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**Minutes of the 146th Meeting
of the Kwai Tsing District Council**

Date: 9 July 2024

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 5:19 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 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	3:07 p.m.	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	3:02 p.m.	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
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
Mr AU Chi-fai	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr POON Chi-shing, MH	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting

**Responsible
Department**

Present

Ms TANG Lai-ling
Ms CHENG Lam
Miss LO Yuen-ting, MH
Mr SO Pak-tsan, MH

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In Attendance

Mr LAU Chi-yuen, Spencer	Acting District Lands Officer (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) , Lands Department
Ms LAM Hang-ling, Sara	Acting Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department
Mr KAO His-chiang	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kwai Tsing), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms WONG Sau-kuen, Joe	District Leisure Manager (Kwai Tsing), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHUNG Alan	Division Commander (Kwai Chung), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr WONG Siu-shan	Division Commander (Tsing Yi), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms CHAN Tsz-kwan	Police Community Relations Officer (Kwai Tsing), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms YUEN Mo-kuen, Monita	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing)3, Social Welfare Department
Mr LUK Ka-wing	Senior Engineer/7 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr MOK Ka-sing, Mark	Chief Transport Officer/New Territories South West, Transport Department
Ms WONG Ngan	Senior Housing Manager/Kwai Chung, Housing Department
Mr CHAN Kor-shu, Klaus	Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Logistics 10, Transport and Logistics Bureau
Ms SIN Wai-yu, Brenda	Senior Town Planner (Transport & Logistics) Port, Maritime & Logistics, Transport and Logistics Bureau
Mr HO Kai-ho, Stanley	Chief Engineer/West 4, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr CHIU Chi-ho, Derek	Senior Engineer/8 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr NGAI Wing-yin, Eric	Engineer/26 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr CHO Man-kin	Senior Engineer/Covered Walkway 2, Highways Department
Mr QIAN Yifeng	Engineer 13-2/Works, Highways Department
Ms NG Wai-ki	District Engineer/Kwai Tsing (West), Highways Department
Ms CHAU Hoi-yi, Shirley	Senior Engineer/Kwai Tsing, Transport Department
Mr LEE Ying-yin	Engineer/Special Duties, Transport Department

In Attendance

Mr LI Kam-sang	Technical Director, Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Limited
Ms ZHAO Qing, Sunny	Principal Engineer, Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Limited
Miss LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss HO Yin-king, Susanne	Acting Assistant District Officer (Kwai Tsing)
Mr LIU Ho-wui, Percy	Executive Officer (General), Kwai Tsing District Office

Secretary

Miss LI Mei-sze, Julia	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

Absentee

Mr CHAN Chi-wing, MH	(Application for absence not endorsed)
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the 146th meeting of the Kwai Tsing District Council (“K&T DC”).

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 145th Meeting of K&T DC Held on 7 May 2024

2. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received no proposed amendment from Members prior to the meeting and he invited Members to endorse the minutes of the above meeting.
3. Ms GUO Huimin moved a motion. The motion was seconded by Mr LAU Hing-wah, James. Members present at the meeting endorsed the minutes of the above meeting unanimously.

Discussion Items

Study on Multi-storey Complex for Container-Related Uses and Modern Logistics Facilities in Kwai Chung and Improvement of Roundabout No. 6 at Container Port Road South in Kwai Chung

(Proposed by Transport and Logistics Bureau, Civil Engineering and Development Department, Highways Department and Transport Department)

(K&T DC Paper No. 19/D/2024)

4. Mr CHAN Kor-shu, Klaus, Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Logistics 10, Transport and Logistics Bureau, Mr HO Kai-ho, Stanley, Chief Engineer/West 4, Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”), and Mr LI Kam-sang, Technical Director, Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Limited, introduced the paper.
5. Mr POON Chi-shing put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:
 - (i) Asked whether the two proposed development sites mentioned in the paper would be developed by stages in order to reserve space for temporary parking spaces for large vehicles;
 - (ii) Asked whether the departments concerned had estimated the size of commuting flow to the proposed development sites in the future, and whether appropriate ancillary facilities, such as canteens and feeder services,

would be provided; and

- (iii) Supported the provision of night-time public parking spaces, and suggested providing feeder services.

6. Mr SO Pak-tsan put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Supported the proposed logistics facilities development, and deemed that the development could help boost competitiveness of the logistics industry in Hong Kong;
- (ii) Was worried that the proposed provision of only about 400 parking spaces for commercial vehicles could not satisfy the demand in the district, so he suggested increasing the number of parking spaces for commercial vehicles.
- (iii) Asked whether the parking spaces for commercial vehicles in the complexes would be opened up for public use; and
- (iv) Asked about the arrangements of relevant ancillary facilities (such as canteens and transport services).

