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**Minutes of the 147th Meeting
of the Kwai Tsing District Council**

Date: 10 September 2024

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:53 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> |
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| 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 | 2:32 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 | 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 |

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| 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 |

Standing Representatives of Departments and Institutions

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| Ms LOU Yin-yee, Joanne | District Lands Officer/Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (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 Hsi-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 |
| Ms AU YEUNG Mun-yee, Monica | District Commander (Kwai Tsing), Hong Kong Police Force |
| Mr YEUNG Quenson | 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 TSE Hoi-yin, Henry | 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 Kam-wah | Chief Manager/Management (Kwai Chung), Housing Department |

Representatives of Departments and Institutions Attending By Invitation

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| Miss CHAN Pui-ying | Chief School Development Officer (Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Education Bureau |
| Miss LIN Shui-ngor, Miranda | Senior School Development Officer (Kwai Tsing) ³ , Education Bureau |

Secretaries

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| 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 |

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the 147th meeting of the Kwai Tsing District Council (“K&T DC”).

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 146th K&T DC Meeting held on 9 July 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 aforesaid meeting.

3. Mr LAU Hing-wah, James moved a motion. The motion was seconded by Ms TANG Lai-ling. Members present at the meeting endorsed the minutes of the aforesaid meeting unanimously.

4. The Chairman said that Members had discussed the ways to optimise the use of the vacant land outside Maritime Square 2 at the previous meeting. After the meeting, the Lands Department (“LandsD”) replied with a clear explanation on the mechanism for filing applications to use the land. He was glad to see after the discussion that both K&T DC and government departments had worked out solutions to the benefit of the residents’ livelihoods.

Discussion Items

Discussion about the Patriotic Education Work in Kwai Tsing District

(Proposed by Ms WANG Chung-wing, Mr NG King-wah, Mr NG Yam-fung, Benny, Mr CHOW Kim-ho, Ms LAM Ying-wai, Mr YUEN Yun-hung, Miss MOK Yee-ki, Ms KWOK Fu-yung, MH, Ms GUO Huimin, Ms CHAN Oi-yi, Miranda, Mr WONG Chun-yeung, Mr WONG Siu-kwan, Ms TANG Lai-ling and Ms CHENG Lam)

(K&T DC Paper Nos. 22/D/2024, No. 22a/D/2024, No. 22b/D/2024, No. 22c/D/2024 and No. 22d/D/2024)

5. Mr YUEN Yun-hung introduced the paper.

6. Mr WONG Chun-yeung said that the reply document had revealed that the Government takes forward patriotic education through practical measures and policies, as well as diversified activities, embodying the Government’s determination to nurture patriotic sentiments among the youth at tender age. Patriotic education aims to cultivate

students' senses of national pride and belonging to the country so that they can be committed citizens who will contribute to the society. He suggested schools to add more patriotic education elements in daily teaching so that students can learn about Chinese history through different subjects and develop patriotic sentiments.

7. The Chairman indicated that Kwai Tsing District Office ("K&T DO") and The Association of Heads of Secondary Schools of Tsuen Wan, Kwai Chung & Tsing Yi District will co-organise "Huaxia Han Clothing Design and Presentation Competition" on 21 September this year in order to promote inheritance of Chinese culture, as well as to foster the sense of belonging to the country and the patriotism among students.

8. Miss MOK Yee-ki praised the "Huaxia Han Clothing Design and Presentation Competition" organised by K&T DO is instrumental in taking forward the inheritance of Chinese culture. She recommended organising more same-natured activities in the district and let representative characters or animals (e.g. pandas) be the focus of such activities, so that Chinese culture can be promoted whilst the sense of national identity among district residents can also be boosted.

9. Mr NG King-wah put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:

- (i) Enquired whether the Education Bureau ("EDB") would establish a working group to deal with the work on patriotic education. If positive, whether EDB would arrange for interactions between K&T DC and the working group to help comprehend relevant curriculum; and
- (ii) Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") could consider restoring historical black-and-white films in lower resolution to coloured films with greater clarity.

10. Mr AU Chi-fai said that it will be the 100th anniversary of "Canton-Hong Kong Strike" in the following year. LCSD could hold exhibition for that anti-imperialism patriotic movement, or add elements of "Canton-Hong Kong Strike" historical events to community activities. He continued by pointing out that, as the "Canton-Hong Kong Strike" broke out in 1925, over a quarter of the territory's population took part in it. The Department could step up publicity and education work for the event, so as to arouse patriotism and national consciousness among the residents.

11. Ms LAM Chui-ling said that Kwai Tsing District could make reference to the

practice of Sha Tin District where Patriotic Education Centre has been established. Also, she recommended arranging District Council (“DC”) members to visit the aforesaid site.

