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**Sai Kung District Council**  
**Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes of the Third Meeting in 2024**

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Date: 21 May 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

**Present**

Mr LI Ka-leung, Philip, MH (Chairman)	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr YAU Siu-hung, Kelvin, MH (Vice-Chairman)	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms FONG Kwok-shan, Christine	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WANG Wen	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WONG Shui-sang	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LI Tin-chi	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAU Ka-lok	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LAM Chun-ka	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms KI Lai-mei, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr YAU Ho-lun	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms SZE Pan-pan	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms WU Suet-lin	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung, Chris	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHEUNG Man-tim	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms CHONG Nga-ting, Angel	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kwong-fai	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kai-wai	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr TSANG Kwok-ka	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WAN Kai-ming	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WONG Yuen-hong	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms KAN Tung-tung	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LAU Kai-hong	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHENG Yu-hei	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms YU Hau-ling, Candy (Secretary)	Executive Assistant (District Council)9, Sai Kung District Office

**Absent**

Mr WONG Wang-to, MH

Member of Sai Kung District Council

**In Attendance**

Miss LAM I-ching

Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)1,  
Sai Kung District Office

Miss CHENG Suet-ching, Lacus

Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2,  
Sai Kung District Office

Mr CHUNG Kai-yin

Senior Executive Officer (District Council),  
Sai Kung District Office

Miss LEE Kit-ting, Katie

Senior Liaison Officer (2) (Acting),  
Sai Kung District Office

Mr NG Wai-ming

Senior Liaison Officer (3),  
Sai Kung District Office

Ms LI Mei-yi, Becky

Liaison Officer i/c (Tseung Kwan O) West,  
Sai Kung District Office

Ms WONG Hiu-ting, Amanda

Liaison Officer i/c (Pak Sha Wan),  
Sai Kung District Office

Miss WONG Chui-ying, Erin

Executive Officer I (District Council),  
Sai Kung District Office

Miss XUE Chun-ling, Jessie

Executive Officer (District Council)1,  
Sai Kung District Office

Ms LEE Lai-sheung, Susan

District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LAI Ka-yee, Jenny

Deputy District Leisure Manager (District  
Support) Sai Kung, Leisure and Cultural  
Services Department

Ms LAU Fung-yi, Connie

Manager (New Territories East) Marketing &  
District Activities, Leisure and Cultural  
Services Department

Miss LAI Ching-yee, Olivia

Senior Librarian (Sai Kung),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms CHAN Fung-ping

Senior School Development Officer (Sai  
Kung)1, Education Bureau

Ms NGAI Che-yan

Assistant Social Work Officer 4 (Planning &  
Coordinating), Social Welfare Department

## **Welcome Remarks**

The Chairman said a quorum was present and the third meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC) in 2024 commenced officially. He welcomed all Members and representatives of government departments to the meeting, in particular the following representatives who attended CICRC meeting for the first time:

- Ms CHAN Fung-ping, Senior School Development Officer (Sai Kung)1, Education Bureau, who took over from Miss KWONG Yuen-yee as the representative of the Education Bureau.
- Ms NGAI Che-yan, Assistant Social Work Officer 4 (Planning & Coordinating), Social Welfare Department.

2. The Chairman said that due to sickness, Mr WONG Wang-to was absent from today's meeting. He had submitted a Notification for Absence from Meeting before the meeting as required. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the application for the absence concerned was approved in accordance with Order 64(5) of the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) Standing Orders.

### **I. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2nd CICRC Meeting in 2024 held on 19 March 2024**

3. The Chairman said the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendment before the meeting. As there was no proposed amendment at the meeting either, the Chairman declared that the above minutes were confirmed.

## **II. Report Items**

(A) Report on Organisation of Recreation and Sports Programmes in Sai Kung District from March to April 2024 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 10/24)

4. Members noted the paper.

5. Members' views and enquiries were summarised as follows:

- Suggested increasing the number of sessions of the lawn bowls training courses.
- Enquired about the number of enrolments of the recreation and sports programmes, and the relevant attendance rates.
- Enquired about the unsatisfactory number of enrolments of children dance training courses between April and June.
- Suggested teaching participants on using other government mobile applications such as "HA Go" and "SmartPLAY" in the mobile application courses.
- Enquired about the reason that no Go training course was organised between March and April.

- Enquired about the itineraries for the “Excursion for Persons with Visual Impairment” and “Outing for Persons with Hearing Impairment”, and proposed that quotas should be reserved for SKDC representatives to join together activities designed for persons with disabilities, with a view to showing care and companion for them.
- Suggested that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) continue to provide lawn bowls for hire for participants of the training courses and replace the worn ones.
- Suggested that LCSD consider organising recreation and sports programmes in collaboration with other venue providers, for example, co-organising ice skating activities with the shopping mall of The LOHAS.