7. Mr NG King-wah put forth enquiries as follows:

- (i) Asked about the distance between the two proposed development sites A and B as well as relevant fire services requirements; and
- (ii) Asked whether the developer would be required to provide different fire services facilities according to the types of the logistics facilities in the buildings.

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

- (i) In the past, the amenities of some logistics facilities had failed to satisfy the needs of the staff;
- (ii) Asked whether the development would provide parking spaces for private vehicles and motorcycles; and
- (iii) Asked whether the development would provide charging bays for electric

vehicles.

9. Mr CHAN Kor-shu, Klaus responded as follows:

- (i) The Government will make reference to the recommendations in the feasibility study and closely monitor the market in order to timely deliver proposed development sites for logistics facilities development;
- (ii) The Government is conducting a study on the ancillary facilities of the proposed development site. As the site is in proximity to Mei Foo residential area, it is already served by MTR and bus network. Therefore, the Government is exploring the feasibility of providing pedestrian crossing facilities between the site and Mei Foo residential area;
- (iii) The multi-storey complexes will provide about 400 ancillary parking spaces, which include parking spaces for private vehicles, motorcycles, container vehicles and goods vehicles of different types, for the use of different logistics service providers in the complexes. The Government will also further explore the feasibility of opening up some of the ancillary parking spaces at nighttime for public use; and
- (iv) Considered the parking demand in the areas near the proposed development site and in the surroundings of the container terminal, the Government had earlier on stipulated in the development conditions for another logistics site to the south of the proposed development site (i.e. Kwai Chung Town Lot No. 531) that the developer must provide no less than 750 public parking spaces of different types for public use.

10. Mr NGAI Wing-yin, Eric, Engineer/26 (West), CEDD, responded as follows:

- (i) Taking into account the number of staff members in nearby logistics facilities of the same type, it was estimated that the number of staff members in the proposed development site will range from a few hundreds to almost a thousand. However, the actual number would be subject to the types of the logistics service providers and the actual number of employees in the complexes;
- (ii) When granting logistics sites, the Government allows developers to provide ancillary facilities (such as canteens) in the sites. Therefore, it was

suggested to adopt the same approach for the proposed development site;

- (iii) Most logistics centres were served by feeder vehicles at that moment. The developer will apply to the Transport Department (“TD”) for operating feeder vehicles with reference to the number of staff members in the complexes when they are about to be completed;
- (iv) Pedestrians walked from the area under the bridge of Tsing Kwai Highway to the vicinity of the proposed development site at that time. As the conditions of the walkway were unsatisfactory, the consultant was conducting assessment on relevant pedestrian facilities. If necessary, improvement works will be carried out in accordance with the priorities of works and the development timetable of the logistics centre;
- (v) Some of the ancillary parking spaces in the complexes will be allocated for private vehicles and motorcycles. In addition, it was proposed to open up those parking spaces for public use at nighttime in order to alleviate the problem of insufficient parking spaces in the district;
- (vi) The two buildings will be 35 to 40 metres apart, which are in compliance with relevant requirements of the prevailing Fire Services Ordinance. 60% of the site area will be used for constructing the complexes, while the remaining area will be reserved for fire access;
- (vii) Upon completion of the logistics centre, the developer will provide appropriate fire services facilities based on the modes of operation of the logistics service providers in the buildings; and
- (viii) The developer will provide charging bays for electric vehicles in the proposed logistics centre in accordance with relevant requirements of the Buildings Department.

11. Ms CHAU Hoi-yi, Shirley, Senior Engineer/Kwai Tsing, TD, responded as follows:

- (i) TD will continue to communicate and meet with the industry to discuss the relocation arrangements for the temporary carpark for non-franchised buses at the proposed development site;
- (ii) TD will inform the industry and provide appropriate assistance as early as

possible, subject to the clearance notice timetable issued by the Lands Department (“LandsD”); and

- (iii) The Department is exploring the feasibility of increasing the number of metered parking spaces for tour coaches and nighttime parking facilities.

12. Mr POON Chi-shing put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Considered that the estimated number of staff members in the logistics centre would be over 1 000, he suggested the Government to make earliest possible arrangements for both surrounding ancillary facilities and feeder services at the planning stage; and
- (ii) The Government should propose an exact location for relocating the tour coaches which were originally parked on the proposed development site.

13. Ms WANG Chung-wing asked whether an automatic operation mode will be adopted in the proposed complexes to boost competitiveness of the container terminals in Hong Kong.

14. Mr SO Pak-tsan suggested establishing comprehensive ancillary facilities (such as pedestrian crossing facilities) in the surroundings in order to cope with the demand for ancillary facilities arising from heavy pedestrian traffic.