12. Ms WANG Chung-wing recommended optimising the resources available at that time to promote patriotism, including co-operating with “East River Column History Research Association” for organizing activities. She continued by pointing out that the association concerned was established by the descendants of the anti-Japanese aggression guerrilla force “Donjiang Column” which has sorted out 14 anti-Japanese aggression routes. In the preceding year, visits to the routes concerned by 500 youngsters had been organised by community groups in order to promote patriotic education.

13. Mr YUEN Yun-hung recommended setting up patriotic exhibition gallery in the district, and expected the Working Group on Patriotic Education to interact with the district more frequently.

14. Miss CHAN Pui-ying, Chief School Development Officer (Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Education Bureau, responded as follows:

- (i) National education and national security education have already encompassed the elements and spirit of patriotism education, covering educational content in realms such as Chinese history, national affairs, Chinese culture, national geography, the Constitution and the Basic Law. The elements concerned have already been integrated into all learning areas and relevant academic subjects; and
- (ii) EDB has developed a Multimedia Resource Kit on “General History of China” and “Chinese Civilisation” - National Education and National Security Education Learning and Teaching Resources” (primary & secondary school version) for school use. Relevant teaching resources have been uploaded to the website of EDB for public’s viewing. Regarding the matter in which DC members anticipated interacting with the working group responsible for patriotic education, DC members could first browse through EDB’s relevant webpages. If necessary, comments from DC members would be relayed to the teams concerned.

15. Ms WONG Sau-kuen, Joe, District Leisure Manager (Kwai Tsing), Leisure and Cultural Services Department, responded by pointing out that DC members’ comments would be relayed to relevant teams, and that the department’s reply would be given

subsequent to the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: On 25 September 2024, LCSD had given a pertinent written reply. For details, refer to K&T DC Circulation (Information) Paper No. 6/2024.)

16. Mr LAU Hing-wah, James enquired whether patriotic education would be strengthened in the community. According to his understanding, some community groups, after the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance (“SNSO”) came into operation, have introduced the SNSO to students in in-depth and easy-to-comprehend manners through seminars, exhibition boards and interactive quiz games in primary and secondary schools.

17. Mr CHOW Kim-ho deemed that patriotic education should focus on affective education, so as to enhance the sense of national pride among students. Teachers can, in their teaching, start with patriotic sentiment when explaining modern Chinese history of development.

18. Mr YIP Cheung-chun recommended using data to strengthen publicity and explanation of China’s latest development among the public (e.g. “Type 055 guided-missile destroyers” are introduced in the National Security Exhibition Gallery as the largest tonnage surface warships other than aircraft carrier-class warships ever built in Asia), so as to enhance the sense of national pride and belonging among the public.

19. Miss CHAU Kit-ying recommended to incorporate in curriculum the content related to national technology (e.g. big data development) and modern historical events, as well as to introduce China’s thriving development through means such as pop culture and electronic games, in order to enhance the sense of national identity among the public.

20. Miss CHAN Pui-ying responded as follows:

- (i) Mainland study tours organised under the subject of Citizenship & Social Development will be added with relevant sites to be visited (e.g. Guizhou Zunyi Conference Site, Jiangxi Central Red Army Long March Set Off Museum, and Shaoguan Northern Expedition War Memorial Hall), so as to enhance the students’ sense of national pride and their patriotic sentiment through site visits and experiential learning activities.
- (ii) The overarching aim of the Citizenship, Economics and Society curriculum

is to “Cultivate Values for Leaders of Tomorrow”. The junior secondary level Citizenship, Economics and Society curriculum will officially commence in 2024/25 school year among Form One students in order to strengthen values education (including education about national affairs, the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security);

- (iii) EDB produced audiobooks under the “Learning and Teaching Series on Geography of China” and set up the Geography Online Game Platform for Understanding Our Motherland, enabling students to more readily grasp the fundamental knowledge of national geography via animation and online games;
- (iv) Since the promulgation of Primary Humanities Curriculum Framework, EDB has launched a variety of resources (e.g. “Chinese Traditional Virtues” Series: “臥冰求鯉” and “孔融讓梨”) one after another to enhance students’ knowledge of the national history and Chinese culture, thereby educating them to love and inherit Chinese culture; and
- (v) Noted Members’ comments and would relay those comments to the teams concerned.

