

Sai Kung District Council  
Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee  
Minutes of the Third Meeting in 2025

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Date : 15 May 2025 (Thursday)  
Time : 10:00 a.m.  
Venue : Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

**Present**

Mr WONG Wang-to, MH (Chairman)	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kin-chun, Ken (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 LI Ka-leung, Philip, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms LI Ka-yan	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 YU Natasha	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, MH	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, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHENG Yu-hei	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms TAM Chuk-kwan	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHOY Kam-ho	Co-opted Member
Miss LIEN Sze-ying, Cecilia (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)4, Sai Kung District Office

### **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 CHENG Chi-wing, Ken	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Sai Kung District Office
Miss WONG Wai-fong, Bonnie	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Sai Kung District Office
Mr NG Wai-ming	Senior Liaison Officer (3), Sai Kung District Office
Mr CHUNG Kai-yin	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sai Kung District Office
Mr HUI Chun-kwan, Simon	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Sai Kung District Office
Miss LAI Wing-sau, Winsy	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms CHOW Yuk-chu	Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr LI Cheuk-ho, Ronald	Acting Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHIANG Tsun-yat, Kelvin	Acting Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Sai Kung 2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr NG Raymond Tjeng	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)4, Environmental Protection Department
Dr WONG Yick-him, Simon	Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Ms WAI Kar-yan, Maria	Divisional Commander (Sai Kung), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms Lilian PATKIN	Police Community Relations Officer (Tseung Kwan O), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms WONG Kin-yan	Assistant Police Community Relations Officer (Tseung Kwan O), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms CHAN Mei-yee	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr KWOK Yiu-ho	Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Harbour Patrol Section (4), Marine Department
Mr LAI Ka-yiu	Marine Officer/Harbour Patrol Section (4), Marine Department

### **Welcome Remarks**

The Chairman said a quorum was present and the meeting commenced officially. He welcomed all Members and departmental representatives to the third meeting of the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC)

in 2025.

**I. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> FEHC Meeting in 2025 held on 13 March 2025**

2. The Chairman said the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendment before the meeting. There being no proposed amendment at the meeting, the Chairman declared that the above minutes were confirmed.

**II. New Items**

(A) Second Phase of Anti-mosquito Campaign 2025 in Sai Kung District (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 42/25)

3. The Chairman asked the representatives of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to brief Members on the paper.

4. Mr Kelvin CHIANG, Acting Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Sai Kung 2, FEHD introduced the paper.

5. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested that FEHD should enhance anti-mosquito measures (e.g. deploying additional new types of mosquito traps, spraying mosquito repellent and applying larvicidal oil) and collaborate with stakeholders to focus on addressing the problem of mosquito infestation at the locations listed below:
  - areas near hillsides at Tseung Kwan O North;
  - temporary bus stop opposite Tsui Lam Sports Centre;
  - pavilion at Po Lam Road North near Blocks 4 and 5 of Hong Sing Garden;
  - hillsides at Hang Hau Village and Shui Bin Village;
  - bus stops in the rural areas of Sai Kung (especially at dusk and in the early morning hours);
  - Sai Kung town centre (stagnant water in the rubbish bins of some shops); and
  - the data centre at LOHAS Park near Le Prestige, Tseung Kwan O South, and construction sites in the vicinity of the Tseung Kwan O InnoPark.
- They suggested that FEHD should provide the latest monthly data on *Aedes albopictus* as early as practicable.
- They suggested that the Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) should deploy additional resources to remove weeds and clear storm water drains in rural areas, especially near bus stops, to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes and pests.
- They suggested that SKDO should step up co-ordination with relevant departments to tackle the problem of mosquito infestation at the Tseung

Kwan O Waterfront Promenade (especially at locations near planters and seats).

