai Estate in reaching the lift and then heading to Sau Mau Ping via the footbridge.

- 21.3 Mr LAM Wai supported the proposal. He stated that the location of the proposed covered walkway was near a hillside, and the site near the hillside fell under the management of the Lands Department (“LandsD”). LandsD had erected separation barriers between the site and the footpath, while trees had been planted on the other side of the footpath. He suggested using the site managed by LandsD to construct the covered walkway to ensure that the footpath remained wide enough for pedestrians. He also proposed making better use of the site managed by LandsD, such as by providing parking spaces or other livelihood facilities.
- 21.4 Mr TSANG Wing-fai supported the proposal and hoped that the project could commence as soon as possible. He also agreed that the site beside the footpath should be better utilised to provide convenient amenities for residents. In addition, he suggested installing exhibition panels along the covered walkway to showcase various artworks, adding artistic elements to the community.
- 21.5 Mr LAI Wing-chun expressed his support for the proposal, stating that it would provide shelter from sun and rain for residents and students using that section of the footpath. Furthermore, he mentioned that on that section of On Sau Road, in addition to a secondary school currently in operation, a primary school was set to be completed in September 2025. He suggested providing signal-controlled crossings near the two schools and the On Tai Estate Ancillary Facilities Block to enhance pedestrian safety.
- 21.6 Mr YU Siu-lun supported the proposal. He hoped that the cost of the project would not exceed the financial ceiling for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme (“Category D items”), in order to shorten the project implementation timeline. Therefore, he suggested that TD estimate the cost of each enhancement facility mentioned by other Members earlier, and select which facilities to construct based on the overall budget.
- 21.7 Mr MA Yat-chiu referred to the original proposal under the first-round scheme to construct a covered walkway next to Lei On Court. He pointed out that the proposal was selected as the first choice due to strong public support. Although the proposal had encountered technical difficulties, he believed that these challenges could be resolved, and therefore hoped that the proposal could continue to be implemented.
- 21.8 Mr KAN Ming-tung urged TD to expedite the implementation of the project. He was worried that adding other facilities to the proposed works under the current proposal might delay its progress.

- 21.9 Ms ZHAN Baoyu supported the proposal and agreed with the proposed alignment of the covered walkway. However, she pointed out that the section of the footpath was relatively narrow, and the area was subject to strong winds during typhoons. She expressed concern that the cover might be easily blown away if constructed there. Regarding the width, she suggested relocating the separation barriers beside the footpath to create space for the provision of the walkway cover.
- 21.10 Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong expressed his support for the proposal. He mentioned that the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) had previously put forward a similar suggestion and conducted a feasibility study, which concluded that the provision of a cover along that section of the footpath was feasible. At that time, he, along with Mr HSU Yau-wai and Mr LAM Wai, consulted local residents on the project and found that there were more supporters than opponents. He also hoped that the newly built walkway cover would not narrow the footpath or cause any visual impact, and that the cover should be wide enough to shelter pedestrians from wind and rain.
- 21.11 Mr TAM Siu-cheuk hoped to be informed of the timeline for seeking funding for the relevant works. In addition, he mentioned that HAD had conducted a feasibility study on the provision of a cover along that section of the footpath, and therefore suggested that HAD exchange views with TD on the study results to expedite the project.
- 21.12 Ms CHU Lok-wai agreed with Mr MA Yat-chiu’s views and stated that many residents of Lei On Court hoped for the provision of a cover to the walkway next to the Court to protect them from exposure to sun and rain. She enquired about the channels and methods used by TD to conduct the resident survey on the proposal, and how the department obtained the result indicating that residents did not support the proposal.
- 21.13 Mr Jimmy CHAN supported the proposal. He noted that the area, situated between On Tai Estate and On Tat Estate, was frequently used by residents travelling to and from the estates, resulting in high pedestrian traffic. He therefore urged TD to expedite the implementation of the project so that residents could avoid exposure to sun and rain. In addition, he agreed with Mr LAI Wing-chun’s suggestion to provide signal-controlled pedestrian crossings near the two schools, so that residents and students could cross the road more safely.
- 21.14 Mr LAM Fung expressed his support for the proposal and hoped that the relevant works would commence as soon as possible. He stated that Kwun Tong District was densely

populated, with a strong demand for pedestrian-friendly facilities. Therefore, he enquired about the timeline for introducing other proposals under the new-round scheme to enhance other pedestrian facilities in Kwun Tong District.