21. The Chairman responded as follows:

- (i) Should there be consensus among Members on the motion regarding visits, follow-up arrangements could be made by the Secretariat;
- (ii) Lands are involved when establishing museums. When considering the topics and content for exhibitions, account should be taken on whether permanent exhibitions of identical content are already in existence;
- (iii) Understanding history is an integral part of patriotic education. The verbal history given by elderly people who had experienced wars is priceless. He quoted an example with former District Officer (Sai Kung) Mr CHAN Sui Jeung who had acquainted with many war veterans of East River Column during his tenure. After retirement, Mr CHAN compiled the verbal history given by the veterans and then published *East River Column: Hong Kong Guerrillas in the Second World War and After*. Mr CHAN Sui Jeung’s inscriptions can be found on the existing village portal off the village office

of Tsing Yi Four Village. He expected Members to learn more history; and

- (iv) Emphasised that Hong Kong has all along been contributing to national development. He quoted an example that during the duty visit to Nasha area earlier on, Mr Henry FOK Ying-tung had been mentioned many times for his contributions to the sports development of the nation. In this connection, history learning would be instrumental in understanding Hong Kong's role and status in national development.

22. Miss CHU Lai-ling indicated that the “Great Rescue by the Culturati” conducted in the past had routed through Kau Wah Keng Village. Therefore, she recommended inviting the village representative and village residents of Kau Wah Keng Village to give an account of the circumstances at that time.

23. The Chairman said that Grade 3 Historic Buildings can be found in Kau Wah Keng Village. He considered that both the Government and civil groups could proactively carry out publicity on the history and culture concerned.

Recommendation on Setting Up Community Living Rooms in Kwai Tsing District

(Proposed by Mr NG Chi-wah, Mr NG King-wah, Miss CHU Lai-ling, MH, Mr NG Yam-fung, Benny, Ms LAM Ying-wai, Mr TSUI Hiu-kit, Miss MOK Yee-ki, Ms KWOK Fung-yung, MH, Ms GUO Hui-min, Ms Miranda CHAN Oi-yee, Mr WONG Chun-yeung, Ms WONG Shuk-man, Mr WONG Siu-kwan, Mr YIP Cheung-chun, MH, Ms TANG Lai-ling and Ms CHENG Lam)

(K&T DC Paper Nos. 23/D/2024 and 23a/D/2024)

24. Mr WONG Siu-kwan introduced the paper.

25. Ms LAM Ying-wai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) According to the 2021 census data, there were 3 694 inadequate housing units in the district, involving 8 653 residents who mostly lived in unauthorised rooftop structures or “subdivided units”. Inadequate housing unit residents scatter around the whole district, hence showing the district residents’ intense demand for community living rooms; and
- (ii) There were over 60 primary and secondary schools in the district where the youth have a certain degree of demand for social space and study rooms.

Should community living rooms are to be set up in the district, the living standard of young residents in “subdivided units” would be upgraded.

26. Ms TANG Lai-ling put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) “Subdivided unit” residents have lower purchasing power and poor living environments. Many of them even suffered from heat stroke symptoms in hot summers. In this context, it was hoped that improvement could be made on their living environment; and
- (ii) Recommended the Government to optimise the use of existing lands, e.g. by setting up a community living room through the construction of a covered space on the top floor of Wing Fong Street Market.

27. Mr NG Chi-wah said that most “subdivided units” in the district are close to public housing estates (“PHEs”). Therefore, the Housing Department (“HD”) was recommended to convert the vacant lands with covers in PHEs into community living rooms.

28. Mr NG King-wah put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:

- (i) Recommended that, when designing community living rooms, their common space which is in greater demand should be expanded; and
- (ii) Enquired about the criteria for determining “subdivided unit” residents’ priority in using the cooking space of community living rooms.

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

- (i) Enquired whether the Government would spare space for establishing community living rooms in the course of improvement works; and
- (ii) Recommended the conversion of government facilities with low usage rates (e.g. Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market) into community living rooms.

30. Ms WONG Siu-fan, Phoebe, District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing), Social Welfare Department, introduced the reply document and responded as follows:

- (i) The “Pilot Programme on Community Living Room” (“Pilot Programme”) launched by the Government provides community living rooms through collaboration among the Government, the business sector and the community, with premises offered by the business sector and with funding furnished by the Community Care Fund. Run by appointed non-government organisations, Community Living Rooms provide “subdivided unit” residents (especially “subdivided unit” families with children) with extra living space, and assist them in expanding interpersonal network, so as to upgrade their living standards and enhance their sense of belonging to the community;
- (ii) Generally, Community Living Rooms are equipped with communal living room, cooking space, communal space for children’s revision/ study, self-service washing machines and tumble dryers, as well as other support services. Operators would also liaise with the business sector and community organisations to offer non-cash donations (e.g. food and food vouchers), voluntary services, etc.;
- (iii) The area of the premises offered by the business sector has to be 2 000 square feet or above, where such premises must conform to the permissible planning uses under relevant statutory plans, permitted uses of the land leases of the buildings concerned, local legislations, etc. Community Living Rooms are required to open between 11:00 am and 10:00 pm from Mondays to Sundays and general holidays;
- (iv) The Government will continue to encourage the business sector to proactively participate in the Pilot Programme and set up Community Living Rooms in districts where “subdivided unit” households concentrate (including Kwai Tsing District). Concerning with the provision of social space and revision space, there is 1 Government-funded community centre and 10 children and youth service centres in the district which offer relevant services to both the residents and youth in need;
- (v) The non-government organisations which operate Community Living Rooms would make appropriate arrangements for facility usage, e.g. the reservation arrangement for cooking facilities. It was understood that the operation had been running smoothly in general. Residents can dine together in Community Living Rooms, whereby friendships are nurtured

and community bonds are strengthened; and

(vi) Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) noted the opinions of Members.

31. Mr LAU Hing-wah, James enquired about the feasibility to set up Community Living Rooms in commercial buildings and industrial buildings, and whether the “Community Living Room” could only be used under the Pilot Programme.

32. Ms LAM Ying-wai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) At that time, Kwai Fong Estate had a total of 2 vacant premises for both DC member’s ward office and Hong Kong Family Welfare Society. In this regard, SWD and HD were recommended to explore the possibilities to set up Community Living Rooms in those locations; and
- (ii) In view of the limited land resources in the district, it was recommended not to set up different functional spaces of a Community Living Rooms in an identical place.

33. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming said that, based on her understanding, many people from the business sector were willing to provide premises to assist setting up Community Living Rooms. However, they might be unable to provide premises conforming to relevant requirements of the Government. She recommended the Government to consider relaxing such requirements, or setting up Community Living Rooms through the means of the Government’s land provision and the private sector’s subsidy contribution.

34. Ms WONG Siu-fan, Phoebe responded as follows:

- (i) Regardless of whether it is a commercial building, industrial building, or premises offered by the private sector or rented by such a sector with its own means, a Community Living Room can be set up in the place concerned as long as pertinent conditions (e.g. lease conditions, planned uses of sites and fire safety requirements) are met;
- (ii) Community Living Rooms, under the Pilot Programme at that time, had their premises offered by the business sector, funding furnished by the Community Care Fund, and operations run by appointed non-government organisations. Nevertheless, some non-government organisations accepted

other subsidies and operated Community Living Rooms on their own without participating in the Pilot Programme; and

- (iii) The design of Community Living Rooms has to take into consideration of operational arrangements. Moreover, operating Community Living Rooms in the same place can both allow the provision of a larger living space and facilitate gatherings among residents, thereby strengthening the bonds of social networks among the residents as well as enhancing the sense of belonging to community among the residents.

35. Mr PANG Yap-ming recommended setting up mobile Community Living Rooms to strengthen community cohesion.

36. Ms WONG Siu-fan, Phoebe indicated that SWD noted Members' opinions.

37. The Chairman indicated in his conclusion that searching lands in the community for social welfare facilities is no easy task. He added that the Philanthropy for Better Cities Forum that had been recently held in September this year was inaugurated by the Chief Secretary for Administration. The philanthropic forum was co-organised by the Institute of Philanthropy which was established through a grant of \$6.8 billion from The Hong Kong Jockey Club. The guests in the philanthropic forum did not only mention the necessity to tailor social service planning for meeting local needs, but also explored the division of labour and the co-operation when community services were provided by the philanthropic community and the Government.

Concern about the Issue on Objects being Thrown from a Height in Public Housing Estates

(Proposed by Ms WANG Chung-wing, Mr NG Chi-wah, Mr NG King-wah, Mr CHOW Kim-ho, Ms LAM Chui-ling, MH, JP, Ms CHAN Oi-yi, Miranda and Ms CHENG Lam)
(K&T DC Paper Nos. 24/D/2024 and 24a/D/2024)

38. Ms WANG Chung-wing introduced the paper.

39. Ms Miranda CHAN Oi-yi put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:

- (i) HD failed to respond in the document concerned about the distribution of existing surveillance systems for prevention of falling objects from a height within the district, and whether the Department had any plan to install

additional surveillance systems in the future;

- (ii) Enquired about the patrolling mechanism and timetable of the Special Operation Teams; and
- (iii) HD should install more video cameras and CCTVs to enhance deterrent effect.

