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**Minutes of the 148th Meeting
of the Kwai Tsing District Council**

Date: 5 November 2024
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:35 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	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 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
Mr AU Chi-fai	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr POON Chi-shing, MH	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting

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	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u>
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

Ms LOU Yin-ye, 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 LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Sau-kuen, Joe	District Leisure Manager (Kwai Tsing), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms AU YEUNG Mun-ye	District Commander, Kwai Tsing Police District, Hong Kong Police Force
Ms CHAN Tsz-kwan	Assistant Police Community Relations Officer, Kwai Tsing Police District, Hong Kong Police Force
Ms WONG Siu-fan, Phoebe	District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing), Social Welfare Department
Mr HO Kai-ho, Stanley	Chief Engineer/West 4, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr MOK Ka-sing, Mark	Chief Transport Officer/New Territories South West, Transport Department
Ms WONG Kam-wah	Chief Manager/Management (Kwai Chung), Housing Department

Representatives of Departments and Institutions Attending By Invitation

Ms LEE Chung-yan, Angela, JP	Commissioner for Transport, Transport Department
Mr WONG Chi-kwong, Patrick, JP	Assistant Commissioner/New Territories, Transport Department
Mr POON Wing-hong	Chief Engineer/Traffic Survey and Support, Transport Department
Miss LEUNG Wai-ng, Viola	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Secretaries

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

Absentees

Ms LAM Ying-wai

(On leave due to confinement)

Ms KWOK Fu-yung, MH

(On leave due to confinement)

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the 148th meeting of the Kwai Tsing District Council (“K&T DC”).

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 147th K&T DC Meeting held on 10 September 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. After the motion was moved by Mr TSUI Hiu-kit and seconded by Mr SO Pak-tsan, Members present at the meeting endorsed the minutes of the aforesaid meeting unanimously.

Meeting with the Head of Department

Commissioner for Transport’s Visit to K&T DC

(K&T DC Paper No. 34/D/2024 (PPT))

4. Ms LEE Chung-yan, Angela, Commissioner for Transport, Transport Department (“TD”), and Mr WONG Chi-kwong, Patrick, Assistant Commissioner/New Territories, TD, introduced the work of the Department with PowerPoint presentation.

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

- (i) The Department should make advance planning for the ancillary transport facilities of newly-completed housing estates;
- (ii) The suggestions put forward by Members on the bus services in the district should be incorporated into the Bus Route Planning Programme of the district;
- (iii) The Department should proactively monitor the lost trip problems of buses and minibuses; and
- (iv) The issue of unavailability of new parking spaces for goods vehicles after the

lease expiry of temporary car parks in the district should be resolved.

6. Miss LO Yuen-ting put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Improvement should be made on the ancillary transport facilities in Ching Fu Court, while additional bus routes bound for Kowloon should be made available in that locale;
- (ii) Low-floor vehicles should be introduced to Minibus Route Nos. 407 and 409, with their seat capacity to be increased to 19, so as to facilitate the travel of the elderly and needy residents; and
- (iii) The frequency of minibus route available for interchange outside Tsing Yi Station was insufficient, so she suggested the service hours of the minibus route to be extended.

7. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Although the widening works of the bus stop at Hong Shun House, Cheung Hong Estate had been completed, the overcrowding problem of the bus stop remained unresolved. Given that the residential development in the vicinity would be completed soon, she was worried that the problem would worsen further;
- (ii) Was glad to learn that the improvement works at Tsuen Tsing Interchange would facilitate the travel of residents, and hoped that the works could be completed soon.

8. Ms TANG Lai-ling enquired about the information regarding the frequency of Long Win Bus (“LWB”) Route No. NA30 at nighttime.

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

- (i) Recommended the provision of extra bicycle parking spaces in Tsing Yi; and
- (ii) Taxis were often parked illegally at the vehicular run-in/out of Phase 1, Cheung On Estate, resulting in traffic obstruction and posing dangers. Therefore, she suggested the Department to provide taxi parking spaces at the aforesaid location as an improvement measure.

10. Mr YUEN Yun-hung put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Some Red Minibuses (“RMBs”) running from Shek Lei to Tsuen Wan has not yet joined the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme (i.e. the \$2 Scheme) or has covered up their Octopus payment machines under the \$2 Scheme. As a result, eligible members of the public cannot benefit from the concessionary fare. He enquired whether TD could relax the application requirements for the scheme; and
- (ii) The waiting time for boarding Green Minibus (“GMB”) Route No. 86 was too long.

