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**Minutes of the 143rd Meeting  
of the Kwai Tsing District Council**

Date: 5 January 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:52 p.m.

Venue: Kwai Tsing Conference Room

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Arrival</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Departure</u></b>
Mr TANG Huggin, JP (Chairman/District Officer (Kwai Tsing))	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms WANG Chung-wing	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr NG Chi-wah	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr NG King-wah	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Miss CHU Lai-ling, MH	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
Mr TSUI Hiu-kit	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr YUEN Yun-hung	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 KWOK Fu-yung, MH	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
Ms Miranda CHAN Oi-yi	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr PANG Yap-ming	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr WONG Chun-yeung	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Miss WONG Shuk-man	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr WONG Siu-kwan	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

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Arrival</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Departure</u></b>
Mr AU Chi-fai	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr POON Chi-shing, MH	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 HO Mun-yee, Money	District Lands Officer (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department
Mr YU Hok-chi, Raymond	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department
Mr SO Tak-wo	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kwai Tsing), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms HUE Kam-ching	Acting Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms TAM Nga-ching, Monita	District Commander (Kwai Tsing), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr HO Wai-kin	Police Community Relations Officer (Kwai Tsing), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms WONG Siu-fan, Phoebe	District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing), Social Welfare Department
Mr HO Kai-ho, Stanley	Chief Engineer/West 4, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr MOK Ka-sing, Mark	Chief Transport Officer/New Territories South West, Transport Department
Ms WONG Kam-wah	Chief Manager/Management (Kwai Chung), Housing Department
Ms TANG Yim-wah, Jannet	Senior Liaison Officer (4), Kwai Tsing District Office
Miss LI Mei-sze, Julia (Secretary)	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Kwai Tsing District Office
Miss NG Po-wan, Priscilla (Assistant Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council), Kwai Tsing District Office

### **Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all to the 143rd meeting of the Kwai Tsing District Council (“K&T DC”).

### **Appointment of the Secretary of K&T DC**

2. The Chairman announced that Miss LI Mei-sze, Julia, Senior Executive Officer (District Council) was appointed Secretary of K&T DC according to Section 69 of the District Councils Ordinance.

3. The Chairman said that according to the established rules of K&T DC, the time limit for each speech given by Members was 2 minutes.

### **Discussion Item**

#### **Registration and Declaration of DC Members' Interests**

(Proposed by the Secretariat of K&T DC)

(K&T DC Paper No. 1/D/2024)

4. The Chairman introduced Part B Declaration of Interests of the Kwai Tsing District Council Standing Orders.

#### **Committees and Working Groups under the 7th Term K&T DC**

(Proposed by the Secretariat of K&T DC)

(K&T DC Paper No. 2/D/2024)

5. Members noted this paper.

6. The Chairman said the committees' terms of reference stipulated that the committees should undertake assignments as commissioned by the Chairman of K&T DC. Therefore, he announced the following:

- (i) The District Facilities and Works Committee engaged in discussions including development planning and housing affairs in the district.
- (ii) The Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee engaged in discussions including medical affairs in the district.

- (iii) The Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (“CICRC”) engaged in discussions including youth affairs, consultation on the funding of the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) and festival celebrations in the district.
- (iv) The Traffic and Transport Committee (“TTC”) engaged in discussions including container logistics and harbour affairs in the district.
- (v) The Social Welfare Committee engaged in discussions including education, labour, occupational safety, poverty alleviation, and women affairs in the district.

7. Mr NG Yam-fung, Benny indicated his interest in applying to join TTC in the meeting. In addition, Mr TSUI Hiu-kit had submitted a request for membership withdrawal from CICRC to the Secretariat before the meeting.

8. The Chairman asked the two Members why they had made the requests to join and withdraw from the committees respectively after the response deadlines.

9. Mr NG Yam-fung, Benny said he had once again reviewed the needs of the residents in the district after the deadline and deemed that he needed to join TTC to reflect the residents’ travel needs.

10. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit said that, after the deadline, he had found the meeting times of CICRC overlapped with the times of other meetings he had already arranged, so he would not be able to attend the meetings of CICRC.

11. The Chairman requested taking a vote on whether to agree on a Member joining TTC in accordance with the usual practice. Of the Members who participated in the vote, 0 voted against it and 0 abstained. Members endorsed the above matter.

#### **Schedule for Meetings of K&T DC and its Committees in 2024**

(Proposed by the Secretariat of K&T DC)

(K&T DC Paper No. 3/D/2024)

12. Members noted this paper.

#### **“Meet the Public Scheme”**

(Proposed by the Secretariat of K&T DC)

(K&T DC Paper No. 4/D/2024)

13. Members noted this paper.

14. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming asked whether Members could set up mobile service stations in other places (such as MTR stations) when there was no appointment case on a Wednesday night.

15. Mr YUEN Yun-hung enquired about the implementation status of the Meet the Public Scheme (“the Scheme”) in the past and the Scheme’s publicity effect. He suggested K&T DC to utilise resources more effectively to serve the public.

16. The Chairman pointed out the District Councils Ordinance stipulated that the functions of a District Council included meeting with members of the public. Meanwhile, the Scheme aimed to facilitate the general public to meet with District Council Members. According to the above principle, all District Councils in Hong Kong would adopt a standardised arrangement in which members of the public could schedule meeting times with Members via the Secretariat. In case there was no appointment case on a Wednesday night, the meeting office would still remain open on that night to allow members of the public to walk in and meet with the Members on duty. K&T DO would adjust arrangement details under standardised arrangement based on actual situations.