40. Ms LAM Chui-ling put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:

- (i) Incidents of objects being thrown from a height were frequently found in Cheung On Estate, Cheung Fat Estate and Kwai Hing Estate, where some people had even been found of throwing small knives and bedsteads. However, security personnel merely collected the thrown objects when dealing with such matters at the scene. She enquired whether the aforesaid estates had proper case records of objects being thrown from a height; and
- (ii) Enquired about the latest installation status of video cameras in the estates.

41. Mr NG King-wah put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:

- (i) Enquired whether HD had referred cases on objects being thrown from a height to the Police to follow up, so as to allow the Police to prosecute the offenders with more serious charges for increasing deterrent effect;
- (ii) Enquired about the number of reports relating to objects being thrown from a height; and
- (iii) Adoption of “Reward-granting System” or “Point-adding System” could enhance the effectiveness in dealing with issues about objects being thrown from a height.

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

- (i) HD could deduce the black spots of objects being thrown from a height from the quantity of rubbish found on building canopies. HD should also install greater number of video cameras to strengthen surveillance

- (ii) Video cameras have been installed at the black spot of objects being thrown from a height in Ching Wah Court. The installation was not costly and has resulted in remarkable outcomes; and
- (iii) HD's costs for cleaning canopy rubbish and installing video cameras were nearly identical. In this connection, an enquiry was raised on the reason for the Department's decision of not installing additional video cameras.

43. Ms GUO Huimin said that, on 23 May, someone had thrown a 35-centimeter-long steel angle from a height in Kwai Chung Estate. As she noted the incident, she immediately reported to both the Police and HD. When the Police was still at the scene, a hanger was thrown from a height. After the Police had entered the building for investigation, no suspect was found nevertheless. No canopy had been constructed over the estate building annex. Many residents often pass through the annex for access to and egress from estate buildings, so frequent occurrence of objects being thrown from a height would threaten the safety of the residents. Therefore, she recommended HD to deploy extra patrolling personnel as well as to install additional video cameras.

44. Miss MOK Yee-ki pointed out that objects had been found to be frequently thrown from a height in Cheung Ching Estate and Cheung On Estate, yet no offender had ever been arrested. 3 incidents of objects being thrown from a height occurred outside the DC member's ward office at On Kong House in Cheung On Estate. Despite that the residents of Cheung On Estate Phase 2 and Cheung Ching Estate had reported to their management offices about the frequent occurrences of incidents on excretal matter being thrown from a height, their reports received no attention. In this context, she suspected whether the mechanism for supervising property management was adequate, and whether the Department had strictly carried out the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement ("Marking Scheme").

45. Miss LO Yuen-ting indicated that HD had over the years been unable to allot penalty points to tenants throwing objects from a height due to the lack of evidence. She once reported to HD that someone had thrown objects from a height outside her office; however, the Department only responded by indicating that no offender had been identified because of manpower and CCTV shortages. She recommended the Department to allocate more resources to install Mobile Surveillance System ("MSS") in all public housing estates.

46. Ms KWOK Fu-yung said that there had been an incident of cleaver being thrown

from a height in Shek Yam Estate, and pointed out that rubbish was piled up for a prolonged period of time over the canopy of Shek Sau House in Shek Lei (I) Estate. Such incidents exemplify that objects thrown from a height do not only impact environmental hygiene, but also threaten the safety of residents' lives. While she hoped that the Department could solve the problem from its roots, she also complimented the Police for installing CCTVs at crime black spots (including the vicinity of Northeast Kwai Chung) which was instrumental in enhancing inter-departmental use of resources.

47. Ms LAU Mei-lo indicated that some residents had taken video recordings of dripping laundry from upstairs residents. Nevertheless, the staff from management office said that video recordings taken by any party other than Special Operating Teams would not be regarded as effective evidence. As incidents of objects being thrown from a height occasionally happen in small hours outside the patrol period of Special Operating Teams, HD was recommended to install CCTVs in each of the estate building.

48. Mr YUEN Yun-hung deemed that HD should step up publicity against throwing objects from a height, as well as conduct high-profile enforcement actions and implement the Marking Scheme in a strict manner so as to enhance deterrent effect.