11. Miss MOK Yee-ki put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Thanked TD for proactively implementing the widening works of the bus stops at Mayfair Gardens, Ching Tao House and Ching Wai House. However, the bus stop at Ching Wai House could not be widened due to geographical constraints. Therefore, she recommended TD continue to explore the solutions of widening the bus stop at Ching Wai House to facilitate the travel of residents; and
- (ii) Recommended an increment to the frequency of Kowloon Motor Bus (“KMB”) Route No. 249X.

12. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The lost trips of KMB bus routes were attributable to their manpower shortage, so he recommended the company to resolve the issue by means such as importation of foreign labour; and
- (ii) The lack of space at the bus stop at Hong Shun House had caused traffic queues, so he recommended the Department to discuss with the Housing Department (“HD”) for rezoning a nearby planter area as a bus stop.

13. Miss CHAU Kit-ying hoped that the construction of Central Rail Link (“CRL”) would commence and be completed as soon as possible, so as to facilitate the travel of residents in Northeast Kwai Chung.

14. Mr WONG Chun-yeung put forth opinions as follows:
- (i) Recommended an increment to the frequencies of minibus routes serving Lai King and Kwai Shing;
 - (ii) Supportive measures, including importation of foreign labour and encouragement of local residents to join the industry, should be taken to assist minibus operators to enhance their overall service quality; and
 - (iii) The role of minibuses in the public transport sector should be optimised to strike a balance between the sustainability of minibus services and the affordability of the public.
15. Ms WANG Chung-wing recommended an increment to the service frequencies of Minibus Route No. 49P in morning and evening hours.
16. Ms LAU Mei-lo recommended to provide an additional bus stop at Kwai Shing West Estate for the special departures of KMB Route No. 37X. She also thanked KMB and TD for proactively following up the aforesaid matters.
17. Mr YIP Cheung-chun recommended to provide bus routes bound for Liantang Port.
18. Mr AU Chi-fai put forth opinions as follows:
- (i) Hoped that the Department would listen to the residents' views on the exits of Northeast Kwai Chung Station of CRL; and
 - (ii) The Department and the minibus operators had already alleviated the lost trip problem of Minibus Route No. 403. However, there was still room for improvement on Minibus Route No. 410's lost trip problem, as well as the problem of residents being unable to get on board at the route's en-route stops.
19. Miss CHU Lai-ling put forth opinions as follows:
- (i) With the installation of auxiliary devices projecting red light at the pedestrian crossings in Lai Chi Kok Bus Terminus, the phenomenon of pedestrian jaywalking was reduced;

- (ii) Minibus Route No. 40P's frequency was insufficient and some of its minibuses were found to be skipping minibus stops even when they were not full. Therefore, it was recommended to strengthen training of the drivers of the minibus route concerned; and
- (iii) Recommended an increment to the number of motorcycle parking spaces under the bridge of Nob Hill.

20. Mr SO Pak-tsan said that although the Department had provided 166 additional parking spaces for commercial vehicles this year, he still recommended to increase the number of such parking spaces in the district. Besides, he had explored the district together with officers from the Department to identify locations to provide more parking spaces for commercial vehicles.

21. Ms LEE Chung-yan, Angela responded as follows:

- (i) The overall bus lost trip rate in the first half of the year was 2.4%, which was lower than that of the same period in the previous year, i.e. 2.7%. It was expected that the bus lost trip rate in the third quarter of this year would further decrease;
- (ii) The Department had rolled out a total of two rounds of "Labour Importation Scheme for the Transport Sector" to relieve the manpower shortage of the industry. Some 400 quotas had been granted in each of the first and second rounds of applications under the "Labour Importation Scheme for the Transport Sector - Public Light Bus/Coach Trade". Minibus operators had recruited drivers from Mainland China in the second-round recruitment. The drivers recruited would receive training upon arrival in Hong Kong to obtain pertinent driving licenses and commence their duties, so as to further alleviate the manpower shortage of public light bus trade, and maintain the reliability of public transport services;
- (iii) CRL is still at the stage of preliminary planning. The exact location of the station will be subject to detailed studies; and
- (iv) The Department does not recommend setting up bicycle parking spaces on busy roads to ensure the safety of road users. Given that bicycles cannot substitute public transport but are encouraged to be used as a feeder transport, the Department will continue to explore the feasibility of providing extra

ancillary facilities for bicycles.