15. Miss LO Yuen-ting deemed that Kwai Chung Town Lot No. 531 was relatively distant from the proposed development site, so she suggested providing parking spaces for private vehicles and motorcycles at the proposed development site.

16. Mr CHAN Kor-shu, Klaus responded as follows:

- (i) Noted Members’ opinions and would continue to optimise relevant design;
- (ii) The Government have been encouraging the logistics industry to enhance efficiency and productivity by applying technology, and will strengthen its support to the logistics industry in digital transformation and application of smart logistics solutions. The application of modernised logistics technology in the complexes will be subject to the consideration of logistics service providers; and

- (iii) Kwai Chung Town Lot No. 531 is opposite to the proposed development site. The developer is obliged to provide no less than 750 public parking spaces of different types, including parking spaces for private vehicles and motorcycles, according to the requirements of relevant lease conditions. Some of the ancillary parking spaces in the complexes will be allocated for private vehicles and motorcycles, and will be opened up for public use at nighttime as planned in order to alleviate the problem of insufficient parking spaces in the district.

17. Mr LAU Hing-wah, James enquired about the works timetable.
18. Mr NG Yam-fung, Benny enquired about the design and works timetable of the pedestrian crossing facilities connecting the proposed development site to Mei Foo.
19. Mr YUEN Yun-hung enquired about the cost of the works and the planning of the open space.
20. Mr NG Chi-wah suggested arranging double-deck buses for carrying staff members back and forth the logistics centre.
21. Mr CHAN Kor-shu, Klaus responded as follows:
- (i) After the Government's land sale, the logistics centre will be constructed on the land concerned by the developer, who will also make decision on the construction cost and make planning in the area of open space based on practical needs; and
 - (ii) The Government will plan for the construction of pedestrian crossing facilities connecting between the proposed development site and the nearby MTR station in accordance with works priority and upon collection of stakeholders' opinions.
22. Mr NGAI Wing-yin, Eric responded as follows:
- (i) In general, it takes 4 to 5 years for a developer to complete constructing a logistics centre after a successful land bid;
 - (ii) With reference to other development plans, developers were occasionally found to be equipping logistics centres with leisure or recreational facilities

for attracting tenants; and

- (iii) For the sake of project flexibility, the Government had no plan to require certain area of leisure or recreational facilities to be provided by developers.

23. Ms CHAU Hoi-yi, Shirley responded as follows:

- (i) The Department had earlier on discussed a preliminary proposal for improving the pedestrian crossings with CEDD and the consultant. Considered the magnitude of pedestrian flow between Mei Foo MTR Station and the vicinity of the container terminal at that moment, the Department would explore the feasibilities to make improvements as soon as possible;
- (ii) The developer or works contractor may apply for operating feeder bus service to carry staff members back and forth the proposed development site with reference to actual needs in the future; and
- (iii) At that moment, no data was available to show that the site's future pedestrian flow could justify the introduction of a double-deck franchised bus route. The Department will pay close attention to the needs and conduct reviews subsequently.

Optimise Land Use in Kwai Tsing District to Stimulate the District's Economy

(Proposed by Miss LO Yuen-ting, MH, Mr NG Yam-fung, Benny, Ms TANG Lai-ling, Ms CHENG Lam, Miss WONG Shuk-man, Ms KWOK Fu-yung, MH, Mr NG Chi-wah, Mr WONG Siu-kwan, Miss MOK Yee-ki, Mr WONG Chun-yeung, Ms LEUNG Kar-ming, MH, Ms LAM Ying-wai and Mr YUEN Yun-hung)

(K&T DC Paper Nos. 20/D/2024 (Revised), 20a/D/2024, 20b/D/2024, 20c/D/2024, 20d/D/2024, 20e/D/2024 and 20f/D/2024)

24. Mr YUEN Yun-hung introduced the paper.

25. The Chairman summarised the replies submitted by LandsD and MTR Corporation Limited ("MTR"), and said that relevant departments and institutions had already provided positive replies regarding the aforesaid matter. In addition, to achieve systematic discussion on the agenda item, he recommended discussing the three proposed sites mentioned in the discussion paper one by one.

26. Miss LO Yuen-ting enquired about the owner and manager of the vacant land outside Maritime Square 2, the application procedures for using the land, and examples of successful applications in the past. She also expected that the land could be used for organising activities and stimulating the district's economy.