49. Ms WONG Kam-wah, Chief Manager/Management (Kwai Chung), Housing Department, responded as follows:

- (i) HD had already installed around 130 sets of MSSs in 20 public housing estates within the district where the number of MSS has increased by more than double compared to the number a few years ago. HD will continue to install additional surveillance systems with reference to needs;
- (ii) During the period between August 2023 and August 2024, HD had received 37 cases of complaints involving objects being thrown from a height and had allotted penalty points to the tenants related to 19 of such cases;
- (iii) Members of the Special Operating Teams, which mainly comprised ex-disciplined staff, perform nighttime patrols as their principal duty. In the aforesaid 19 cases regarding objects being thrown from a height, some of the tenants involved were identified after the investigation had been conducted by Special Operation Teams;
- (iv) HD would deploy MSS to relevant black spots in order to assist in

investigation;

- (v) In recent years, HD has attempted to utilise artificial intelligence (“AI”) system in checking CCTV images, so as to identify tenants involved in objects being thrown from a height, thereby increasing the success rate of allotting penalty points. Of such cases, HD managed to identify the tenant involved in an object being thrown from a height in Shek Sau House by utilising AI system to check the CCTV images in Shek Lei (I) Estate. The tenant involved was allotted with 7 penalty points;
- (vi) HD would dispatch personnel to take part in the Owners’ Corporation meetings of Tenants Purchase Scheme (“TPS”) housing estates, and would follow up the referral cases in relation to objects being thrown from a height;
- (vii) The communal places of TPS housing estates are managed by the Owners’ Corporations concerned. The Owners’ Corporations must maintain close co-operation with HD in order to implement the Marking Scheme among the public housing estate tenants in TPS housing estates;
- (viii) “Hanging or placing objects with potential risk of falling from height outside the window, balcony or façade (including canopy, air-conditioner hood and other projections)” has been included as a misdeed under the Marking Scheme;
- (ix) The Department had investigated an incident of excretal matter being thrown from a height in a public estate in Kwai Chung District. The tenant involved, who had been identified after around a month, was allotted with penalty points for punishment;
- (x) Will continue to step up publicity against throwing objects from a height via channels such as online social media platforms; and
- (xi) Proactive follow-ups would be conducted for individual cases mentioned by Members.

50. Ms AU YEUNG Mun-yee, Monica, District Commander (Kwai Tsing), Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”), responded as follows:

- (i) Between January and August this year, 17 cases of objects being thrown from a height had been recorded in Kwai Tsing District (including 8 cases in Kwai Chung District and 9 cases in Tsing Yi District). In comparison, there had already been 1 529 deception cases being recorded in Kwai Tsing District in the first 7 months of this year, showing that deception cases were more rampant;
- (ii) The Police prosecutes suspected offenders for throwing objects from a height pursuant to Section 4B of Summary Offences Ordinance, Cap. 228, Laws of Hong Kong;
- (iii) In May this year, a case of objects being thrown from a height had occurred in Hang Chun House, Cheung Hang Estate. Upon arrival, police officers noticed that the housing estate had not been installed with CCTV. Although a shop nearby had been equipped with CCTV camera, that CCTV camera was not set at an upward angle, rendering it to be of no deterrent effect;
- (iv) As door-to-door inspection was not an effective way to carry out investigation, it was suggested to install CCTV with cameras shooting upwards to deter law-breakers from throwing objects from a height; and
- (v) The Police will install about 2 000 sets of CCTVs across the territory (including smart lampposts and government buildings) for crime prevention. The uses of CCTV will not be limited to the investigation into cases of objects being thrown from a height.

51. Mr POON Chi-shing deemed that the 130 sets of MSSs available at that time were insufficient to monitor the act of throwing objects from a height and lacked deterrent effect. Therefore, he suggested HD to install surveillance systems all around public housing estates.

52. Mr LAU Hing-wah, James said that the owners' corporation and property management company of Broadview Garden had earlier on reported to him circumstances in which objects had been thrown from a height in their buildings. He deemed that MSS could deter law-breakers from throwing objects from a height. He continued to point out that people with empathy would not throw objects from a height, and believed that installing surveillance systems could have a deterrent effect on those who throw objects from a height intentionally or pathologically.

53. Ms WANG Chung-wing said that the number of cases of objects being thrown from a height recorded by HD was quite different from the circumstances perceived by the residents. Therefore, she enquired of HD about the details of the system that had recorded cases of objects being thrown from a height.

54. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit suggested to install CCTV cameras at the entrances and corridors of buildings to avoid creating camera blind spots and to enhance security. 1 to 2 months after receiving a complaint, HD will install a MSS at the locations where objects were thrown from a height. Circumstances usually improve significantly after the installation, proving MMS's notable deterrent effect and its function to help collect evidence.

55. Mr AU Chi-fai said that the measures against throwing objects from a height can be proved to be effective when the residents feel safe to walk around housing estates. However, most of the residents still chose to walk under canopies at that moment. He deemed that the 130 sets of MSSs available at that time were insufficient to completely monitor objects being thrown from a height and to collect evidence. Therefore, he suggested HD to double its purchase of MSSs for housing estates every year.