6. The response of Ms Jenny LAI, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sai Kung, LCSD was summarised as follows:

- LCSD would consider increasing the number of programmes for lawn bowls subject to availability of resources.
- The recreation and sports programmes generally had high attendance rates. LCSD would continue to pay close attention to the programmes with relatively low attendance rates.
- Since the Easter holiday and school exam period started between April and June, the number of enrolments of children dance training courses was less than satisfactory. It was expected that the situation would improve during the summer holiday.
- The “SmartPLAY Smart Way Workshop” mainly aimed to teach participants to use the mobile application “SmartPLAY” to enrol in LCSD’s recreation and sports programmes and to reserve relevant venues.
- The Go training courses was scheduled based on the major age groups of the participants, so as to ensure the effective use of resources.
- Members’ suggestion on reserving quotas for SKDC representatives to participate in the activities for persons with disabilities was noted.
- LCSD would continue to keep in view the situation of the hire of equipment at the venues.
- Recreation and sports programmes mentioned in the paper would be mainly held at the venues under LCSD. LCSD noted Members’ views on organising ice skating activities.

(B) Report on the Cultural Programmes in Sai Kung District during February to June 2024 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
(SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 11/24)

7. Members noted the paper.

(C) Report on the Extension Activities of the Public Libraries in Sai Kung District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
(SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 12/24)

8. Members noted the paper.

9. Members' views and enquiries were summarised as follows:

- Enquired whether LCSD had conducted surveys to gauge participants' views on the Roving Book Exhibition on "National Security Education".
- The school heads associations of the district could assist in promoting activities such as roving book exhibitions to students.
- Suggested holding the next Roving Book Exhibition on "National Security Education" in the children's libraries to promote relevant messages to children.
- Suggested collaborating with SKDC to promote the Creative Writing Event on "Chivalrous Heroes: My Favourite Characters in Martial Arts Novels".
- Suggested expediting the maintenance works of the male toilet on 1/F of the Tiu Keng Leng Public Library.
- Proposed providing more payment methods and variety of products in the vending machines at the Tiu Keng Leng Public Library. Library staff should also provide appropriate assistance to people having difficulties in using the vending machines.
- Opined that the Summer Theatre activities were engaging and meaningful, and suggested increasing the number of these activities.
- Suggested promoting books of relevant themes in the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) during the Olympic Games and other festive occasions.
- Suggested conducting regular reviews of library collections to check if there were books or materials that were contrary to the interests of national security.
- Enquired whether HKPL activities were promoted online.
- Proposed considering extending the opening hours of HKPL to the evening.
- Enquired about the progress of providing self-service library stations in the district, and asked whether consideration would be given for providing book drop service in LOHAS Park MTR station.
- Suggested teaching members of the public to use government mobile applications such as "HA Go" or "SmartPLAY" in the User Education Session.
- Proposed installing additional fresh air facilities and improving the existing air change systems at the library study rooms.
- Suggested enriching library collections to include more materials on national security and regional history, as well as Braille materials.
- Asked whether the Library-on-Wheels serving LOHAS Park would be included as one of the mobile library stops, and enquired about the size of the book collections of the Library-on-Wheels.
- Enquired about the construction progress of the public library in Tseung Kwan O Area 86 and the size of its book collections, as well as the relocation plan of the Sai Kung Public Library.

10. The response of Miss Olivia LAI, Senior Librarian (Sai Kung), LCSD was summarised as follows:

- The Roving Book Exhibition on "National Security Education" was an exhibition open to the public and there was currently no plan to conduct surveys to gauge participants' views. She would relay Members' views to the headquarters.

- Members' suggestion on including books on "National Security Education" in the children's libraries was noted.
- The Creative Writing Event cum Roving Exhibition on "Chivalrous Heroes: My Favourite Characters in Martial Arts Novels" was a territory-wide event. The winning entries would be exhibited in the public libraries in Sai Kung District in July. Members could refer to relevant LCSD's webpage for details.
- LCSD would maintain close communication with the Architectural Services Department and expedite the maintenance works of the male toilet on 1/F of the Tiu Keng Leng Public Library.
- Members' views on the vending machines in the library was noted.
- 20 shows of the Summer Theatre were arranged to be held at LCSD's three public libraries and Community Libraries in Sai Kung District.
- HKPL planned to promote books of relevant themes during the Olympic Games and other festive occasions.
- HKPL had already stepped up efforts in reviewing their book collections and library materials. Books and materials that were contrary to the interests of national security, once found, would be immediately removed from library shelves.
- Multiple promotional videos taken by HKPL had been uploaded on LCSD's website titled "Edutainment Channel" for readers' reference. Besides, other short videos on topics such as culture, arts and sports were also available on the website.
- Members' suggestion on extending the opening hours of HKPL to the evening was noted.
- The User Education Session mainly aimed to teach members of the public to use the electronic resources of HKPL. HKPL could assist in promoting the Hospital Authority's mobile application "HA Go" if required.
- LCSD provided one self-service library station each on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and New Territories, and would consider the feasibility of setting up additional self-service library stations based on the availability of resources. In view of the resources constraint, LCSD currently had no plan to provide book drop service at LOHAS Park MTR Station.
- Every year, indoor air quality assessments with certification would be arranged at libraries and the study rooms. Although LCSD libraries was not being assessed with unsatisfactory conditions of air quality, close communication with relevant departments would be kept to enhance the air change systems of libraries.
- The Library-on-Wheels would visit different places in all 18 districts every month to introduce library services, thus it was not appropriate to include the Library-on-Wheels as one of the mobile library stops of the district. Moreover, due to the limited size of the vehicle, each Library-on-Wheels could only offer around 300 books, while a standard mobile library should have a collection of around 1 000 books.
- Neither details of the latest progress of the public library at Tseung Kwan O Area 86 nor the relocation plan of the Sai Kung Public Library were available to LCSD at the moment. LCSD would report relevant information to CICRC once available.