27. Mr POON Chi-shing enquired whether the applications for using the land should be submitted to LandsD or MTR.

28. Ms LAM Hang-ling, Sara, Acting Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), LandsD, responded as follows:

- (i) LandsD had issued a written consent to MTR in 2000 to approve its construction of temporary structures in some proposed places for community or charity activities; and
- (ii) After obtaining consent from MTR, the district organisation or government department which intends to organise an activity can submit a written application to LandsD. On the other hand, records show that LandsD had issued a no-objection letter to K&T DO in February 2019 for its occupation of some proposed places to organise a "Poon Choi" feast.

29. The Chairman said that K&T DO had applied for using the aforesaid land according to the mechanism during the pandemic. Although eventually the application procedures were not completed due to various reasons, it was noteworthy that all government departments should also apply for using the aforesaid land according to the mechanism, and observe relevant conditions when using the land.

30. Mr LAU Chi-yuen, Spencer, Acting District Lands Officer (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), LandsD, responded that MTR is responsible for the management as well as the repair and maintenance of the aforesaid location according to lease conditions, so the applicant organisations should obtain consents from MTR before submitting applications.

31. Ms Miranda CHAN Oi-yi enquired whether the applicants should submit written consents issued by MTR when filing relevant applications to LandsD.

32. Miss MOK Yee-ki enquired whether the applicants should obtain consents from MTR, or let MTR become a supporting organisation for the activities concerned, before submitting relevant applications to LandsD.

33. Mr POON Chi-shing put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) LandsD should clarify relevant application procedures, such as the handling method in case MTR did not consent to an activity to be held on the aforesaid land whereas LandsD had no objection to such an activity;
- (ii) Asked MTR about the details of the written consent it had obtained in 2000; and
- (iii) Did not understand why the applicants should consult MTR in its capacity as the land manager before filing applications to the Government in its capacity as the land owner.

34. Miss LO Yuen-ting suggested LandsD to communicate with MTR before replying to K&T DC in writing on the application procedures for using the land.

35. Ms TANG Lai-ling deemed that MTR had responded to the aforesaid matter proactively, whereas LandsD had failed to respond to Members' enquiries directly.

36. The Chairman deemed that the responses from both relevant departments and MTR in organising community activities at the aforesaid location were positive. He was pleased to see that, after thorough discussion and understanding of the concerns of different stakeholders over the land use, the meeting attendees were able to reach a consensus on the optimal use of the land according to the mechanism.

37. Ms LAM Hang-ling, Sara responded as follows:

- (i) LandsD is supportive and willing to facilitate the organisation of community activities by district organisations. As MTR is responsible for managing as well as repairing and maintaining the aforesaid location, she suggested the applicant organisations to consult MTR in writing before submitting applications to LandsD; and
- (ii) Regarding the application procedures for temporary occupation of the aforesaid land, LandsD would submit a written reply later on.

(Post-meeting note: LandsD had given a pertinent written reply on 22 August 2024. For details, please refer to K&T DC

Circulation (Information) Paper No. 4/2024.)

38. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit suggested granting the authority for approving the land use to MTR to streamline the application procedures.

39. Mr LAU Chi-yuen, Spencer responded as follows:

- (i) As MTR is responsible for the management as well as the repair and maintenance of the aforesaid location, the applicant organisations should consult MTR before submitting applications to ensure the activities concerned will not affect the repairs and maintenance of the land. LandsD should then be notified whether MTR's consents have been obtained via written consents issued by MTR or written accounts given by the applicant organisations; and
- (ii) As the Government is the land owner, it is inappropriate for a third party to vet and approve the applications for the use of the land.

40. Ms GUO Huimin shared a similar case in other district where the applicant was required to provide LandD with a written account specifying its receipt of verbal consent from the managing party of the government land concerned before LandsD had granted it an application approval.

41. Ms CHENG Lam enquired whether the applications must be submitted by MTR as stated in the reply document.

42. Ms LAM Hang-ling, Sara responded that MTR had already obtained relevant written consent in 2000 for constructing temporary structures in some proposed places (i.e. the locations illustrated in the picture attached to the reply document) for community or charity activities. Regarding the past example in which LandsD had issued a no-objection letter on temporary occupation of the aforesaid land, records showed that there was only one application made by K&T DO for organising a "Poon Choi" feast in 2019. Therefore, applicant organisations should consult MTR in writing or verbally before submitting applications.

43. The Chairman said that LandsD would provide a written reply to K&T DC on the application mechanism for organising activities in the location concerned.

(The meeting then proceeded to the discussion on the area located in Kwai Tsing Theatre

mentioned in the paper.)

44. Ms LAM Ying-wai said having noted that the goods sold in the Plaza of Kwai Tsing Theatre should be the handicrafts/items made by members of the organisers or their subsidiary organisations, she still hoped that the Department could clarify whether the institutions cooperating with the organisers (such as schools or non-governmental organisations) could sell their handicrafts/items in the place concerned.