6. Mr Kelvin CHIANG, Acting Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Sai Kung 2, FEHD responded as follows:

- He noted the mosquito infestation black spots mentioned by Members. FEHD would step up inspections as far as practicable and take appropriate follow-up actions. Also, FEHD would consider deploying additional new types of mosquito traps depending on the situation. Therefore, FEHD was not currently using solar-powered anti-mosquito lamps.
- Clearing storm water drains and removing weeds were not FEHD's major duties. Such work would be handled by relevant departments depending on the location.
- SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 44/25 had reported on the Gravidtrap Indices in Sai Kung District in April 2025.
- The problem of mosquito infestation at the waterfront promenade fell under the purview of different departments. FEHD would continue to co-operate with the responsible departments to step up joint efforts in mosquito control at the location concerned.
- Biting midge infestation was treated in similar ways to mosquito infestation, while biting midges bred more easily than mosquitoes. FEHD would apply and spray insecticides in the potential habitats of mosquitoes and biting midges, in order to prevent and control biting midge infestation.

7. Mr Simon HUI, Senior Executive Officer (District Management), SKDO said that starting from 2021, the Sai Kung District Management Committee under SKDO had included the anti-mosquito work at the Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade in the District-led Actions Scheme of Sai Kung District. SKDO would continue to co-ordinate with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), FEHD and the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to conduct joint operations on the control of mosquitoes and biting midges at the Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade from May to November 2025. The relevant efforts would include clearing litter from planters, removing fallen leaves and other withered plants, trimming overgrown plants, applying insecticides in the potential habitats of mosquitoes and biting midges, as well as purchasing anti-mosquito equipment, in order to enhance effectiveness.

8. Miss Lacus CHENG, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, SKDO added that SKDO would conduct regular grass-cutting works and drainage desilting works at villages (including drainage channels with a total length of 30 kilometres in the rural areas of Sai Kung and Hang Hau) once every other month during the dry season. The frequency of the relevant operations would be increased to once a month during the rainy season (i.e. from May to October). SKDO would also conduct additional grass-cutting works and drainage desilting works in villages prone to mosquito and pest infestation as needed. SKDO had conducted nine grass-cutting works and drainage desilting works in 2024.

The first two grass-cutting works and drainage desilting works in 2025 had also been completed. SKDO would continuously monitor the mosquito control situation in the rural areas.

9. Members continued to enquire about the reasons for not including the Gravidtrap Indices for Tseung Kwan O South in the paper. They suggested that FEHD should designate Tseung Kwan O South as a separate survey area for monitoring mosquito infestation.

10. Mr Kelvin CHIANG, Acting Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Sai Kung 2, FEHD said the current mosquito infestation data had already included Tseung Kwan O South. The relevant details were available on the map showing the Gravidtrap Indices for the respective survey areas on FEHD's website.

11. The Chairman asked FEHD to consider designating Tseung Kwan O South as a separate survey area for monitoring mosquito infestation, so as to accurately reflect the actual situation. He also asked FEHD to step up anti-mosquito efforts in rural areas, especially at bus stops and in densely populated areas.

12. Members further suggested that bus companies install solar-powered anti-mosquito lamps at rural bus stops in the district.

13. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to relay Members' views to bus companies in writing.

14. Members noted the above report.

(B) Strategies and Work to Improve Environmental Hygiene of Hong Kong (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 43/25)

15. The Chairman asked the representatives of FEHD to brief Members on the paper.

16. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD introduced the paper.

17. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested paying more attention to the problem of pet fouling at the pedestrian subway from Tong Ming Court towards Choi Ming Court, as well as Tong Yin Street near The Wings III and Corinthia By The Sea.
- They enquired about the progress of the refurbishment works of the Tseung Kwan O Station Public Transport Interchange (PTI) Public Toilet. They also suggested that continuous improvement should be made to the public toilet facilities in the district. The latest situation should be timely reported to SKDC Members.