#### **Study of Issues Arousing Concerns in the District and Collection of Public Opinions**

(Proposed by the Kwai Tsing District Office)

(K&T DC Paper No. 5/D/2024)

17. The Chairman introduced the paper and pointed out that the agenda items which aroused the concerns among K&T DC Members in the district council preparatory meeting could be summarised as (1) enhancing commuting convenience for residents; and (2) renewing aged facilities. He said that the opinions collected would be relayed to relevant committees for follow-ups. The government departments would discuss follow-up plans with Members after listening to the opinions.

18. Miss CHU Lai-ling put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Expressed support for carrying out studies on implementing measures to enhance commuting convenience and renew aged facilities in the district, as well as to collect opinions from the residents regarding the two agenda items.

- (ii) Noted that the Transport Department (“TD”) would conduct consultation on pedestrians’ road-crossing status and implement a pilot scheme to provide diagonal crossings in other districts. She asked whether the Department would consider implement the above pilot scheme in Kwai Tsing District and said that the relevant committees could continue to discuss the above matter.

19. Mr MOK Ka-sing, Mark, Chief Transport Officer/New Territories South West, TD responded that the Department was concerned about the enhancement of pedestrian crossing facilities in the district and welcomed Members to relay residents’ opinions to relevant committees. The Department would proactively follow up the issue subsequently.

20. The Chairman said that relevant departments had, on a trial basis, installed new auxiliary devices at road crossings in other districts to remind pedestrians not to cross the road when the red signal was lit. The pilot scheme would be expanded to cover Kwai Tsing District. He welcomed Members to give opinions on agenda items in relation to enhancing commuting convenience for residents (including the Government’s relevant pilot schemes) in the pertinent committees.

21. Ms TANG Lai-ling put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Suggested TD to consider installing pedestrian crossing devices which reflected red lights from the ground to avoid pedestrians from ignoring the traffic signals while looking down at their mobile phones.
- (ii) Said that the Government had once selected Wing Fong Street Market as one of the targets to improve the operating environment of public markets some years ago, but a concrete proposal had yet to be formulated at the moment. She continued to point out that currently there was no air-conditioning system in Wing Fong Street Market, thus affecting the storage duration of fresh meat and the willingness of nearby residents to shop at the market. Therefore, it was suggested that the Department should consider integrating the redevelopments of Wing Fong Street Market and Kwai Fong Community Hall, as well as explaining to residents the progress of the redevelopment Wing Fong Street Market.

22. Regarding the installation of spotlights at the pedestrian crossings in Kwai Tsing District, the Chairman believed that relevant departments would consider factors such as the effectiveness of installing the facilities and the installation impacts on the residents

and commercial tenants nearby, so as to make appropriate adjustments to achieve efficacy and alleviate the impacts on the residents and commercial tenants.

23. Regarding the improvement of the operating environment in public markets, Mr SO Tak-wo, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kwai Tsing), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) responded that FEHD would first renovate the North Kwai Chung Market with reference to aging conditions and then consider renovating Wing Fong Street Market. Meanwhile, the Department would consider conducting small-scale works to improve the operating environment in public markets.

24. The Chairman supplemented that the Government had announced in the 2018-19 Budget an earmark of \$2 billion for implementing a 10-year Market Modernisation Programme. Before conducting the works, the Department had to take a host of factors into account, including the operating conditions of the public markets, and alleviation of inconvenience for the residents during the period when the relocation/renovation works would be carried out. He believed that the Department would report to K&T DC timely and collect Members’ opinions after examining different proposals in detail.

25. Mr WONG Chun-yeung suggested the Department to implement small-scale renovation works at Lai King Estate Market, Kwai Shing West Estate Market and Wing Fong Street Market as soon as possible, as well as to include Lai King Estate Market and Kwai Shing West Estate Market in the renovation list of the Market Modernisation Programme.

26. Ms WONG Kam-wah, Chief Manager/Management (Kwai Chung), Housing Department (“HD”) responded that HD would, on a regular basis, carry out renovation and repairs for the public markets in the public rental housing (“PRH”) estates within its purview, and that Members’ opinions had been noted. In case there was a renovation plan, the Department would make a timely report to K&T DC and collect Members’ opinions.

27. The Chairman said that according to the Government’s “user pays” principle, the operating pressure of the commercial tenants in the public markets was likely to be surged by sharing the recurrent cost upon completion of the renovation works.

28. Mr YUEN Yun-hung said that, at present, the residents in Northeast Kwai Chung relied on buses and minibuses for commuting, but some red minibuses (“RMBs”) had not yet joined the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme (i.e. the \$2 Scheme). He asked whether TD could relax the requirements for filing applications.

29. Mr MOK Ka-sing, Mark responded that the operators of RMBs could determine the routes and fares on their own. The Government had been approaching the operators of RMBs via different platforms to encourage them to join the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme, but some of these operators chose not to join due to commercial considerations. Besides, the Department would remind the operators that had joined the scheme to ensure their Octopus readers functioned properly so to charge appropriate fares.

30. The Chairman said he was glad to see that Members and various government departments exchanged views on district work via K&T DC and its committees in order to come out with feasible proposals for improving residents' livelihoods.

