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

Date: 4 December 2024  
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.  
Venue: Kwai Tsing District Office (“K&T DO”) Conference Room

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Arrival</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Departure</u></b>
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 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
Mr YIP Cheung-chun, MH	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
Mr CHEUNG Yam-lung, MH (Co-opted Member)	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr CHUNG Wai-ming William (Co-opted Member)	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms TAM Wai-chun, BBS, MH (Co-opted Member)	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting

**Standing Representatives of Departments and Institutions**

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-nga, Viola	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, 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

**Secretary**

Ms KONG Shirley	Executive Officer (District Council)5, Kwai Tsing District Office
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**Absentee**

Ms LAM Ying-wai	(On maternity leave)
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**Opening Remarks**

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

- Members endorsed the application for absence by Ms LAM Ying-wai.

**Confirmation of Minutes of the 5th Meeting (2024) held on 9 October 2024**

- Members endorsed the minutes unanimously.

**Discussion Items**

**Enquiry about the Promotion of The National Games (Hong Kong) Events in Kwai Tsing District**

(Proposed by Mr POON Chi-shing, MH, Mr NG Yam-fung Benny, Ms LEUNG Kar-ming, MH, Ms CHENG Lam, Ms Miranda CHAN Oi-yi, Miss LO Yuen-ting, MH, Ms TAM Wai-chun, BBS, MH, Miss WONG Shuk-man, Ms WANG Chung-wing, Miss MOK Yee-ki, and Mr YIP Cheung-chun, MH)

(CICRC Paper Nos. 20/D/2024 and 20a/D/2024)

4. Members introduced the discussion papers and put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:

- (i) Enquired about the details of the publicity campaign and suggested that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) distribute promotional materials to Members so that they could assist with the promotion;
- (ii) Enquired about the enrolment fees for the Golf Fun Day;
- (iii) Pointed out that the uneven surface of Wo Yi Hop Road Sports Ground was considered unfavourable for use; and
- (iv) Reminded LCSD to step up cleaning work at relevant sports grounds during the National Games and increase the number of waste separation facilities.

5. Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kwai Tsing, LCSD, introduced their reply and responded as follows:

- (i) To support the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government in hosting the 15th National Games (“NG”), the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the 9th National Special Olympic Games (“NGDSO”), the Kwai Tsing District Leisure Services Office under LCSD would actively promote community recreation and sports programmes, and it had planned a series of promotion activities for the upcoming months to support the hosting of the 15th NG and the NGDSO. Starting from mid-December, the Department would disseminate promotional posters via email to all Members. Furthermore, the Department would make reference to the publicity materials prepared by relevant organisations for the National Games (Hong Kong) for the production of promotional items to be placed at various venues in the district;
- (ii) The demonstration and play-in sessions on the Golf Fun Day were non-fee charging, so as to enhance the public’s awareness and interest in golf;
- (iii) The activities for the Golf Fun Day would be held in areas outside the lawn, and hence not affected by the uneven surface; and
- (iv) Noted Members’ suggestions on waste collection and the collection frequency would be increased to avoid waste accumulation.

**Items for Information**

**Report on the Cultural Activities in Kwai Tsing District Organised by LCSD**

(CICRC Paper No. 21/I/2024)

6. Members noted the aforesaid paper and enquired whether some activities or workshops held at schools in the district would charge fees on an individual basis or on group basis.

7. Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, LCSD, responded that the fees would be charged per participant, which was inclusive of the rates for all sessions throughout the whole activity period.

**Report on the Recreational Activities and Sports Programmes in Kwai Tsing District by LCSD**

(CICRC Paper No. 22/I/2024)

8. Members noted the aforesaid paper and put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:

- (i) Enquired about the participation by residents of Kwai Tsing District in recreation and sports programmes. Besides, Members also enquired whether programme enrolment by balloting implied that the number of applicants had exceeded the quota, as well as about the attendance situation of applicants who had been allocated places;
- (ii) Enquired whether there was a limit on the number of applications for recreation and sports programmes;
- (iii) Enquired about the mechanism for determining the age of participants for the programmes listed; and
- (iv) Suggested that LCSD clearly list the activity locations of the routes under the Hiking Scheme.