21.15 Mr LUI Tung-hai supported the proposal. He acknowledged that the project would face various challenges, including the insufficient width of the footpath and strong winds in the area. However, he believed that the facility could enhance convenience for residents, and therefore suggested that TD make every effort to overcome these difficulties to promptly commence the works. He also agreed with Mr YU Siu-lun's views that the cost of the project should not exceed the financial ceiling for Category D items, so as to shorten the project implementation timeline. If the proposed works under the proposal could not be implemented in the end, he suggested an alternative: the provision of a cover to the walkway connecting the newly built public housing project on Pik Wan Road to the footbridge on Lei Yue Mun Road, as well as the footpath linking the footbridge to Yau Tong MTR station.

22. The representative of TD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

22.1 Alignment: TD stated that the proposed alignment of the covered walkway in the proposal would connect Kam Tai House of On Tai Estate to the lift tower on On Sau Road near On Tat Estate, with a total length of approximately 300 meters.

22.2 Design: TD noted Members' concerns regarding strong winds and insufficient footpath width, and would review the situation accordingly. The department pointed out that the current width of the footpath was approximately two to three metres, which was not considered particularly narrow. Nevertheless, efforts would be made to avoid reducing the existing footpath width and to explore the feasibility of constructing the foundation and pillars for the cover on the site beside the separation barriers along that section of the road. Regarding wind conditions, TD indicated that HyD would take wind force at the location into consideration during the design process.

22.3 Facilities: Some Members suggested providing signal-controlled pedestrian crossings near the two schools on On Sau Road. TD said that it would relay these views to its personnel responsible for district traffic facilities for follow-up.

22.4 Study report of HAD: TD stated that it would make reference to the feasibility study conducted earlier by HAD on the provision of a cover to this section of the footpath, with a view to expediting the advance work for the project.

22.5 Required funding: TD would need to review the alignment and design of the works before the required funding amount could be confirmed. The department indicated that if the project cost did not exceed the financial ceiling for Category D items, the project timeline could potentially be shortened. TD also revealed that in the first-round scheme, all projects that had been completed or were about to be completed across the 15 districts were Category D items.

23. The representative of HyD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

23.1 Design: HyD said that safety would be prioritised in the design of the cover, and that wind force would also be taken into consideration during the design process.

23.2 Required funding: HyD hoped that the cost of the works would not exceed the financial ceiling for Category D items, so as to facilitate early implementation of the project.

24. The Chairman concluded that KTDC supported the proposal by TD and HyD to provide a cover to the walkway on On Sau Road and hoped that the project could commence as soon as possible.

25. The meeting noted the paper.

**Item V – Working Group on Boosting Local Economy
(KTDC Paper No. 4/2025)**

26. The Secretary presented the paper.

27. The Chairman stated that the appointment and tenure of the Chairman of the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (“WGBLE”) under KTDC should be determined by the Chairman of KTDC. He announced the reappointment of Mr Jimmy CHAN as the Chairman of WGBLE, with a tenure of one year commencing on 1 January 2025.

28. The meeting noted the paper.

**Item VI – Specific Proposals for Organising Activities to Drive Economic Development in the District - Kwun Tong Night Bazaar 2025
(KTDC Paper No. 5/2025)**

29. Ms YU Juliana said that she was the vice-chairperson of the preparatory committee of this year's Kwun Tong Night Bazaar ("Night Bazaar"). The meeting noted her declared interest, and the Chairman directed that she should refrain from speaking or voting on this agenda item.

30. The representative of the Kwun Tong District Office ("KTDO") presented the paper.

31. Members supported this year's Night Bazaar, and raised views and enquiries as follows:

31.1 Ms ZHAN Baoyu commended the success of the Night Bazaar held during the 2024 Lunar New Year, which recorded a total attendance of over 800 000. She mentioned the earlier incident in which panda decorations were stolen from Yue Man Square and suggested enhancing security measures for this year's Night Bazaar. In addition, she proposed including more stalls selling creative goods and handicrafts, such as workshops on paper-cutting art, sand painting and writing spring couplets.