31. Ms LAU Mei-lo put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Said that water main burst incidents had often occurred in the vicinity of Kwai Shing West Estate and High Prosperity Terrace over the past decade, hence affecting the residents severely. As the situation improved after the completion of water mains replacement works, she supported conducting a study which would focus on the aging problem of the water mains in Northeast Kwai Chung and collecting residents' opinions.
- (ii) Said that the Kwai Shing West Estate Market was managed by HD and that the Kwai Chung (West) Area Committee had advised HD to renovate or revitalise the market. She hoped that HD would make a reply about its follow-up status in the following meeting.
- (iii) Said that she would inspect Kwai Fong Estate jointly with other Members, TD and the Police in December to discuss proposals for improving traffic accident black spots.

32. The Chairman said that the frequent water main burst incidents in some areas had caused a great nuisance to the residents in the past. He believed that the departments concerned were willing to listen to Members' views on dealing with the aging pipes in the district. He continued to point out that the departments concerned would consider the carrying capacity of the community before conducting large-scale water mains replacement works. Members could continue to follow up the above agenda item in relevant committees.

33. Mr NG Yam-fung, Benny suggested the departments to renovate Kwai Chung



Sports Ground and Kwai Shing Swimming Pool as soon as possible and to redevelop the recreational and sports facilities on Wo Yi Hop Road so as to combat with the problem of aging facilities.

34. Ms HUE Kam-ching, Acting Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department responded as follows:

- (i) Said that the Department would carry out repair and maintenance for the recreational and sports facilities within its purview by conducting large-scale renovation works or channelling the fund of District Minor Works (“DMW”) Programme. The Department had renovated some facilities and a 5-a-side soccer pitch in Kwai Chung Sports Ground in the past.
- (ii) Said that the Department was planning to carry out renovation works at the Wo Yi Hop Road Sports Ground in North Kwai Chung, which would include redeveloping the sports ground into a standard soccer pitch.
- (iii) Noted the renovation proposals put forward by Members.

35. Mr POON Chi-shing said he agreed that the two agenda items mentioned in the paper were the concerns of the residents in the district and suggested the Secretariat to distribute questionnaires to Members after the meeting to compile the views collected by Members in the district. Subsequently, a systematic discussion should be conducted to make suggestions to relevant departments.

36. With references to the terms of reference of the committees, the Chairman suggested referring the agenda items in relation to “enhancing commuting convenience for residents” and “renewing aged facilities” to the Traffic and Transport Committee and the District Facilities and Works Committee respectively.

37. Miss WONG Shuk-man put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Said that the aging problem of the water mains in Northeast Kwai Chung was serious and suggested the Department to replace the aged water mains when carrying out other large-scale works projects.
- (ii) Said that there would be a surge in the population in Northeast Kwai Chung after the completion of PRH construction in the district in the future. Therefore, it was suggested that the transport routes should be re-planned to

enhance commuting convenience for the residents.

38. Mr MOK Ka-sing, Mark responded that the ancillary transport facilities would be planned with regard to the actual progress and status of the development and that the above matters would continue to be followed up with Members in the Traffic and Transport Committee.

39. Mr NG Chi-wah said that the problem of insufficient public toilets in Kwong Fai Circuit Playground and Kwai Hop Street Playground, which were both highly frequented, had been relayed to the Department, but the reply from the Department was yet to be received.

40. Ms HUE Kam-ching responded that written replies had been provided to Members and that the needs were understood. The Department was preliminarily exploring with works departments the feasibility to provide a public toilet in Kwong Fai Circuit Playground. However, the Department lacked the resources to construct a public toilet at the current stage due to works constraints and the principle of effective allocation of resources. Members of the public might consider using the toilet in Hang Ping Street Playground which was a 4-minute walk from Kwong Fai Circuit Playground. The Department would continue to follow up the matter with regard to the actual circumstances.

41. Mr PANG Yap-ming put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Suggested the Government to construct lifts for the residents walking between St Paul's Village and Maritime Square in Tsing Yi so as to enhance their commuting convenience.
- (ii) Said that he had received complaints from residents on the noises generated by the staircase removal works conducted outside Tsing Yi Police Married Quarters in the small hours, hence the nuisances to the residents nearby.
- (iii) Suggested the Department to maintain proper communication with the works contractor before conducting improvement works to minimise the impacts of the works on the residents nearby.

42. The Chairman said that when consideration was given to the proposals on constructing lifts, escalators, etc., the departments concerned had to first take into account the feasibility and cost effectiveness of such proposals to ensure proper use of public

money. He also understood that the works carried out in the district might bring inconvenience to the residents nearby during the works periods. Therefore, Members had to maintain close communication with the departments concerned so as to put forward effective proposals that would bring convenience to the residents.

43. Miss CHAU Kit-ying put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Noted that the Water Supplies Department (“WSD”) had stated that substantial resources would be required to carry out replacement works for the aged water mains in Northeast Kwai Chung, so she suggested relevant departments to replace the aged water mains progressively.
- (ii) Enquired about the works progress of the Water Intelligent Network.
- (iii) Enquired about the progress of the Market Modernisation Programme and whether there was any alleviation plan to help the commercial tenants.
- (iv) Enquired whether the MTR Station in Northeast Kwai Chung would be constructed near the proposed PRH estate to enhance the residents’ commuting convenience.