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

- (i) When the number of applicants exceeded the quota, allocation of places would be determined by ballot by the Department to ensure fair allocation

of places. If the number of enrolment was insufficient, places would be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Most activities on the list required balloting, which indicated an overwhelming response from the residents of Kwai Tsing District towards the recreation and sports programmes organised by the Department;

- (ii) Each eligible applicant could submit an application for up to 10 activities in the same period and a maximum of three non-overlapping sessions could be allocated;
- (iii) The age limit of participants for different activities was determined by the relevant sections of LCSD, in consultation with respective national sports associations; and
- (iv) The Department noted Members' suggestion to clearly list the activity locations of the routes under the Hiking Scheme and adjustments would be made in the future.

**Report on the Promotional Activities and the Utilisation of Public Libraries in Kwai Tsing District by LCSD**

(CICRC Paper No. 23/I/2024)

10. Members noted the aforesaid paper and put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:

- (i) Enquired about the feasibility of increasing the number of mobile library stops, rearranging the locations of the stops and evenly allocating the service time across various stops. Members highlighted that the mobile library service point at Cho Yiu Chuen had been suspended for a long time due to maintenance works and urgent operational arrangements. Instead of seeking new locations, LCSD could consider increasing the number of service days for the existing service points near Cho Yiu Chuen (such as the service point at Lai Yiu Estate) to temporarily replace the original service provided by the service point at Cho Yiu Chuen;
- (ii) On top of the statistics on the utilisation of public libraries in Kwai Tsing District, Members also enquired whether the Department had compared data from other districts and analysed the reading habits of readers in Kwai Tsing; and

- (iii) Expressed gratitude to the Department for promoting a reading culture in the community through collaboration with local organisations under the “Community Libraries Partnership Scheme” which provided block loans of library materials, offering nearby residents an alternative other than the library services provided by mobile library stops. At that time, there was a community library located at the ward office of a District Council member in Kwai Tsing District. Members hoped that the scheme could be extended to Community Living Rooms and schools.

11. Senior Librarian (Kwai Tsing) of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) At that time, the Department had 12 mobile library vans that served approximately 110 mobile library stops across 18 districts in Hong Kong, 11 of which were located in Kwai Tsing District. Since the operation schedules of the mobile library vans were very tight and various factors, such as traffic flow, road safety, safety of readers (including children and those in wheelchairs), access to power supply, sufficient parking spaces and so on, had to be taken into consideration when identifying suitable parking locations, it was difficult to further increase the number of mobile library stops in Kwai Tsing District or to adjust the service hours of the existing stops arbitrarily, given the sharing of resources among the mobile library vans and venue constraints across the 18 districts at that time. Due to slope repair works, service of the mobile library service point at Cho Yiu Chuen was expected to remain suspended until May 2025. In this regard, the Department had previously worked with the Housing Department on multiple occasions to explore suitable temporary alternative locations near the housing estate (including schools), but to no avail due to safety considerations and power supply issues. The Department would actively consider Members’ suggestion on the effective use of the existing resources and would examine the feasibility of increasing the number of service days of the nearby mobile library service point at Lai Yiu Estate as a temporary replacement for the service time originally covered by the service point at Cho Yiu Chuen. The Department reiterated that mobile library stops served a secondary role, supplementing the services provided by the district libraries. The Department would be committed to expanding the network of community libraries and providing 24-hour library e-services (such as e-books, e-databases, etc.) to better meet the needs of the public;

- (ii) At that time, libraries of various types differed in terms of scale, collections, facilities, services and opening hours. The usage rates of the libraries would also be influenced by factors such as district characteristics, geographical environment, demographic structure, accessibility, surrounding facilities and seasonal effects, making it difficult to compare data across all the libraries in the territory. The three district libraries in Kwai Tsing had an average number of library materials borrowed between 500 and 1 000 per month. The Department would continue to arrange suitable extension activities based on the readership in the district and their reading habits to foster a reading culture in the community; and
- (iii) In recent months, two community libraries were newly set up, and the Department expressed gratitude for the support rendered by District Council members and local organisations. The Department also welcomed the suggestion to set up community libraries in Community Living Rooms. Non-profit organisations interested in participating in the “Community Libraries Partnership Scheme” could contact the Department for follow-up. Besides, the Department had been supporting school library services through school visits, inviting schools to enrol in library guided tours and discussing with schools the arrangement of block loan services to promote a reading culture.

12. The Chairman requested the Education Bureau to consider Members’ opinions and explore ways to enhance the promotion of reading programmes in schools.

### **Any Other Business**

13. Members hoped that CICRC could have more discussion on issues related to LCSD (for example, matters concerning venues and facilities).

14. The Chairman reiterated that the terms of reference of each committee were determined by the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”), and Members could convey their opinions to HAD.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

15. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 5 February 2025 (Wednesday).