22. Mr WONG Chi-kwong, Patrick responded as follows:

- (i) The Department would continue to proactively communicate with Members and collect local views, so as to formulate the Bus Route Planning Programme of the district;
- (ii) The Department monitors bus services in accordance with relevant guidelines. If the services are substandard (e.g. insufficient service frequency or lost trips), the Department will discuss and follow up the issues with the bus companies;
- (iii) According to the tentative schedule of LWB Route No. NA30, their buses would depart twice from Lei Muk Shue at 4:05 a.m. and 4:40 a.m. respectively, and would depart twice from the airport at 12:45 a.m. and 1:35 a.m. respectively. The bus company would maintain close communication with the airport company, so as to ensure that their service frequency can meet the residents' needs;

(Post-meeting note: LWB Route No. NA30 has been put into service since 24 November 2024.)

- (iv) The “Labour Importation Scheme for the Transport Sector” greatly mitigated the shortage of drivers in the transport sector;
- (v) Almost half of the RMBs running from Shek Lei to Tsuen Wan have already joined the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme on a voluntary basis. Some minibuses are required to cover up their Octopus payment machines under the aforesaid scheme because their routes might have not joined the scheme. The Department welcomed Members to provide the information of such minibuses after the meeting for follow-ups;
- (vi) The Department would provide additional on-street parking spaces at locations where obstruction to the traffic could be minimised as far as practicable. Discussions could also be held with the Lands Department to explore both the provision of parking spaces on temporary vacant government land and the provision of additional nighttime parking spaces for commercial vehicles; and

- (vii) Would continue to discuss the feasibility of rezoning the planter area as Hong Shun House Bus Stop with HD and the property management company concerned. Other solutions, such as filling in the bus bay for footpath widening or adjustment of queuing arrangement, would also be explored.

23. The Chairman concluded that the measures to enhance commuting convenience and renew aged facilities are the agenda items of concern to the current term of K&T DC. He was glad to learn that Members and TD had maintained close communication to discuss solutions for the betterment of people's livelihoods. In addition, the Chairman thanked the Commissioner for Transport for attending the meeting to exchange views with Members.

Discussion Items

Discussion on the Training Venue Booking Status of the Arts Groups and Sports Organisations in the District

(Proposed by Ms WANG chung-wing, Mr NG Chi-wah, Mr NG King-wah, Mr NG Yam-fung, Benny, Mr CHOW Kim-ho, Ms LAM Chui-ling, MH, JP, Mr TSUI Hiu-kit, Mr YUEN Yun-hung, Ms LEUNG Kar-ming, MH, Miss MOK Yee-ki, Ms GUO Hui-min, Mr CHAN Chi-wing, MH, Ms CHAN Oi-yi, Miranda, Ms WONG Shuk-man, Mr WONG Siu-kwan, Mr POON Chi-shing, MH and Ms TANG Lai-ling)
(K&T DC Paper Nos. 29/D/2024 and 29a/D/2024)

24. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming introduced the paper, and suggested giving priority to the schools in the district to book venues during non-peak hours.

25. Ms LAM Chui-ling recommended the Department give priority to kindergartens to apply for venues to organise sports days.

26. Mr YUEN Yun-hung said that the heights of the venues in schools and community halls are not suitable for rhythmic gymnastics training, so he recommended Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") offer assistance to relevant groups/organisations in their sports centre venue applications so as to facilitate rhythmic gymnastics training.

27. Ms GUO Huimin said that the processing time to approve venue booking applications was rather long, hence causing tight schedules for the activity preparation work of the groups/organisations concerned.

28. Mr POON Chi-shing thanked LCSD for working proactively in support of the

“Kwai Tsing Sports Festival” co-organised by K&T DO and K&T DC, and hoped that LCSD could continue to assist in reserving venues for K&T DO and K&T DC to hold sports activities in the district.

29. The Chairman said that Hong Kong Taoist Association The Yuen Yuen Institute No.1 Secondary School was a participant of the “Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme” co-implemented by the Education Bureau and the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau. The Physical Fitness Training Centre in that school could be booked by relevant groups/organisations to hold sports activities.