44. The Chairman said in the meeting that all relevant government departments had been striving to progressively improve district facilities and conduct large-scale works based on needs and cost effectiveness. He suggested Members to submit written proposals or enquiries to relevant departments via the Secretariat before meetings, so that the Secretariat could invite representatives of the departments concerning with the opinions attend the meeting for exchanging views with Members. Since most of the areas in Kwai Tsing District had been developed for years, there was a lack of land for new development in general. As a result, inconvenience to the residents would become inevitable when works under the Market Modernisation Programme and alike were being carried out. Members should make suggestions in light of the current circumstances and past examples during discussions with the departments so as to formulate proposals which would be most beneficial to the livelihoods of the residents.

45. Ms CHAN On-ni said that the residents in Tai Wo Hau frequently used the facilities in Tai Wo Hau Estate Community Centre. She suggested the Department to make timely reports to K&T DC on the progress of the lifts installation works in Tai Wo Hau Estate Community Centre.

46. The Chairman noticed that K&T DC had been fighting for constructing lifts in Tai Wo Hau Estate Community Centre for years, but finalisation of the works proposal had dragged on due to structural constraints of the building and the operational considerations of various institutions and school-sponsoring bodies in the centre. In view of the above circumstances, the Architectural Services Department had commissioned a consultant company to carry out a feasibility study to work out a works proposal which minimised the impacts on existing occupants. In the latest works proposal, the proposed location of the lifts might temporarily and partially affect the operation of the basement car park of Tai Wo Hau Estate Community Centre, which was a property of a commercial organisation. Relevant departments were in the process of proactive discussion with the owner of the car park to finalise the works proposal.

47. Ms KWOK Fu-yung said the residents had high hopes for K&T DC Members of the current term and expected that Members could “ensure effective communication between the Government and the people”. Therefore, she agreed to referring the two agenda items mentioned in the paper to relevant committees for follow-ups so that Members and the departments could timely report their work to K&T DC to allow the public to be fully informed about the follow-up status of the agenda items.

48. The Chairman said that both the country and the public expected that K&T DC of the current term could work closely with government departments to serve the district. He quoted the speech of Mr XIA Baolong, the Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Work Office of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, in which he said “Hong Kong is in need of district councils which genuinely serve Hong Kong residents. Being the governance assistants of the Special Administrative Region Government as well as the helping hands of the public to resolve problems, district council members should ensure effective communication between the Government and the people by serving as a connection between the two.”

49. Mr WONG Siu-kwan said that he agreed to focus on the discussion and follow-ups on the two agenda items mentioned in the paper. He also suggested setting up online channels to collect the residents’ opinions.

50. Mr YIP Cheung-chun said that K&T DC of the current term could follow up the problems of insufficient ancillary transport facilities and aged facilities in Lai Yiu Estate as suggested in the paper.

51. Ms Miranda CHAN Oi-yi said that Kwai Tsing District was ranked 7th in Hong

Kong in terms of the number of children, but some residents had reflected that the district was short of children's play equipment. She suggested renovating the existing play equipment and providing additional indoor play equipment to satisfy the needs of the residents.

52. The Chairman pointed out that relevant committees should follow up the above matters.

53. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit suggested inviting representatives from the WSD, the Highways Department and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department to be the standing departmental representatives of K&T DC.

54. The Chairman reiterated that Members should submit written opinions/enquiries to relevant departments before meetings, so that the representatives from the departments concerned could be invited to K&T DC meetings for exchanging views with Members when needed.

55. Mr HO Kai-ho, Stanley, Chief Engineer/West 4, Civil Engineering and Development Department ("CEDD") responded that being the representative of works departments, CEDD would relay Members' opinions to relevant works departments after meetings. The Department submitted a report on the progress of works projects to the District Facilities and Works Committee every 6 months. Members were welcome to put forward their opinions. If needed, K&T DC could invite individual works departments to assign staff members to attend a meeting to respond to Members' proposals and enquiries.

56. Ms GUO Huimin said that, in view of the opinions collected from the residents, the Department would be recommended to conduct replacement works for aged water mains in a prioritised manner to manage the residents' expectations. The Department should make appropriate arrangements in the course of the works to minimise the impacts on the residents nearby.

57. The Chairman said that the nearby residents would inevitably be affected in the course of the works. Members would assume an important role in conducting explanatory work with the residents affected while comforting them.

**Concrete Proposals for (i) Cooperation with Care Teams to Launch a Care and Love Campaign in the 18 Districts; and (ii) Cooperation with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to Conduct Large-scale Cleaning Activities in the District**

**before Chinese New Year**

(Proposed by the Kwai Tsing District Office and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department)

(K&T DC Paper Nos. 6a/D/2024 & 6b/D/2024)

58. Ms TANG Yim-wah, Jannet, Senior Liaison Officer (4), K&T DO introduced K&T DC Paper No. 6a/D/2024 and said that the caregiving activity would be rescheduled to 2:30 p.m. on 2 February 2024.

59. Miss MOK Yee-ki said that she agreed to organise the above activity and suggested K&T DO to centralise the production of publicity materials for Care Teams, so that such materials could be displayed in the street booths set up by Care Teams to strengthen community publicity.

60. The Chairman responded that K&T DC and 31 Care Teams in Kwai Tsing District would cooperate in implementing the Care and Love Campaign and would jointly organise a launch ceremony. Each Care Team had to publicise its work to the residents in the sub-district in accordance with its established district network. He welcomed Members to put forward opinions on how the Care Teams should carry out publicity.