45. Miss LO Yuen-ting enquired about the whereabouts of the exact area available for booking by organisations.

46. Miss LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”), responded as follows:

- (i) Welcomed applications from non-profit-making organisations for organising open activities for public participation free of charge in the Plaza of Kwai Tsing Theatre;
- (ii) Subject to prior approval from the Department, the organisers can sell their handicrafts/items in the activities organised by themselves but cannot sell any goods with other printed trademarks. The Department is willing to explain to Members the criteria for saleable items;
- (iii) The Department had organised “Pop-up Library” in the Plaza of Kwai Tsing Theatre in February this year, and had organised art exhibitions, singing performances and activities in mobile science exhibition vehicles in 2023/24. In addition, a non-profit-making organisation had organised a handicraft bazaar in the aforesaid location in mid-May this year, and had organised community exhibitions and workshops in early December in 2023. A carnival and a dance performance had also been held in the location concerned in 2017 and 2018 respectively; and
- (iv) Introduced the prevailing application procedures, and said that information about the booking area and conditions was available on the website of the Kwai Tsing Theatre.

47. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming said that the Plaza of Kwai Tsing Theatre is a gathering spot for young people with a high pedestrian flow. Therefore, she suggested LCSD to make reference to the practice in other countries by regularly organising activities, such as youth

performances, cultural promotion activities and career planning activities in the aforesaid location, with a view to attracting greater flow of people and pursuing the idea of “tourism is everywhere” as proposed by Mr Xia Baolong, the Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council of China.

48. Mr YUEN Yun-hung asked whether the Department would consider relaxing the restrictions on the items for sale and allowing all participating units to print their logos on the items for sale so as to encourage business start-ups and employment, as well as to optimise the use of government land.

49. Ms GUO Huimin asked whether LCSD would allow co-organisers to print their logos on the items for sale if the organisers had signed legal agreements with relevant booking organisations to confirm their identities as co-organisers.

50. Miss LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola responded as follows:

- (i) The Plaza of Kwai Tsing Theatre had long been leased to different organisations for organising activities while the indoor venues had a 100% occupancy rate, hence the public are provided with opportunities to enjoy performances and art programmes;
- (ii) Noted Members’ opinions on the organising styles and content of activities, and said that the opinions concerned would be relayed to the Department after the meeting;
- (iii) The applicant organisations can provide information about the activity co-organisers when submitting written applications for the Department’s approval; and
- (iv) Handicrafts are not confined to art pieces, but also include originally created items.

(The meeting then proceeded to the discussion on the pedestrian subway mentioned in the paper.)

51. Mr NG Yam-fung, Benny put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Said that according to the reply document submitted by the Department, the Highways Department (“HyD”) and TD had no objection in principle to the

applications filed by district organisations for organising community activities in the area between Kwai Fong MTR Station and the pedestrian subway at Container Port Road. He asked the Police about its views on such a matter; and

- (ii) Asked whether the Department was planning to beautify the vicinity of the pedestrian subway, e.g. beautifying the subway with wall paintings featuring the characteristics of Kwai Tsing District, so as to attract pedestrian flow from one end of the subway to the other end, where the exit would lead to the Plaza of Kwai Tsing Theatre at which organisations could organise bazaars.

52. Miss LO Yuen-ting said that a district organisation had organised a wall painting activity in the aforesaid location, and asked about the arrangement of power supply there.

53. Ms NG Wai-ki, District Engineer/Kwai Tsing (West), HyD, responded as follows:

- (i) A district organisation had painted a wall painting in the aforesaid location the previous year, and would paint a wall painting again at the same spot in celebration of National Day. In addition, Home and Youth Affairs Committee had carried out beautification works at other spots in the subway. The Department was willing to explore with Members the feasible proposals for conducting beautification works in the subway; and
- (ii) The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (“EMSD”) is responsible for the power supply equipment in the aforesaid location. The Department would relay Members’ enquiries to EMSD.

(Post-meeting note: HyD said that according to EMSD’s reply, the existing power equipment maintained by the Department in the pedestrian subway concerned must provide stable power supply to the lighting system, elevators, as well as other mechanical and electrical devices in the subway to ensure safety of use. Therefore, relevant organisations should submit individual applications to CLP Power Hong Kong Limited for the arrangement of temporary power supply involved in their proposed activities.)

54. Mr CHUNG Alan, Division Commander (Kwai Chung), Hong Kong Police Force, responded that if the activities concerned would not affect public safety, the Police should

have no objection in principle to the applications filed by community organisations for organising community activities in the aforesaid location.