30. Ms WONG Sau-kuen, Joe, District Leisure Manager (Kwai Tsing), LCSD, responded as follows:

- (i) Schools eligible for priority facility booking (including kindergartens) are given priority to book the sessions of the next academic year (i.e. the period from every September to mid-July of the following year). That arrangement is available only for the sessions within normal school hours, i.e. from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. between Mondays and Fridays, and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The aforesaid arrangement is not available on Sundays and public holidays;
- (ii) Regarding the booking applications lodged by groups/organisations, the Department would remind staff members to provide early replies on whether the applications concerned have been approved after lot-drawing;
- (iii) The Department has to strike a balance between the usage needs of the public and groups/organisations when handling venue booking arrangements. Therefore, in general, groups/organisations (including schools) accorded with higher priorities would encounter less difficulties when booking venues;
- (iv) Groups/organisations accorded with lower priorities may consider booking recreation and sports facilities during non-peak hours to increase their chances of obtaining booking approvals;
- (v) In case the groups/organisations concerned deem that rhythmic gymnastics training and ball games can both take place in the same venue, they are recommended to consider using sports centre arenas. As the usage rates of sports centre arenas are rather high, applications for using such venues in

non-peak hours are more likely to be approved; and

- (vi) Should individual groups/organisations have any enquiries about the booking of LCSD's recreation and sports facilities, LCSD will be glad to offer appropriate assistance.

31. Mr LAU Hing-wah, James put forth enquiries as follows:

- (i) Enquired about the groups/organisations eligible for priority bookings of dance studios, rehearsal rooms, and lecture rooms;
- (ii) Enquired about the application timetable of groups/organisations ineligible for priority venue bookings; and
- (iii) Enquired about the notification procedures and the penalties in case the groups/organisations concerned would like to cancel their venue bookings.

32. Miss LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, LCSD, responded as follows:

- (i) Ordinary booking applications for the Dance Studio, Rehearsal Room, and Lecture Room in Kwai Tsing Theatre are accepted in every January and every July. The booking period available for application in every January is between July and December of the same year, whilst the booking period available for application in every July is between January and June of the following year. Priority consideration will be given to the applications for holding activities relating to arts and conforming to the designated uses of the aforesaid facilities; and
- (ii) Post-deadline submissions of booking applications for the aforesaid facilities are considered "late bookings" and are processed on a first-come-first-served basis. The Department accepts applications for the booking period between July and December of the same year from May, and accepts applications for the booking period between January and June of the following year from November.

(Post-meeting note: LCSD had supplemented on 19 November 2024 that hirers can refer to the Kwai Tsing Theatre Terms and Conditions of Hire for the procedures of cancelling

venue bookings.)

33. The Chairman concluded that, in Hong Kong, Kwai Tsing Theatre is an important performing arts venue with a high usage rate. Venue booking applications are handled by relevant departments in accordance with established procedures.

Schedule for Meetings of K&T DC and its Committees in 2025

(Proposed by the Secretariat of K&T DC)

(K&T DC Paper No. 30/D/2024)

34. Members perused the document.

35. Miss LO Yuen-ting indicated that overlapping had occurred between an Area Committee meeting and a DC meeting or activity this year.

36. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming replied that the aforesaid incident was caused by Tsing Yi Area Committee meeting being held at Tsing Yi Sub-office.

37. The Chairman noted the comment made by Member.

Information Paper

Briefing on Public Order Situation between August and September 2024

(Proposed by the Hong Kong Police Force)

(K&T DC Paper No. 31/I/2024)

38. Miss MOK Yee-ki indicated that lawless elements had been reported to have recently carried out door-to-door frauds by impersonating tutorial centre staff in Cheung Ching Estate. On the other hand, she thanked the Police for their swift detection of related cases. She continued to enquire whether the same type of cases had happened in other public housing estates (especially Ching Lan House and Ching Ho House in Cheung Ching Estate), and whether the Police would step up anti-scam publicity in newly built housing estates.

39. Mr NG King-wah enquired about the crimes included in “Other Offences Against Public Morality” as mentioned in the document.

40. Mr LAU Hing-wah, James enquired of the Police how it would formulate work

directions given that deception was the main crime of the district.