61. Miss CHU Lai-ling suggested inviting the schools in the district to participate in the activities of Care Teams in order to strengthen the connection among Care Teams, schools and the community.

62. The Chairman said that there were 31 secondary schools and 31 primary schools in the district. He agreed that Care Teams could invite students in the district to participate in their activities via associations of school heads or other school-sponsoring bodies.

63. Mr AU Chi-fai said that Care Teams played an important role in improving governance at district level. He suggested collecting the opinions of elderly residents on the two agenda items of great concern, i.e. “enhancing commuting convenience for residents” and “renewing aged facilities”, in the above caregiving activity or other activities in the future.

64. The Chairman said that Care Teams could consider the above suggestions when feasible. He expected that Care Teams could fully discharge their roles in publicising both the work and services of the Government when conducting household visits in the future.

65. Ms TANG Lai-ling suggested enhancing collaboration between the Government and the community to facilitate Care Teams conducting household visits in private buildings and sub-divided units.

66. The Chairman said that Care Teams were a concrete measure to foster collaboration among the Government, the business sector, and the community. According to his understanding, the operating organisations of Care Teams had been connecting with the residents in the district via their district network. The Government would be willing to provide facilitation measures to Care Teams when necessary and feasible.

67. Mr SO Pak-tsan suggested K&T DO to organise caregiving activities on festive occasions in the future.

68. The Chairman said that, in the funding agreement entered by Care Teams and the Government, the operating organisations were legally bound to achieve Key Performance Indicator targets, including organising festival celebrations and caregiving activities for the needy, within a designated time frame.

69. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit suggested HD and the Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) to provide Care Teams with the household information on elderly singletons and people with disabilities when feasible, or to provide tenants with a choice of “giving consent to non-profit organisations to contact you” on their declaration forms when they made income declarations.

70. Ms WONG Siu-fan, Phoebe, District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing), SWD responded that elderly centres were in possession of the information about their elderly members. In consideration of protection of personal information, the Department had to seek consent from the elderly members before arranging them to participate in the activities organised by Care Teams.

71. Ms WONG Kam-wah responded that HD had all along been concerned about the elderly singletons in PRH estates and had formulated a series of measures to support them. The Department was willing to discuss collaboration plans with Care Teams on the premise that personal information would be protected.

72. The Chairman said that some departments concerned had earlier on arranged briefing sessions for Care Teams to introduce their services. He was glad that various departments were maintaining close communication with Care Teams to enhance cooperation.

73. Ms LAM Chui-ling said that some primary school headmasters and secondary school principals, as well as the President of the Association of Heads of Secondary Schools were the members of Care Teams. She suggested the school headmasters and principals in the district to arrange the students to participate in Care Teams' activities to help the elderly and the needy. In addition, Care Teams could consider jointly organising activities with parent-teacher associations to expand their community networks.

74. Ms LAU Mei-lo said that many frontline cleaning and security personnel resided in the district, so she suggested expanding the service targets of Care Teams to include frontline cleaning and security personnel.

75. The Chairman said that, under extreme weather conditions some time ago, those who had sought shelter in the temporary shelter in the district included security personnel and frontline workers working nearby. He thanked Care Teams for supporting the operation of the temporary shelter and showing care to the needy.

76. Mr YUEN Yun-hung said that he had resumed his duties in a Care Team after the election. When applying to put up banners, he thought that the space allocated for Care Teams to display banners was insufficient. Besides, the processing time for the departments concerned to approve relevant applications was relatively long. He suggested the departments concerned to speed up application approval, increase the number of locations for hanging banners, and improve the allocation arrangement for the locations of hanging banners.

77. The Chairman emphasised that Care Teams must remain neutral in public elections. The operating organisations should redeploy sufficient and appropriate manpower to discharge Care Teams duties to ensure timely delivery of service.

78. Mr YU Hok-chi, Raymond, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department responded that there was a unit in the Department dedicated to handle matters relating to hanging banners and setting up street booths. The Department would process the applications for hanging banners according to the prevailing procedures and reply to the applicants within a designated time frame. The operating organisations of Care Teams could contact him directly to make enquiries about their applications.

79. Ms WONG Kam-wah responded that HD had been supporting the work of Care Teams and would discuss relevant matters with Members after the meeting.



(Post-meeting note: HD supplemented that since there was limited space in PRH estates for displaying publicity materials (including banners/publicity-boards and posters), HD had to formulate terms of use to manage and allocate the locations for displaying publicity materials so as to allow the residents to obtain information on pertinent services and activities, as well as general information that was of public concern. To assist Care Teams to disseminate information such as welfare/services to PRH residents, estate offices would exclusively set up a notice board for Care Teams at an appropriate location in each estate building.)

80. Ms LAM Ying-wai suggested to directly upload the contact information of Care Teams to HAD website and other related websites for easy access by the public.

81. The Chairman said that a standardised design was adopted to show the information of all Care Teams in the 18 districts on HAD website, where each Care Team had been provided with an information file. The operating organisation of each Care Team could provide its new contact information to K&T DO for uploading to the website. In addition, the funding agreement of Care Teams had stipulated that each Care Team should create its own social media account and make good use of the promotional platform to serve the residents.

82. Mr NG Yam-fung, Benny said that HD considered Care Teams as ordinary non-government organisations and required the operating organisations to file an application to the Department 24 days before organising an activity. Hence, the operating organisations of Care Teams found it difficult to smoothly organise and promote their activities. He suggested HD to review the procedures and requirements for processing applications.

