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**Minutes of the First Meeting of the
Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (2024) of the
Kwai Tsing District Council**

Date: 7 February 2024

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.

Venue: Kwai Tsing District Office (“K&T DO”) Conference Room

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u>
Mr POON Chi-shing, MH (Chairman)	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms Miranda CHAN Oi-yi (Vice Chairman)	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms WANG Chung-wing	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr NG Yam-fung Benny	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr LEE Wai-lok	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr CHOW Kim-ho	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Miss CHAU Kit-ying	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms LAM Ying-wai	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms LAM Chui-ling, MH, JP	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms LEUNG Kar-ming, MH	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Miss MOK Yee-ki	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms GUO Huimin	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms CHAN On-ni	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr CHAN Chi-wing, MH	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr PANG Yap-ming	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Miss WONG Shuk-man	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms LAU Mei-lo	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr LAU Hing-wah, James, BBS, MH, JP	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr AU Chi-fai	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms TANG Lai-ling	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms CHENG Lam	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Miss LO Yuen-ting, MH	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr SO Pak-tsan, MH	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting

In Attendance

Ms YIP Sau-ling, Irene	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kwai Tsing, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr NGAI Kwok-kwan, Maxx	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Kwai Tsing)1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss LEUNG Wai-ngai, Viola	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr KWOK Ka-ho	Manager (New Territories South) Marketing & District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Ching-yan	Senior Librarian (Kwai Tsing), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LO Un-chi, Chloe	Senior School Development Officer (Kwai Tsing)2, Education Bureau
Ms CHENG Chung-yan, Lorraine	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Kwai Tsing District Office
Miss FUNG Tsz-yan, Amanda (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) 5, Kwai Tsing District Office

Absentee

Mr YIP Cheung-chun, MH	(Absent with apologies)
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives of government departments to the first meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (“CICRC”) (2024) of the Kwai Tsing District Council (“K&T DC”).

2. Members unanimously endorsed the application for absence by Mr YIP Cheung-chun.

Discussion Items

Nomination of Representatives as “Sports Ambassadors”

(Proposed by Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

(CICRC Paper No. 1/D/2024)

3. The Chairman invited Members to nominate no fewer than two Members to serve as “Sports Ambassadors” in 2024 and 2025 to assist Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) and Community Sports Committee in promoting and popularising sports at district level.
4. Ms LAU Mei-lo nominated Miss CHAU Kit-ying as a candidate for “Sports Ambassador”. Mr PANG Yap-ming and Mr LEE Wai-lok seconded. Miss CHAU Kit-ying expressed acceptance of the nomination.
5. Miss WONG Shuk-man nominated Ms LAM Chui-ling as a candidate for “Sports Ambassador”. Mr CHOW Kim-ho seconded. Ms LAM Chui-ling expressed acceptance of the nomination.
6. Ms TANG Lai-ling nominated Ms LAM Ying-wai as a candidate for “Sports Ambassador”. Mr NG Yam-fung Benny seconded. Ms LAM Ying-wai expressed acceptance of the nomination.
7. As there was no upper limit for the number of nominees, the Chairman announced Members’ nominations of Miss CHAU Kit-ying, Ms LAM Chui-ling and Ms LAM Ying-wai as “Sports Ambassadors”.

Enquiry on Stability of the Booking System of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(Proposed by Mr LEE Wai-lok)

(CICRC Paper Nos. 2/D/2024 and 2a/D/2024)

8. Members discussed the aforesaid matter and put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:

- (i) Asked LCSD whether the launch of the new booking system would lead to abuses or touting of booked sessions of venues by the public.
- (ii) Having considered that the new system had about 10 000 users per day at that time, it was expected that the number of users will increase in the future. Therefore, an enquiry was made on whether the Department would enhance the system capacity to meet the demand.
- (iii) Having considered that the system started accepting booking applications at around 7:00 a.m. or 8:00 a.m. every day, an enquiry was made on whether the Department could adjust the service hours of the system and add a balloting function to avoid the system from being overwhelmed.

9. Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kwai Tsing, LCSD, responded as follows:

- (i) The launch of SmartPLAY, a new intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system (“the new system”), aims to provide members of the public with more efficient, convenient, and user-friendly booking services to encourage the public to exercise regularly. Members of the public can log in to the new system via the internet or a mobile application to make enquiries, book sports and recreation facilities, as well as to perform check-ins for sports and recreation programmes, etc.
- (ii) Apart from requiring users to complete real-name registration in advance, the new system also authenticates users’ identities in its handling process. Members of the public can make enquiries, book sports and recreation facilities, as well as enrol in sports and recreation programmes through the internet, a mobile application, or the brand new smart self-service stations at around 240 leisure venues. For the activities and venues

which are comparatively more popular among the public, their booking quotas will be allocated by ballot. If remaining quotas are found after a ballot, they will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis to provide genuine venue users with higher chances to successfully make bookings on sports and recreational facilities.

- (iii) Regarding the operation problem of the new system on 6 January 2024, there was a surge in user traffic from 7:00 a.m. onwards on that day, hence the occurrence of system instability. Both the Department and the contractor made a follow-up immediately, and the system resumed normal operation at around 8:00 a.m. On that day, staff members also provided assistance on the spot to those who had been affected. If members of the public run into any system issue, they will be welcome to inform the Department in a timely fashion so as to facilitate the Department to make improvements. The Department and the contractor will also continue to follow up and review the operation of the new system.
- (iv) Explained that the new system can concurrently accommodate 10 000 users, and that its duration for accepting booking applications is longer than that of the old system. The Department noted Members' suggestions on the system capacity and the adjustment to system service hours. These issues would be further explored and relayed to relevant teams for follow-ups.

2024-25 Community Involvement Programme - Invitation for Applications as Project Partners by Non-Government Organisations in Kwai Tsing District

(Proposed by Kwai Tsing District Office)

(CICRC Paper No. 3/D/2024)

10 Senior Liaison Officer (2) of the K&TDO introduced the paper and suggested the Committee to assist in promoting suitable non-governmental organisations (“NGOs”) at Kwai Tsing District to apply for financing from Community Involvement (“CI”) fund in the form of partnership, and assist them in publicising and promoting Community Involvement Programme (“CIP”) activities in the district. The seventh activity set out in the aforesaid paper, “Night Vibes of Festival and Art Fair at Kwai Tsing”, had been renamed “Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts - Kwai Tsing Bamboo Theatre” at the first meeting of the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy.

11. The Committee discussed the above matter and put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:

- (i) The Committee enquired whether other activities, such as long-distance running at Kwai Tsing District, could be included among the activities set out in the paper.
- (ii) Regarding the activity set out in item 8.3, a query was raised on whether visits to video game engine design companies could be included in the exchange tours to Hong Kong or the Mainland, so as to allow young people to exchange ideas with video game engine development companies for deepening their understanding of the development of electronic sports industry.
- (iii) With reference to the utilisation of resources for relevant activities held around the Mid-Autumn Festival and National Day in 2023, the Committee enquired whether activities could possibly be combined together, or other styles of activity organisation could possibly be adopted, for filing applications to organise activities.

12. Senior Liaison Officer (2) of the K&TDO responded as follows:

- (i) The Department noted Members' suggestions on CIP activities, and would discuss relevant matters and seek Members' opinions in meetings upon Home Affairs Department's completion of CI fund vetting this year.
- (ii) Regarding the suggestions put forward by Members on the activity set out in item 8.3, the Department could request NGO partners to include the suggested itinerary in the exchange tours.
- (iii) The Department would review funding arrangements upon receipt of the applications regarding activities under different themes.

13. The Chairman announced taking a vote on the aforesaid paper. Of the Members who participated in the vote, 0 vote against it and 0 abstained. Members endorsed the aforesaid paper.

Any Other Business

14. There was no other business.

Date of Next Meeting

15. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 3 April 2024 (Wednesday).

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