- They recommended that FEHD strengthen communication with SKDC Members, relevant departments (such as LCSD and the Housing Department) as well as stakeholders to review and optimise the placement of thermal imaging cameras. FEHD should also strengthen rodent control work at locations with serious rodent infestation in accordance with the suggestions from the local community.
- They suggested that FEHD and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) should collaborate to follow up the case at Black Hill where an individual was suspected of repeatedly placing food on the ground and leaving the scene immediately to create a time gap with the intention of evading the penalties for feeding wild animals.
- They enquired about FEHD's arrangements for updating hygiene black spots.
- They suggested that FEHD should enhance the training of frontline staff on communication skills to avoid misunderstandings with shop operators during enforcement operations.
- They suggested stepping up efforts in combating illegal feeding of feral pigeons and the resulting problem of rodent infestation. They also suggested providing education and technical support for private housing estates on rodent control.

18. The Chairman said that the issue of illegal feeding of feral pigeons would be discussed in detail under Report Item (C).

19. Members continued to express the following views:

- They enquired about FEHD's criteria for selecting rodent black spots, as well as the list of residential buildings and housing estates in the district which had signed the Anti-rodent Charter. They also asked about the effectiveness of the internet protocol cameras at central dividers, and the progress of the plan to use smart litter containers in the district.
- They suggested stepping up efforts to combat illegal dumping of oversized waste at private refuse collection points.
- They suggested stepping up the removal of unauthorised publicity materials displayed in public places.
- They suggested expediting the simultaneous implementation of the Stage II and Stage III water seepage investigations in Sai Kung District. They also enquired about the specific effectiveness data of the six existing pilot districts, the average time taken to handle each case in the district, and the number of staff dedicated to the task.
- They suggested repairing the malfunctioning hinged doors of the solar powered aluminium refuse collection points as soon as practicable, and stepping up the monitoring of the facilities and their operation to prevent wild animals from foraging therein. They also suggested exploring the introduction of smart litter containers with larger capacity or compactors.

- They suggested expediting the progress of the lift retrofitting works in the Sai Kung Market, and timely updating SKDC Members and members of the local community on the situation.

20. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD responded as follows:

- FEHD would enhance cleansing efforts at popular dog-walking spots, step up education and publicity efforts, and provide additional dog excreta collection bins.
- Regarding the refurbishment works of the Tseung Kwan O Station PTI Public Toilet, FEHD was discussing the works plans with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD). FEHD would report to Members once further information was available.
- The case of illegal feeding of wild pigs at Black Hill should be under the responsibility of AFCD. If there were environmental hygiene problems at the location, FEHD would also deploy staff to clean up the area.
- The hygiene black spot at Wa Fuk Street in Sai Kung District had been removed on 31 May 2025. FEHD had redeployed resources to cleanse other streets.
- After installing internet protocol cameras at the central dividers of carriageways, FEHD identified instances of littering by vehicles and was currently following up the cases.
- While EPD was responsible for tackling the problem of fly-tipping, FEHD would institute prosecutions if any relevant cases were identified.
- FEHD had stepped up inspections at solar powered aluminium refuse collection points and would repair any malfunctioning doors as soon as possible.
- Issues related to water seepage investigations should be referred to the respective Joint Office (JO) of the Buildings Department (BD) and FEHD for follow-up actions and replies.

21. Mr Kelvin CHIANG, Acting Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Sai Kung 2, FEHD responded as follows:

- FEHD introduced the Rodent Activity Survey (RAS) in 2024, and would take into account various factors, including the rodent-related complaint figures, the numbers of live and dead rodents caught, the inspection results and the views of members of the local community, in order to review and select the locations for installing thermal imaging cameras to conduct RAS.
- FEHD had placed about 100 thermal imaging cameras at 100 locations selected from 300 locations in the district. These cameras would take thermal images every two minutes for three consecutive days from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on the following day.

- The latest RAS had been completed in early May and the results were being analysed at this stage.
- The Anti-rodent Charter was a voluntary participation scheme launched by FEHD in December 2024 to raise the awareness of rodent prevention in residential premises. Housing estates or courts which had signed the charter could have access to free technical support, seminars on pest control, as well as relevant certificates and stickers. Interested housing estates or courts were welcome to contact FEHD at any time.