83. Miss LO Yuen-ting said she agreed that the caregiving activity mentioned in the paper could show care to the needy in the district. To facilitate early preparation for the activity, she suggested the operating organisations to arrange the activity details as early as possible.

84. The Chairman responded that the operating organisations of Care Teams should note Members' opinions on the activities.

85. Ms WONG Kam-wah responded that she would discussed the matters with Members after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: After the meeting, HD introduced to Members the application procedures for displaying publicity materials as well as providing charitable/welfare services or organising fundraising activities in PRH estates. Organisations intending to provide charitable/welfare/service or organise fund-raising activities in PRH estates should submit an application form to relevant estate offices at least 7 working days before commencing the activities. Upon approval of an application, the estate office would issue a notification letter to the applicant organisation. In the event that an organisation approved for venue borrowing intended to cancel its application approval for any reason afterwards, the organisation should notify the estate office in writing for cancellation at least 3 days before the date of venue use, thereby allowing other organisations to file applications for venue borrowing. If an application was filed less than 7 working days before activity commencement whilst the venue was still available for borrowing, the estate office would handle such application flexibly subject to the circumstances.)

86. Mr SO Tak-wo introduced K&T DC Paper No. 6b/D/2024.

87. Ms WANG Chung-wing suggested relevant departments to organise more activities to step up efforts in publicising to residents the details of Municipal Solid Waste Charging (“MSW”) Policy which would be implemented in April this year.

88. The Chairman said that the Environmental Protection Department had introduced the details of MSW to Members and listened to Members’ suggestions in the last meeting (i.e. the meeting on 12 September 2023) of the previous-term K&T DC, in which discussion had also been made on both the method to effectively disseminate information to residents and the strength of enforcement actions to be imposed at the early stage of MSW implementation. He believed that the responsible departments would continue to work actively on policy explanation and that K&T DC Members would also take on the responsibilities of explaining the policy details to the residents.

89. Mr LEE Wai-lok put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Expressed his support for the activities mentioned in the paper, which included patrolling 5 hygiene black spots in the district. In view of the opinions collected from the residents and the serious rodent infestation in Kwong Fai Circuit, he suggested the Department to include Kwong Fai Circuit in patrol and cleaning lists.
- (ii) Reflected that there was a lack of public toilets in Kwong Fai Circuit even though a lot of restaurants were established there. As a result, some people

urinated and defecated in the back alleys, affecting environmental hygiene. He said that he had relayed the above situation to the departments concerned and suggested providing temporary toilets in Kwong Fai Circuit. He also asked those departments about their follow-up status.

90. The Chairman said that he was glad to see Members and the government departments proactively exchanging ideas over district affairs, but the focus of the agenda item should be on the year-end clean-up campaign carried out in the district by FEHD. Nevertheless, he welcomed relevant departments to give their responses in the meeting.

91. Ms HUE Kam-ching responded that the Department had earlier on deployed staff members to inspect the above spot, and would discuss the provision of temporary toilets with Members after the meeting.

92. The Chairman believed that the departments would consider providing public toilets after taking actual circumstances and cost effectiveness into account.

93. The Chairman asked whether the Members present in the meeting would like to put forward other matters. As the Members present in the meeting indicated that they had no other opinion, the Chairman announced taking a vote on the matters contained in the paper. Of the Members who participated in the vote, 0 vote against it and 0 abstained. Members endorsed the above matters.

### **Concrete Proposal for Organising Activities to Foster Economic Development in the District**

(Proposed by the Kwai Tsing District Office)

(K&T DC Paper No. 7/D/2024)

94. The Chairman introduced the paper.

95. Mr CHAN Chi-wing said that the Tsing Yi Bamboo Theatre was one of the major annual events in Hong Kong. Organising the “Night Vibes of Festival and Art Fair at Kwai Tsing” in between the celebrations of the birthdays of two deities, i.e. Zhen Jun and Tin Hau, could continue to mark the festivities. He welcomed the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy to provide opinions on activity details in subsequent meetings.

96. Ms LAM Chui-ling put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Said that the Tsing Yi Bamboo Theatre was full of district characteristics.

- (ii) Suggested the departments to avoid organising activities under hot weather.
- (iii) Suggested inviting the schools in the district to participate in the activities whereby parents and students could learn about the origins of the birthdays of Zhen Jun and Tin Hau.

97. The Chairman agreed to referring the discussion of the activity details and promotion plans to the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy.

98. Mr CHOW Kim-ho suggested extending the activity locations to Kwai Chong District.

99. The Chairman said that the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy would discuss the activity details and publicity plans of “Night Vibes of Festival and Art Fair at Kwai Tsing”. He welcomed Members to put forward suggestions on activities which could foster the economic development in the district.

100. Mr NG King-wah suggested the Tsing Yi Rural Committee to step up promotion of the origins of the birthdays of Zhen Jun and Tin Hau.

101. Mr CHAN Chi-wing responded that the celebration activities for the birthday of Zhen Jun was a distinctive activity exclusive to Tsing Yi. The Tsing Yi Rural Committee had invited the secondary schools in the district to set up exhibition boards for those activities to introduce the origins of the birthdays of Zhen Jun and Tin Hau. He said that consideration could be given to re-adopt the above practice to promote the origins of the birthdays of Zhen Jun and Tin Hau in the future.