### **III. Motions Raised by Members**

#### **(A) The two motions raised by Members**

- (1) Request for resolving the problem of insufficient lifeguards to ensure the long-term opening of swimming pools  
(SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 13/24)

11. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr CHENG Yu-hei and seconded by Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr Philip LI, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr LI Tin-chi, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr WANG Wen, Ms Angel CHONG, Mr Kelvin YAU, Ms Christine FONG, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr Chris CHEUNG and Mr CHEUNG Man-tim.

12. Members noted the written reply from LCSD (SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 15/24).

13. Members' views and enquiries were summarised as follows:

- Since there had been a shortage of lifeguards, and the performance of lifeguards might vary, they asked whether LCSD would offer courses for training qualified lifeguards.
- Enquired when LCSD would implement a scheme to outsource lifesaving services, and suggested the scheme to cover Sai Kung District.
- Enquired about the effectiveness of the artificial intelligence (AI) drowning detection system, and suggested introducing the system in public swimming pools in Sai Kung District to support lifeguards on duty, with a view to enhancing the safety of swimmers.
- Asked whether the required number of on-duty lifeguards at swimming pools could be relaxed after the introduction of the AI drowning detection system.
- Suggested providing lifesaving training programmes for ethnic minority youths in Sai Kung District.
- Asked LCSD about detail information on the enhanced seasonal lifeguard remuneration package.
- Asked about the percentage of time having sufficient on-duty lifeguards at the Sai Kung Swimming Pool and Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool, and the anticipated opening arrangements of these two swimming pools in summer this year.

14. Ms Jenny LAI of LCSD responded as follows:

- LCSD was preparing to outsource lifesaving services at public swimming pools, and expected to implement in the third quarter of 2024 at six smaller-scale public swimming pools, which excluded the Sai Kung Swimming Pool and Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool. LCSD would review the effectiveness of the arrangement and consider whether it should be extended to other swimming pools.

- LCSD was conducting relevant studies, trial runs and consultation on the use of the AI drowning detection system.
- Through relevant service groups, more than 10 ethnic minority youths were invited to enrol in the pool lifeguard and integrated lifesaving training courses. The swimming pools where they would be deployed after training were yet to be confirmed.
- Upon enhancement of the remuneration package for seasonal lifeguards, their monthly salary, with end-of-contract gratuity factored in, could range from \$24,500 to \$26,000.
- In 2023, LCSD launched six Integrated Certificates Courses on Life Saving, covering training on both pool and beach lifesaving. Participants could enrol in a series of training programmes on lifesaving under the “through-train” mode, sparing them the hassles of enrolling in individual programmes and providing them with the convenience in acquiring lifesaving qualifications. LCSD expected that these measures would help ensure a stable provision of lifeguard service.
- She did not have at hand the information on the numbers of lifeguards at the Sai Kung Swimming Pool and Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool in summer. However, LCSD would provide lifesaving services and open swimming pool facilities to the public based on the existing establishment. The opening arrangements of the two public swimming pools in Sai Kung District during summer holiday this year was expected to be similar to that of last year.

15. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed and asked LCSD to follow up the matter.

16. The Chairman suggested that the above motion should be deleted at the next meeting.

(2) Request for providing billiard establishments for enthusiasts in the district (SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 14/24)

17. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr WONG Yuen-hong and seconded by Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr YAU Ho-lun and Mr WONG Wang-to.

18. Members noted the written reply from LCSD (SKDC(CICRC) Paper No. 16/24).

19. Members’ views and enquiries were summarised as follows:

- Agreed it would be quite difficult to provide billiard establishments at the existing sports venues.
- Suggested providing billiard establishments at suitable new sports venues in Sai Kung District in the future.
- Suggested LCSD to consider providing courses on “Chinese Eight-ball” (中式八球), in addition to courses on traditional English billiard or American pool.

20. Ms Jenny LAI of LCSD noted Members’ views and said that LCSD would explore



the feasibility of providing the facilities concerned in Sai Kung District when there were suitable venues and after balancing relevant factors.

21. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed and asked LCSD to follow up the matter.

22. The Chairman suggested that the above motion should be deleted at the next meeting.

**IV. Any Other Business**

23. No other business was raised by Members.

**V. Date of Next Meeting**

24. The next CICRC meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 16 July 2024 (Tuesday).

25. The meeting ended at 11:10 a.m.

Sai Kung District Council Secretariat  
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