22. Miss Winsy LAI, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD said she would enhance communication with frontline staff to avoid misunderstandings with shop operators during enforcement actions.

23. Mr Ronald LI, Acting Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD said the Lands Department (LandsD) had approved the land allocation application for the lift and escalator improvement works in the Sai Kung Market in March 2025. After that, FEHD had immediately notified ArchSD to commence the preliminary work for the project. FEHD would promptly report to Members on any further update.

24. The Chairman asked FEHD to relay Members' views on water seepage investigations to JO of BD and FEHD for follow-up and replies.

25. Members continued to express the following views:

- They suggested paying more attention to the problem of rodent infestation in Sai Kung Garden and Sai Kung Building, as well as the problem of cat faeces at Sai Kung Tai Street.
- Regarding the case of feeding of wild animals at Black Hill, they suggested that the relevant departments should liaise directly with the Member who had raised such case for follow-up.
- They suggested publishing the Rodent Absence Rate (RAR) on a quarterly basis, with detailed breakdowns for each sub-area (e.g. Tseung Kwan O South/North) and additional descriptions for the risk levels.
- They suggested that FEHD should install protective barriers against wild pigs in more litter containers in rural areas.
- They suggested providing environmental hygiene publicity materials to SKDC Members' ward offices for distribution to raise public awareness.

26. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD responded as follows:

- FEHD would step up the removal of unauthorised publicity materials with LandsD during the election period.
- Regarding the case of feeding of wild animals at Black Hill, FEHD would liaise with the relevant Member after the meeting to follow up.



- FEHD would step up cleansing efforts at the two ends of Sai Kung Tai Street with mini street washing vehicles, while the middle section of the street would be cleansed by cleansing workers with water tanks.
- FEHD would provide environmental hygiene publicity materials to Members' ward offices for access by more members of the public.

27. Mr Kelvin CHIANG, Acting Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Sai Kung 2, FEHD said the RAR data was co-ordinated and published by the headquarters. He could relay Members' views to the headquarters for consideration.

28. Members noted the above report.

### **III. Matters Arising**

- (A) Item referred by the Sai Kung District Council: Summary of District Consultation on the "Issues of Concern to Sai Kung District – Environmental Hygiene"  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 13/24)

29. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives to the meeting: Ms Lilian PATKIN, Police Community Relations Officer (Tseung Kwan O); and Ms WONG Kin-yan, Assistant Police Community Relations Officer (Tseung Kwan O), of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF).

30. The Chairman said the meeting would focus on discussing the issues related to illegal dumping of refuse and the environmental issues arising from the occupation of public places by foreign domestic helpers or other members of the public. Other environmental hygiene matters would be followed up at subsequent FEHC meetings.

31. Members noted the written replies from FEHD, EPD, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, HKPF, LCSD, the District Lands Office, Sai Kung, SKDO and the Immigration Department (ImmD) (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 53/25 to 61/25).

32. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested stepping up inspection efforts at the following locations. They also proposed advising or prosecuting persons who created noise nuisance/ caused street obstruction/ engaged in unlicensed sale of food/ were suspected of cooking with naked flames/ had pitched their tents for a prolonged period of time/ littered.
  - Tong Ming Street Park;
  - LOHAS Park Station PTI;
  - the vicinity of Shek Kok Road;
  - the vicinity of TKO Gateway;
  - area outside Exit B of MTR Hang Hau Station; and

- the footbridge connected to The Pinnacle.
- They recommended enhancing education and publicity efforts (e.g. displaying large banners or distributing promotional leaflets at suitable locations) to encourage foreign domestic helpers to engage in leisure activities in appropriate public places, to avoid causing nuisance to the public.
- They enquired about the frequency and inspection dates of SKDO's inter-departmental tent clearance joint operations in 2025.
- They proposed that SKDO should strengthen collaboration with SKDC Members, with a view to co-ordinating joint operations more effectively.