102. Ms WANG Chung-wing put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Expressed her support for organising the above activities to foster economic development in the district and promote Cantonese opera culture.
- (ii) Suggested setting up handcraft booths incorporating the elements of national education and photo-taking spots for promoting Hanfu culture in the activity venue.
- (iii) Suggested providing signage near MTR station to guide members of the public to the activity venue.

103. The Chairman said that organising “Night Vibes of Festival and Art Fair at Kwai Tsing” in between the celebrations for the birthdays of Zhen Jun and Tin Hau could enhance festivity, and suggested Members to put forward concrete opinions on the activity details in the meetings of the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy and to maintain proactive communication with relevant government departments.

104. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming said that according to past experience, organisation of large-scale activities in the district required holding joint meetings with government departments for discussing activities execution details, so that the impacts on nearby residents in the course of the activities could be minimised. She welcomed Members to raise opinions on the execution details of the activities in the future.

105. The Chairman announced taking a vote on the matter contained in the paper. Of the Members who participated in the vote, 0 voted against it and 0 abstained. Members endorsed the above matters.

**Measures Related to the District Council in the Policy Address - Activity Proposal for Establishing a Photo-taking Landmark Distinctive to the District**

(Proposed by the Kwai Tsing District Youth Community Building Committee)  
(K&T DC Paper No. 8/D/2024)

106. Ms KWOK Fu-yung, Chairman, Kwai Tsing District Youth Community Building Committee introduced the paper.

107. Mr YIP Cheung-chun said that Lantau Link View Platform was scenic but its ancillary transport facilities had to be improved (including the provision of extra parking spaces) with additional catering services. He suggested extending a green minibus route Cheung Fat Estate and Lantau Link View Platform.

108. Ms CHENG Lam said she shared the same view as Mr.YIP.

109. Ms TANG Lai-ling recommended establishing a photo-taking landmark in the largest park of the area, the Central Kwai Chung Park. Also, she recommended making references to Un Chau Estate and Lai Chi Kok Park to revitalise the Central Kwai Chung Park in the form of "Flower Gallery" or "Tree Gallery", whereby visitors would be attracted by timely planting of seasonal plants or displays of LED flower seas. As the Central Kwai Chung Park was close to shopping malls and MTR stations, establishing a photo-taking landmark at the place concerned could not only bring about greater visitor

flow, but also enhance consumption.

110. The Chairman replied that the Stone House and the Main Dam of Shing Mun Reservoir in the Central Kwai Chung Park were both formerly part of Shui Fung Dairy Farm. The aforesaid Stone House and Main Dam of Shing Mun Reservoir were both declared monuments in the district. In the future, when K&T DC would launch publicity campaigns in the district, it might consider giving more introduction to the history and origin of the district.

111. Ms LAM Ying-wai recommended improving the ancillary transport facilities at Lantau Link View Platform, launching more food trucks and providing more vending machines for selling beverages. In addition, large-scale events should be regularly held on site to attract greater flow of visitors.

112. Ms Miranda CHAN Oi-yi suggested organising regular car shows at Lantau Link View Platform to attract greater flow of visitors, as well as providing more parking spaces there.

113. Ms LAM Chui-ling put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Asserted that Lantau Link View Platform was one of the landmarks in Kwai Tsing District.
- (ii) Suggested inviting students in the district to give performances at Lantau Link View Platform and setting up a handicraft bazaar, whereby a learning platform for students could be established whilst the flow of visitors could be augmented.
- (iii) Proposed launching dedicated and direct transport services for Lantau Link View Platform.

114. Mr LAU Hing-wah, James proposed improving the ancillary transport facilities at Lantau Link View Platform in order to complement the promotion of the platform as a photo-taking landmark in Kwai Tsing District in the long run.

115. Miss MOK Yee-ki agreed to establish Lantau Link View Platform as a photo-taking landmark, and recommended to enhance the ancillary transport facilities in that area. For example, dedicated transport interchange services should be provided during the peak season for tourists visiting Hong Kong and collaboration should be made with

shopping malls to allow customers to enjoy photo-taking service at the landmark after consumption of goods and services in such malls.

116. Mr NG King-wah suggested to let Kwai Tsing District Youth Community Building Committee to issue letters to invite internet celebrities from Mainland China to make introduction and promotion to the photo-taking landmarks in the district. Besides, he suggested providing additional toilets at the view platform.

117. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit enquired about the public opinion collection status of the campaign for “Let’s think about Lantau Link - Revitalisation of Lantau Link Viewing Platform”. He recommended to provide additional large-scale play equipment for children at the view platform to attract parents bringing along their children to have fun at the view platform.

118. Ms KWOK Fu-yung responded that the campaign for “Let’s think about Lantau Link - Revitalisation of Lantau Link Viewing Platform” carried out by K&T DO had launched a series of opinion collection activities, in which the views from Area Committees, District Fight Crime Committees, District Fire Safety Committees and members of the public were collected. As a member of the judging panel of the activities, she reckoned that the participating youngsters were capable of contributing quite a lot of creative and valuable ideas to the campaign.

119. Ms LAU Mei-lo expressed that the issue on prolonged occupation of car parking spaces at Lantau Link View Platform had to be resolved, and suggested that activities should be organised at the platform on a regular basis to attract continuous flow of visitors.