56. Mr WONG Siu-kwan suggested that, apart from conveying messages against throwing objects from a height on social media platforms, HD should also post notices about cases of objects being thrown from a height at prominent spots in buildings to enhance deterrent effect.

57. Miss LO Yuen-ting recommended to install MSSs all around housing estates.

58. Ms CHENG Lam deemed that the property management companies concerned had failed to proactively follow up the complaints about objects being thrown from a height. She enquired about the responsibilities of property management companies in addressing the matter regarding objects being thrown from a height, and HD's mechanism to monitor property management companies.

59. Ms WONG Kam-wah responded as follows:

- (i) HD records the number of complaints via the Complaints and Requests Management System ("CRMS");

- (ii) HD monitors the work performed by the property management companies of its public housing estates. However, the property management companies of TPS estates are employed by their Owners' Corporations. Those companies have not entered into any service contract with HD and are not monitored by HD;
- (iii) HD will continue to provide additional surveillance systems when necessary; and
- (iv) Noted the suggestions raised by Members on the publicity against throwing objects from a height.

Concern about Drug-related Cases and Anti-Drug Efforts in Kwai Tsing District

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

(K&T DC Paper Nos. 25/D/2024 and 25a/D/2024)

60. Mr NG Yam-fung, Benny introduced the paper.

61. Mr NG King-wah hoped that the Police could brief Members on the age groups of those who were involved in drug-related cases, as well as the methods and the harms of drug taking, so as to facilitate Members' dissemination of anti-drug messages to the residents.

62. Ms GUO Huimin put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) While the Police has been proactively engaging in anti-drug publicity work, its publicity for crime fighting should be strengthened;
- (ii) Given the emergence of various new types of drugs, apart from publicising anti-drug messages at schools, the Police could also co-operate with Members to publicise the messages in the community (e.g. by displaying information about new drugs in the district), so as to prevent members of the public from taking drugs unintentionally when being abetted by others in gatherings.

63. Ms LAU Mei-lo approved of the Police's drug detection work. She continued to point out that K&T DC was the first district council to be invited to visit Customs facilities in July, and hoped that K&T DC could co-operate with other departments and Care Teams to publicise anti-drug and drug detection messages in the community in the future.

64. Miss CHU Lai-ling commended the Police and the Customs for their outstanding performances in collecting intelligence for drug detection, which contributed to the detection of various narcotic cases. In addition, she made an enquiry about the trend of narcotic cases.

65. Mr LAU Hing-wah, James thanked the Police for exerting efforts in drug detection.

66. Ms AU YEUNG Mun-yee, Monica responded as follows:

- (i) Thanked Members for approving of the Police's law enforcement work; and
- (ii) Members' opinions on co-operation in publicising anti-drug messages would be relayed to the Police Community Relations Office.

67. Mr YEUNG Quenson, Police Community Relations Officer (Kwai Tsing), HKPF, responded as follows:

- (i) The Narcotics Bureau, HKPF, will recruit the fourth cohort mentees of the Leadership Institute on Narcotics. Publicity for the aforesaid activity will be carried out at secondary schools and universities shortly afterwards;
- (ii) A briefing session on the Leadership Institute on Narcotics would be conducted in Police Recreation Club in Prince Edward on 19 September; and
- (iii) The Leadership Institute on Narcotics recruits mentees through school teams. Each year, 20 secondary schools (80 secondary school students in total) are selected for participation in the aforesaid activity. The mentees will be nurtured into young anti-drug leaders through Chinese Mainland and overseas exchange activities, as well as leadership training held in Pat Heung.

68. Mr NG Yam-fung, Benny enquired about the number of drug-related cases involving young people and the types of drugs involved.

69. The Chairman concluded and supplemented as follows:

- (i) According to the statistics conducted by the Central Registry of Drug Abuse in the first quarter of 2024, the total number of reported drug abusers in the first quarter of 2024 was 1 666 (1 863 in the same period of 2023), 259 of which were young people aged under 21;
- (ii) According to the Narcotics Division, Security Bureau, the number of drug abusers in Hong Kong over the past dozen of years has shown an overall downward trend;
- (iii) Owing to efficient intelligence work, both the amount of drugs seized and the number of cases detected by the Customs in recent years have reached new highs; and
- (iv) Law-breakers produce cannabis products for their lucrative nature. Such a situation should not be dealt with lightly.

70. Ms AU YEUNG Mun-yee, Monica responded that a total of 64 people had been arrested for involving in drug-related cases between January and July this year, 11 of which were young people.