Information Papers

Briefing on Public Order Situation between April and May 2024

(Proposed by the Hong Kong Police Force)

(K&T DC Paper No. 21/I/2024)

55. Mr NG King-wah put forth enquiries as follows:

- (i) Enquired about the locations of pickpocketing black spots, and whether the pickpocketing cases concerned were categorised as organised crimes; and
- (ii) Enquired about the schedule for installing “eyes in the sky” in the district.

56. Mr WONG Siu-kwan had been recently informed of a case of attempted robbery occurred in Kwai Luen Estate Playground. In this connection, he would like to learn about the follow-up status of the Police in strengthening the security.

57. Ms CHAN On-ni appreciated the Police for expeditiously cracking down a case of attempted burglary with intent to commit rape at Fung King House in Lai King Estate on 5 July this year. Prior to the K&T DC meeting, Division Commander (Kwai Chung), housing estate representative of Lai King Estate and security representative of the property management company had held a joint meeting with Members to conduct a review in respect of the incident. She expected to continue co-operating with the Police closely.

58. Mr WONG Chun-yeung put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) After the occurrence of a case of attempted burglary with intent to commit rape at Fung King House in Lai King Estate on 5 July this year, Division Commander (Kwai Chung), housing estate representative of Lai King Estate and security representative of the property management company held a joint meeting with Members before the K&T DC meeting to conduct a review on the estate’s security loopholes, as well as to propose recommendations on security measures, e.g. adjustment of CCTV installation spots, improvement on the procedure of visitors’ registration and deployment of uniformed police officers to carry out high-profile patrols;

- (ii) Complimented the Police on expeditiously cracking down the aforesaid case, and also praised the Housing Department (“HD”) for swiftly responding to the incident as well as reviewing the security status of the estate; and
- (iii) Publicised crime prevention messages in Lai King Estate with the Police a day before the meeting, and suggested the Police to carry out the aforesaid publicity activity in the district in the future.

59. Mr LAU Hing-wah, James appreciated the Police’s swiftness in cracking down a case of attempted burglary with intent to commit rape in the district, reflecting the Police’s intimate knowledge of the district and capability to utilise robust mechanism to carry out strategic deployments.

60. Ms GUO Huimin put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Realised that the number of deception cases had risen by 130. On 6 July, Members organised an anti-deception seminar at Tai Wo Hau Community Centre where approximately 100 persons attended. In the seminar, the Police publicised anti-deception messages and received positive responses from residents after engaging interaction with them; and
- (ii) Economic environment caused a proliferation of law and order issues in the district. Illegal gambling activities were frequently found at Hop Kwai House in Kwai Chung Estate, so she hoped that police patrolling could be strengthened in the area concerned.

61. Ms KWOK Fu-yung put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Thanked and praised for the Police’s expeditious cracking down on a case of attempted burglary with intent to commit rape in the district; and
- (ii) Enquired HD whether it would carry out follow-up actions in response to the occurrence of two consecutive crime cases in the district on the same day which had drawn much public attention. For example, strengthening education among building security personnel in order to conduct rigorous security work, posting crime prevention notices in lifts, and adding CCTVs at different locations in public housing estate common areas to avoid blind spots.

62. Miss WONG Shuk-man put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Some people had been found using Electric Mobility Devices (“EMDs”) in the area around Shek Lei (II) Estate and Shek Lei (I) Estate, so she suggested the Police to step up enforcing the law to prevent traffic accidents; and
- (ii) Enquired whether the case of “Taking Conveyance Without Authority” mentioned in the paper was related to EMDs.

63. Mr YIP Cheung-chun put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Was grateful that the Police had been proactively publicising anti-deception and anti-crime messages; and
- (ii) Enquired whether the rise in the number of juvenile crimes was related to the advent of summer vacation.

64. Mr CHUNG Alan responded as follows:

- (i) Pickpocketing black spots mainly concentrated in Kwai Chung Plaza, the area outside Kwai Fong MTR Station, as well as the area around Kwong Fai Circuit. The Police had already deployed more plain-clothes police officers to patrol around the aforesaid locations;
- (ii) In mid-June this year, officers of Task Force Sub-unit (“TFSU”) of Kwai Chung Division arrested a male holder of Two-way Exit Permit for suspected pickpocketing. At that time, no evidence was available to show any linkage between the pickpocketing crime and organised crime;
- (iii) The Police pays much attention to cases involving violence. On the afternoon of the material day (Friday), after the Police received report of the Lai King Estate case, it deployed uniformed police officers to the flat where the crime had taken place and arrested the suspect in 8 minutes. A day prior to the meeting, that suspect had already been brought to court and charged with one count of “aggravated burglary”. The case was adjourned to 2 September to allow the Police to conduct further investigation and seek legal advice. That suspect was remanded in custody whilst the case was continued to be followed up by Kwai Tsing Police District (“KWTDIST”)’s