120. Miss CHU Lai-ling expressed concern about the prolonged occupation of parking spaces at Lantau Link View Platform, and recommended to provide time-limited charging bays for electric vehicles.

121. The Chairman made responses to the above-mentioned suggestions in relation to Lantau Link View Platform as follows:

- (i) Said that K&T DC had previously discussed in detail the background of Lantau Link View Platform and participated in relevant development programmes.
- (ii) Indicated that the Government would revitalise Lantau Link View Platform by way of DMW. To facilitate the two-way

communication between the Government and the public, as well as to encourage community members actively participating in the revitalisation works, the District Office had, on the recommendation of the Kwai Tsing District Youth Community Building Committee, organised the campaign of “Let’s think about Lantau Link - Revitalisation of Lantau Link Viewing Platform” to exchange views with the public through a series of activities. The opinion collection stage of the campaign had already ended.

- (iii) Indicated that the viewing platform had only been regarded as a site for placing bridge exhibits at the planning stage and was, therefore, not connected with any sewer. Any proposal to construct extra infrastructure would have to take into account the cost effective use of public money.
- (iv) Said that public transport operators had their own commercial considerations with regard to the provision of additional public transport services.
- (v) Indicated that large vehicles had once parked at the car park in the viewing platform during the pandemic. However, as the pandemic was brought under control, the situation became improved and the parking spaces at the car park were currently under-utilised most of the time.
- (vi) Expressed appreciation towards Members’ provision of feasible recommendations on the optimal use of community facilities.

122. The Chairman announced taking a vote on the matter contained in the document. Of the Members who participated in the vote, 0 voted against it and 0 abstained. Members endorsed the above matter.

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### **Any Other Business**

123. The Chairman put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Said that Members expressed concern about the electricity incident occurred at Nga Ying Chau Street Substation on 1 January. Both the Electrical and



Mechanical Services Department (“EMSD”) and CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (“CLP”) had already made written replies, the details of which had been set out in DC Paper No. 9a/D/2024 (tabled at the meeting) and DC Paper No. 9b/D/2024 (tabled at the meeting).

- (ii) CLP indicated that, in view of the incident investigation still being in progress, further information elaboration could not be provided to the District Council.
- (iii) EMSD advised that, since a written reply had already been given, they got nothing to add and would not send any representative to attend this meeting.

124. Miss LO Yuen-ting put forth opinions and made enquiries as follows:

- (i) Indicated that CLP had failed to timely inform residents of the progress when the incident happened, so she would suggest government departments and CLP to give an account of the situation as soon as possible when similar incidents reoccurred in the future.
- (ii) Recommended government departments and CLP to complete investigating the cause of the incident as soon as possible and to give an account of their improvement plan.

125. Mr PANG Yap-ming put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Members had endeavoured to answer residents' enquiries on the day of the incident, and felt fortunate that no one was injured in the incident.
- (ii) Suggested CLP to give an account of the cause of the incident as soon as possible to allay public concerns.

126. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit put forth opinions and made enquiries as follows:

- (i) Recommended CLP to notify the public as soon as possible when similar incidents reoccurred in the future.
- (ii) Enquired CLP what crisis management plan would be available if an extensive blackout were to occur in the future. For instance, the Government could disseminate notification to the public through Short

Message Service to give an account of the circumstances.

127. The Chairman responded by pointing out that the incident had occurred at about 3:13 p.m. on the day concerned. At 3:30 p.m., K&T DO received a notification from a District Council Member about the incident. Both the Police and Fire Services Department (“FSD”) immediately arrived at the scene to handle the incident after receiving reports. Thereafter, the Police informed K&T DO at 3:40 p.m. that no one was injured in the incident. Besides, CLP reported between about 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. that the incident had resulted in a voltage dip but without interruption to power supply. Meanwhile, K&T DO had all the way provided District Council Members and relevant Care Teams with information given by CLP and government departments. He indicated that he understood the concerns of the residents as well as the importance of disseminating information, and that the Government had already requested CLP to submit an investigation report on the incident in four weeks’ time.

128. Mr LAU Hing-wah, James said that he would relay Members' views to CLP in the following meeting in his capacity as a member of CLP Local Customer Advisory Committees.

(Post-meeting note: CLP's 11,000 volt cable at the transformer room in On Mei House, Cheung On Estate, Tsing Yi, had experienced a fault on the morning of 7 January 2024. This incident affected the electricity supply to about 388 households in On Mei House and the electricity supply did not resume to normal until about one and a half hours later. Since the two incidents occurred less than a week apart and took place in places close to one another, they had once again aroused the concern over electricity safety among the residents in Cheung On Estate and nearby housing estates, such as Villa Esplanada and Cheung Fat Estate. Nevertheless, CLP expressed their initial belief that these two incidents were not interrelated, the detailed causes of which were to be investigated. Members said that, even if these two incidents were not interrelated, CLP should still conduct a thorough investigation into the causes of the faults and carry out a detailed review, as well as to give the public an account of the causes of the incidents for dispelling the residents’ anxieties. CLP had already provided a written reply for the aforesaid matter, the details of which could be referred to KT&DC Circulation (Information) Paper No. 1/2024.)

129. Ms WONG Siu-fan, Phoebe said that SWD was going to invite Members to join a "social welfare service briefing session" through the Secretariat after the meeting, whereby the Department would introduce to Members the social welfare services available in the district.

130. The Chairman declared closure of meeting.

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