31.2 Mr TSANG Wing-fai praised last year's Night Bazaar and opined that it could play an exemplary role in boosting the local economy. He noted that the space occupied by this year's Night Bazaar differed from that of the previous year and suggested that the organiser liaise with the Urban Renewal Authority ("URA") to explore the possibility of using the location where panda decorations were currently displayed to set up a standing dining area or arrange performances. He also mentioned the Lunar New Year Fair organised by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department at Kwun Tong Recreation Ground and enquired whether the organiser would adopt a similar arrangement as last year, whereby visitors who attended both the Night Bazaar and the Lunar New Year Fair could receive souvenirs.

32. The Chairman said that this year's Night Bazaar would, as in the previous year, feature a cooked food zone and a dry goods zone, with tables and chairs provided at the venue. Regarding Members' suggestion to include more merchants offering creative handicrafts in the Night Bazaar, the Chairman noted that, as far as he knew, the list of merchants had yet to be finalised. Members could raise relevant suggestions at the upcoming WGBLE meeting convened immediately after this FC meeting. On another note, regarding the suggestion to set up a dining area or arrange performances at the location where URA had placed panda decorations at Yue Man Square, he said that discussions would be held with URA. He mentioned that since October, KTDO had been inviting various performing groups to perform at the Christmas tree photo-taking spot at Yue Man Square on Friday and Saturday evenings, which had received an enthusiastic response. Therefore, he would explore the possibility of inviting those groups to perform at the Night Bazaar.

33. The meeting noted the paper and agreed that KTDC would be a joint organiser of this year's Night Bazaar.

**Item VII – Work Reports of Committees and Working Group under KTDC
(KTDC Paper No. 6/2025)**

Annex 1: District Facilities and Works Committee

34. The meeting noted the paper.

Annex 2: Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee

35. The meeting noted the paper.

Annex 3: Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee

36. The meeting noted the paper.

Annex 4: TTC

37. The meeting noted the paper.

Annex 5: Housing and Development Planning Committee

38. The meeting noted the paper.

Annex 6: Social Welfare and Women Development Committee

39. The meeting noted the paper.

Annex 7: Youth Committee

40. The meeting noted the paper.

Annex 8: National Education Promotion Committee

41. The meeting noted the paper.

Annex 9: WGBLE

42. The meeting noted the paper.

Item VIII – Any Other Business

Throwing Objects from Height in Public Housing Estates

43. Ms LEUNG Sze-wan expressed concern about the issue of objects being thrown from height in public housing estates in Kwun Tong District. She mentioned that such an incident occurred outside her ward office last November, resulting in injury to a volunteer. According to her understanding, there were approximately 100 cases of objects being thrown from height within public housing estates in the district each year. She learnt that the Housing Department (“HD”) planned to use an artificial intelligence surveillance system to track such incidents. She enquired how many systems HD planned to install in Kwun Tong District and the effectiveness of these systems.

44. The representative of HD responded that Falling Objects Monitoring Systems had already been installed in all public housing estates in Kwun Tong District, and these systems would be flexibly deployed to different locations depending on the situation. Office staff would review recorded video footage to collect evidence related to such incidents and, if necessary, analyse the footage using an artificial intelligence system. Additionally, he pointed out that in the past 12 months, there had been a total of 30 cases in which tenants of public housing estates in Kwun Tong District were allotted seven penalty points for throwing objects from height, while three units were allotted 15 points. A Notice-to-Quit had been issued to a tenant in Wan Hon Estate for throwing drain cleaner from height.

45. The representative of the Hong Kong Police Force stated that the police had always attached great importance to cases involving objects being thrown from height, as such cases could pose a risk of physical harm to the public. Upon receiving reports of such cases, the police would review CCTV footage to investigate whether the offenders were criminally liable and would liaise with relevant departments, such as HD, for joint follow-up actions.

Item IX – Date of Next Meeting

46. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 6 March 2025 (Thursday).

47. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

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