Recommendation on Strengthening Promotion in Crime Prevention and Crime Fighting

(Proposed by Mr LAU Hing-wah, James, BBS, MH, JP)
(K&T DC Paper Nos. 26/D/2024 and No. 26a/D/2024)

71. Mr LAU Hing-wah, James introduced the paper.

72. Mr NG King-wah commended the Police for publicising crime prevention and crime fighting messages proactively, and suggested the Police and the Fight Crime Committee to distribute crime fighting publicity materials in the community via DC members.

73. Ms GUO Huimin thanked the Police for publicising crime prevention and crime fighting messages in a friendly and lively manner. She pointed out that she had earlier on joined with Care Teams for both the crime prevention and crime fighting publicity activities as well as the household visits organised by the Police. The residents responded favourably

to those visits.

74. Ms AU YEUNG Mun-ye, Monica responded as follows:

- (i) Thanked Members for approving of the Police's work;
- (ii) Thanked K&T DO, HD, Care Teams, and DC members for attending the activities of the "New Territories South Project HomeSweetHome" held in July this year; and
- (iii) The Kwai Tsing Police District firmly believes that, by conducting crime prevention and anti-deception publicity activities in collaboration with government departments, Area Committees, members of local communities, and associations of the heads of primary and secondary schools, anti-deception messages can be further disseminated across residents in different sectors of the community. The Kwai Tsing Police District fully supports the implementation of such kind of joint publicity activities.

75. The Chairman thanked HD's assistance in distributing the "New Territories South Project HomeSweetHome" promotional leaflets through the management offices of public housing estates. Besides, anti-deception publicity would also rely on security personnel's assistance in disseminating messages and offering care to community residents.

Information Paper

Briefing on Public Order Situation between June and July 2024

(Proposed by the Hong Kong Police Force)

(K&T DC Paper No. 27/I/2024)

76. Mr NG King-wah enquired of the Police about the definition of "serious drug offences", and whether "offenders" referred to "the offenders in the district" or "the residents in the district".

77. Ms Miranda CHAN Oi-yi enquired what crimes in "other categories" of "triad-related crimes" of the paper had included.

78. Ms AU YEUNG Mun-ye, Monica responded as follows:

- (i) Drug-related offences such as possession of dangerous drugs and trafficking in dangerous drugs are classified as “serious drug offences”;
- (ii) The Police had cracked down on 12 serious drug offences in Kwai Tsing District between June and July 2024 and arrested a total of 19 people, of which 9 “offenders” were “residents in the district”; and
- (iii) A reply on the crimes included in “other categories” of “triad-related crimes” would be provided after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: HKPF had given a relevant written reply on 17 September 2024. For details, refer to K&T DC Circulation (Information) Paper No. 5/2024.)

79. Ms CHENG Lam said that vehicles had been illegally parked for years on Lai King Hill Road outside The Salvation Army Lai King Home, most of which were heavy vehicles. As Lai King Hill Road was a relatively narrow two-way carriageway, she was worried that illegal parking might endanger traffic safety and road user safety, as well as obstruct ambulances to travel back and forth to Princess Margaret Hospital. She suggested the Police to adopt more effective measures to curb illegal parking.

80. Mr LAU Hing-wah, James said that the overall crime figure in the district had increased, so he requested the Police to give an explanation of the reasons.

81. Ms AU YEUNG Mun-yee, Monica responded as follows:

- (i) Between January and August this year, the Police had issued a total of 910 Fixed Penalty Notices, which mainly involved large vehicles such as dump trucks and coaches. The period of illegal parking was from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.;
- (ii) The main cause of illegal parking was the lack of parking facilities in the district;
- (iii) Since some drivers deemed that parking their vehicles on Lai King Hill Road would not obstruct the traffic, and that dump trucks were out on the road due to the works carried out in the nearby Kwai Chung Hospital, illegal parking occurred on Lai King Hill Road;

- (iv) Apart from sparing no effort in enforcing the law as well as strengthening publicity and education, the Police also suggested LandsD and the Transport Department to consider providing additional parking facilities in the district; and
- (v) The rise in the overall crime figure was mainly due to the increments of both deception and blackmail cases. Among the blackmail cases, naked chats were mainly involved.

82. The Chairman concluded that Members had mentioned the lack of parking spaces in the district for many times during the discussions of different agenda items in the current term of K&T DC. He believed that the departments concerned had already noted the situation.

Report Item

Reports of the K&T DC Committees

(Submitted by the Secretariat of K&T DC)
(K&T DC Paper No. 28/R/2024)

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

Any Other Business

84. There was no other business.

85. The Chairman declared closure of meeting.

86. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 5 November 2024 (Tuesday).

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