41. Ms LAU Mei-lo expressed concern over “space oil” vaping cases and recommended the Police to co-operate with Care Teams to strengthen publicity and give explanation on pertinent information at schools in the district. Moreover, she recommended “space oil” to be included under the control of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Cap. 134).

42. Mr WONG Siu-kwan recommended the Police to step up anti-drug publicity in the district.

43. Ms AU YEUNG Mun-ye, District Commander, Kwai Tsing Police District, Hong Kong Police Force, presented a video clip on the information of “space oil” and responded as follows:

- (i) Between 19 and 24 October 2024, Kwai Tsing Police District (“KTPD”) had received 3 reports of deception occurred in Cheung Ching Estate. In such reported cases, a suspect impersonated a social worker in Ching Lan House and made a deceptive claim of providing students with tutorial service. That suspect could not be contacted immediately after defrauding victims of several thousands of dollars. After receiving report on 25 October, the Police arrested the male suspect connected with the case. KTPD had not yet received report from the residents of other estates for the aforesaid crime;
- (ii) Police Community Relations Office maintains close communication with the security personnel of public housing estates and strengthens co-ordination by holding seminars. Besides, Project TI-FANG has been launched to remind the security personnel to register the personal particulars of the non-residents visiting the buildings concerned;
- (iii) On 5 October, the Police received a report from a female resident of Chi Shek House in Shek Yam Estate. She stated that a male had impersonated a water filter company employee who deceptively claimed that elderly residents were eligible to apply to the Government for full grants related to an elderly health scheme after installing water filters. That male, after taking records of the personal particulars of the elderly residents, arranged another person connected with the case for home installation so as to reduce scepticism from such elderly residents. Based on that males’ personal particulars recorded by security personnel, the Police managed to arrest the two local males in Wong

Tai Sin and Tuen Mun. Those two male were involved in over 50 same-natured cases in Hong Kong and had cheated an amount of approximately \$170,000;

- (iv) “Other Offences Against Public Morality” includes 5 cases of voyeurism and 3 cases of publication of intimate images without consent. Amongst such cases, the Police had already arrested the suspects of 2 cases of publication of intimate images without consent;
- (v) Deception cases accounted for 54% of the crime cases in the district. KTPD formulates work directions in accordance with the primary operational target in each year, and with reference of the latest trend of crimes;
- (vi) On 28 October, a case of indecent assault occurred at a place off the secondary school in Cheung Hong Estate, Tsing Yi. The Police addressed the pressing needs of the public by immediately deploying a task force sub-unit to arrest a male connected with that case within 2 days;
- (vii) A week prior to the meeting, the Police carried out traffic law enforcement days in Kwai Tsing District which last for 2 days, during which a total of 700 Fixed Penalty Tickets were issued and 4 vehicles were towed away;
- (viii) “Space Oil”, a Part 1 poison in terms of law, must be used under doctors’ prescription and is under control. The Police had recently received school notification that 2 students, who were 16 and 17 respectively, became ill after vaping “space oil” at school and were then sent to hospital for treatment. Thereafter, the Police arrested those 2 students;
- (ix) “Space oil” is a kind of liquid to which harmful substances have been illegally added. Generally, space oil is vaped through e-cigarette and is difficult to be distinguished from e-liquid by appearance. Parents and teachers can make judgement by observing whether vapers have reactions such as convulsion and cramp after vaping “space oil”;
- (x) The Police had earlier on found “space oil” from 5 students aged between 15 and 17 by acting on intelligence, and arrested them for the offence of possession of Part 1 poison. Besides, the Police had also arrested a youngster aged 17 for suspected illegal sale of “space oil” at school;

(xi) Police Community Relations Office held seminars on “space oil” at tertiary institutions and also pertinent seminars at secondary schools in the district, so as to explain to youngsters the harm caused to health by “space oil”; and

(xii) Appreciated Members making arrangement with Police Community Relations Office and Narcotics Bureau for dispatching No Drugs Juicy Van to Kwai Shing Circuit for publicising anti-drug messages.

44. The Chairman indicated that, in addition to Fight Crime Committee, Area Committees are also platforms suitable for carrying out anti-drug publicity in tandem with the Police.

45. Mr POON Chi-shing enquired about the situation in which youngsters purchasing “space oil” mistakenly.

46. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit put forth opinions as follows:

(i) Praised the Police for swiftly dealing with the false alarm incident occurred in an industrial area after receiving a report in small hours on 28 October; and

(ii) HD should install CCTV cameras in the main corridors of public housing estates.