District Crime Squad;

- (iv) The aforesaid case is an individual serious crime. KWTDIST immediately deployed more uniformed and plain-clothes police officers to conduct high-profile patrols after the crime had taken place. The police district will continue to adopt a “zero tolerance” attitude to enforce the law rigorously;
- (v) A day prior to the meeting, KWTDIST held a meeting with HD, security company and New Territories South Regional Crime Prevention Office to offer crime prevention recommendations. It was hoped that all the parties could be more vigilant in preventing crimes;
- (vi) Regarding the case of attempted robbery occurred on the same day, the victim was a female secondary school student who did not suffer property loss. The suspect of the robbery case fled and disappeared after committing the crime. KWTDIST was very concerned about the aforesaid case and handed the case over to the District Crime Squad of KWTDIST and the Task Force Sub-unit in Kwai Chung Division for proactive investigation;
- (vii) KWTDIST attached great concern to the violence cases which had occurred recently, and had already deployed more police officers to strengthen patrols and proactively investigate the cases, with an expectation that the cases would be solved as soon as possible;
- (viii) Kwai Tsing District had all along been a safe place where robbery cases rarely occurred. The most recent robbery case occurred in March this year in which the suspect had already been arrested and prosecuted;
- (ix) KWTDIST has been concerned about gambling issue in the district. As to the gambling issue of estate residents, KWTDIST would more prefer to resolve it from the root than just to carry out arrest actions. In the previous months, officers from the police district had conducted anti-gambling publicity and education with HD and Care Teams in various public housing estates for multiple times, including the publicity on Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement and the explanation of relevant legislation on street gambling. KWTDIST will step up patrols, as well as anti-gambling publicity and education in public housing estates; and
- (x) According to Hong Kong laws, it is an offence for anyone to use mobility

device without licence on roads, and may be liable to offences, such as driving without a driving licence, driving an unlicensed vehicle, and driving without 3rd party insurance. Combating unlicensed EMDs is one of the Selected Traffic Enforcement Priorities of KWTDIST and the police district would proactively arrest offenders. In the previous 3 months, KWTDIST had arrested 3 persons and seized 3 EMDs for the crime, after which the devices were delivered to EMSD for further examination. KWTDIST will keep on rigorously enforcing the law and raising the public's law-abiding awareness so as to safeguard the safety of the public.

65. Ms WONG Ngan, Senior Housing Manager/Kwai Chung, Housing Department, responded as follows:

- (i) HD attached great attention to the two violence cases which had recently occurred at that time. After the occurrence of the cases, HD held a meeting with the security company, strengthened both periodic and non-periodic security patrols, and adopted stricter building security registration. Whenever security personnel discover suspicious persons lingering around buildings, they should immediately consider reporting to the Police for assistance; and
- (ii) HD checked the CCTVs in public housing estates after the occurrence of the offences so as to ensure proper function of those CCTVs. If necessary, additional CCTVs will be installed in the estates.

66. Mr LAU Hing-wah, James hoped to understand the case details of blackmail and miscellaneous thefts before sharing such details with residents in order to raise their anti-crime awareness.

67. Mr NG King-wah enquired about the schedule for installing “eyes in the sky” and whether priority could be given to “eyes in the sky” installation in the district.

68. Mr WONG Siu-kwan suggested the Police to step up dissemination of anti-crime messages in Kwai Shing Circuit.

69. Ms LAM Chui-ling said that the quality of security personnel at public housing estates in the district varied at that time. Those personnel always allowed strangers to enter buildings without residency verification, thus leading to crime occurrence. She enquired HD about its requirements on appointing security companies, and would also like HD to

give an account of pertaining supervisory mechanism.

70. Ms CHENG Lam enquired the Police whether those who had committed juvenile crimes were students enrolled in schools, and would also like to learn about the details of relevant anti-crime programmes.

71. Mr WONG Siu-shan, Division Commander (Tsing Yi), Hong Kong Police Force, responded as follows:

- (i) Blackmail cases are on the rise. Such cases mainly involve naked chats in which blackmailers extort money or virtual point cards from victims by taking advantage of the victims' online acts, hence causing loss to the victims. The Police will continue to conduct anti-crime publicity;
- (ii) Most cases of miscellaneous thefts involved monetary loss caused by credit card thefts. The Police will strengthen publicity in protecting personal data. In the event that an unusual credit card transaction is found, the card issuing bank should be notified to pause the credit card transaction;
- (iii) The Police had already commenced the installation work of "eyes in the sky" in all districts across the territory. Nevertheless, disclosure of operational details would be inconvenient at that stage;
- (iv) This year, the Police had organised multiple publicity activities related to "Spot and Report", with an expectation that all walks of life in the community would report the Police upon spotting anything suspicious. The Police will build public's awareness on "Spot and Report" through different means, e.g. by organising different types of activities at schools or via Care Teams; and
- (v) Juvenile crimes are generally associated with cases of common assault or thefts, where the case subjects are mainly junior secondary school students. To cope with the aforesaid circumstances, KWTDIST organises publicity activities with School Liaison Officers, school-based social workers and teachers. The police district will organise a series of activities during summer vacation to publicise positive messages to the youth.