47. Ms CHENG Lam recommended the Police to publish leaflets on “space oil” for Members’ distribution in the district.

48. Ms AU YEUNG Mun-yee was thankful for Members’ approval to the efforts made by the Police, and would distribute the publicity leaflets on “space oil” to Members. She pointed out that there was nowhere in the market selling “space oil” publicly. By making informed choices, students bought “space oil” on social platforms at prices ranging from \$200 to \$2,000.

Report Items

Reports of the K&T DC Committees

(Submitted by the Secretariat of K&T DC)

(K&T DC Paper No. 32/R/2024)

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

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

- (i) Due to the burst of underground water main, both the lifts and escalators connected to the library and sports centre of Tsing Yi Municipal Services Building had ceased to operate for almost 2 months, hence affecting nearby residents' use of recreational and sports facilities;
- (ii) Recently, G.Vision Sports Club had held table tennis activity in Tsing Yi Sports Centre. During the course of the activity, participants who suffered from Parkinson's disease and mobility impairment were unable to reach the sports centre via the lifts and escalators. In this connection, she was grateful that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD") had then temporarily opened goods lift for participants' use; and
- (iii) Enquired about the timetable for escalator repairs, as well as the information on temporary mitigation measures.

51. Mr KAO Hsi-chiang, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kwai Tsing), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, responded as follows:

- (i) On 9 September, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department conducted inspection on the spot and found that both the lift pit and escalator bottoms contained stagnant water. The Department also suspected that backflow of water occurred at the bottoms. Therefore, the Department immediately ceased the operation of the lifts and escalators concerned, and then notified Water Supplies Department ("WSD"), Drainage Services Department ("DSD") and Architectural Services Department to carry out inspections on the spot;
- (ii) After inspections, WSD carried out an immediate repair after detecting an underground salt water main burst, and DSD detected blockage as well as breakage in a sewer between the terminal manhole and public manhole at Tsing Yi Municipal Service Building.
- (iii) WSD had completed repair on 24 September. Following WSD's repair completion, DSD conducted a 2-week long repair and posted notice for indicating its estimated date of completion of the works as early November. Earlier on, DSD had indicated its repair was expected to be completed by 10

November;

- (iv) FEHD held a meeting with LCSD, EMSD and DSD for discussing the aforesaid matter, and recommended opening the use of the goods lift to persons in need on an as-needed basis;
- (v) EMSD said that it would arrange repair immediately after DSD's works completion, and expected that the repair works of the lifts would be completed in a week; and
- (vi) FEHD would continue to follow up the matter and update the public of the latest progress of the repair works in a timely manner.

52. The Chairman indicated in his conclusion that timely dissemination of information could help manage the public's expectations, and recommended conducting follow-ups through relevant committees when necessary.

Report of the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy

(Submitted by the Secretariat of K&T DC)

(K&T DC Paper No. 33/R/2024)

53. Mr CHAN Chi-wing, the Chairman of Working Group on Boosting Local Economy introduced the aforesaid document and thanked relevant government departments for supporting the organisation of Day x Night Vibes @ 18 District – Kwai Tsing District.

54. The Chairman indicated that countryside and urban area coexist in Kwai Tsing District, so places in the district such as cultural venues and nature trails could all complement the development of diversified tourism. He recommended Working Group on Boosting Local Economy to carry out in-depth discussion from the aforesaid perspective, as well as to synergise with various parties for activity promotion.

Any Other Business

55. Mr CHAN Chi-wing recommended improving the equipment and environment of K&T DO Conference Room

56. The Chairman noted the opinion of Member.

57. Mr WONG Chun-yeung indicated that the media had recently reported illegal

hawking on Tak Tai Path in Tai Wo Hau. In this context, he enquired of FEHD about its follow-up actions, and expressed his hope for the Department to step up law enforcement at the place concerned.

58. Mr KAO Hsi-chiang responded by pointing out that the Department had already issued press release in connection with the aforesaid incident for appealing to the public not to patronise illegal hawkers. The Department would also conduct blitz operations at the aforesaid location to combat illegal hawking.

59. The Chairman declared closure of meeting.

60. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 7 January 2025 (Tuesday).

Kwai Tsing District Council Secretariat
December 2024