72. The Chairman added in his response to Members that CCTV installation at crime black spots is a territory-wide scheme. The installation is executed and implemented by

the Hong Kong Police Force in collaboration with different Government Bureaux/ Departments after conducting co-ordination of inter-departmental resources utilisation, under the auspices of the “Task Force on District Governance” chaired by the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration. The CCTV system installed under the scheme will uphold privacy protection of the public in compliance with relevant laws of Hong Kong

73. Ms WONG Ngan responded as follows:

- (i) Security companies will periodically provide training to security personnel and conduct briefings before the personnel are put on duty, so as to strengthen their security awareness and to avoid security loopholes; and
- (ii) HD and security companies will respectively conduct periodic and surprise checks on the security personnel in public housing estates, and will study the possibilities of posting relevant patrol figures in building lobbies or within the estates for residents’ and Members’ viewing.

74. Mr CHOW Kim-ho enquired whether primary school pupils were involved in naked chat cases as victims. He would also like to learn about the gender ratio in such cases.

75. Mr CHUNG Alan pointed out in his reply that only a small number of primary school pupils were involved in naked chat cases as victims. The victims comprised both males and females.

76. The Chairman pointed out in his conclusion that scammers had endless tricks up their sleeves. Scam-prevention work mainly lay in strengthening anti-deception awareness among all walks of life because everyone could be deceived.

2024-25 Work Plan of the Kwai Tsing District Office

(Proposed by the Kwai Tsing District Office)

(K&T DC Paper No. 22/I/2024)

77. Mr AU Chi-fai declared himself a member of the Care Teams in the district. He thought that Care Teams were able to win the residents’ approval as they had all along been playing their rightful roles in the past, with the capabilities to assist dealing with district emergencies as well as to organise caring activities. He then continued to enquire whether the Government would provide more support to Home Affairs Department for the work of Care Teams.

78. The Chairman pointed out in his reply that the Care Teams in the district had been proactively providing the district with caring services, including the provision of emergency relief in the light of actual circumstances under emergencies. The Government would set up Ethnic Minority Care Teams shortly in order to provide better services to ethnic minorities.

79. Miss CHU Lai-ling declared herself a member of the Care Teams in the district. Concerning with the progress of the Care Teams' application to utilise a public housing estate flat as an office, she enquired whether the approval status of the application would be affected as the owners' corporation was holding an opposing view.

80. Ms WONG Ngan pointed out in her reply that HD had earlier on let the Care Teams apply for office establishment in a site under its management. The approval status of the application might be affected by factors such as restrictions under land lease. The Department would learn from Members about the situation after the meeting.

81. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming enquired about the way forward of the Signature Project Scheme ("SPS") projects.

82. The Chairman made responses on the SPS projects as follows:

- (i) In 2013, the Government carried out the "SPS" in which a one-off grant of \$100 million had been reserved for each district to implement SPS projects which could address local needs. Under the scheme, Kwai Tsing District co-operated with Kwai Tsing Safe Community and Healthy City Association ("KTSCHCA") and Yan Chai Hospital ("YCH") to offer community health services to grassroots residents. That project had already been successfully completed in September of the previous year; and
- (ii) To continue satisfying the medical needs of local residents, KTSCHCA acquired sponsorship of about \$9 million from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust after having regard to the principle of prudent use of public resources. From March 2024 onwards, KTSCHCA has reused the mobile dental clinic purchased previously under the SPS to provide low-income residents in Kwai Tsing District with mobile dental clinic service for a period of 3 years, with an aim to attain service attendance of 5 000 persons.

Report Item

Reports of the K&T DC Committees

(Submitted by the Secretariat of K&T DC)

(K&T DC Paper No. 23/R/2024)

83. Chairmen of various committees made briefings on the aforesaid document.

Any Other Business

84. Mr YUEN Yun-hung enquired about the duty visit arrangement for the current term of K&T DC. Besides, he indicated that duty visit activities could raise the governance standard of Members.

85. The Chairman said that the Secretariat would follow up the aforesaid matter after the meeting, and announced the closure of the meeting.

86. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 10 September 2024 (Tuesday).

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