33. Miss Winsy LAI, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD said regarding the occupation of public places by other members of the public, FEHD had all along been proactively participating in the joint operations co-ordinated by SKDO, and following up relevant matters within FEHD's purview. FEHD would continue to step up public education efforts by distributing promotional leaflets, etc. As for activities of suspected unlicensed sale of food mentioned by Members, FEHD would continue to conduct joint operations with ImmD. Members could provide specific details to FEHD directly for follow-up.

34. Mr Raymond NG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)4, EPD said the noise from public places was regulated by sections 4 and 5 of the Noise Control Ordinance, of which the relevant follow-up and enforcement actions should mainly be carried out by the Police. In general, the noise issues would be ameliorated after the Police had given advice to the persons involved. If the noise caused nuisance, the Police could conduct enforcement actions in accordance with the ordinance.

35. Ms Lilian PATKIN, Police Community Relations Officer (Tseung Kwan O), HKPF said the Police had been proactive in supporting various joint operations. If any contraventions of the law were found, the Police would take appropriate actions.

36. Ms CHAN Mei-yee, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2, LCSD said under the existing policies, park users were allowed to pitch tents for leisure activities in parks. Currently, no instances of unlicensed sale of food or noise nuisance were identified in the parks under the management of LCSD. Generally speaking, if venue users were being too noisy, the on-site security guards would give advice to them immediately, and they would often be co-operative.

37. Mr Simon HUI, Senior Executive Officer (District Management), SKDO said that SKDO had been regularly co-ordinating with LCSD and LandsD to clear tents occupying public places in the vicinity of Tong Ming Street Park. If SKDO received complaints about tents in the areas managed by other departments, it would refer the complaints to the respective departments for follow-up actions.

38. Members continued to suggest that the Police should step up patrols near the housing estates in the district at weekends, or deploy manpower to carry out long-term

monitoring in places with serious noise nuisance, so as to maintain order.

39. Ms Lilian PATKIN, Police Community Relations Officer (Tseung Kwan O), HKPF said due to limited Police resources, the patrolling officers could not be stationed in a single location for a long time. Upon receipt of noise complaints, the Police would deploy officers to the relevant locations to follow up as soon as practicable.

#### **IV. Report Items**

- (A) Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service and Itinerant Hawkers in Sai Kung District  
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 44/25 to 47/25)

40. Members noted the above reports.

- (B) Issues related to the operation of Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and the South East New Territories Landfill  
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 48/25 and 49/25)

41. In view of the recent traffic accident at Wan O Road (11 May), Members suggested installing red light cameras with a speed detection function or closed-circuit televisions along Cross Bay Link, Tseung Kwan O (CBL), so as to monitor speeding and inappropriate driving behaviour.

42. Ms Lilian PATKIN, Police Community Relations Officer (Tseung Kwan O), HKPF said she would relay Members' views to the Police's traffic formation. The traffic formation would then study Members' views with the Transport Department (TD).

43. Members continued to suggest enhancing driver education on safe driving and secure loading. They also suggested stepping up prosecution efforts against vehicles with insecure loads on CBL.

44. Mr Raymond NG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)4, EPD said the Civil Engineering and Development Department and EPD were responsible for managing the site operation of the fill bank in Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and the South East New Territories Landfill respectively. As for road safety issues of goods vehicles, vehicle movement was regulated by the Road Traffic Ordinance. Speeding, illegal U-turning and insecure loading were all driving attitude issues, which were irrelevant to the types of goods. EPD would collaborate with TD and the Police to enhance driver education on safe driving. EPD would also work with relevant departments to step up cleansing efforts at the road sections mentioned by Members.

45. Ms Lilian PATKIN, Police Community Relations Officer (Tseung Kwan O), HKPF said she would relay Members' views to the traffic formation for follow-up.

46. The Chairman said the problem of insecure loading of vehicles had been discussed at the FEHC meetings numerous times. Members could refer to the past minutes and replies from the relevant departments.

47. Members noted the above reports.

- (C) Statistics on Enforcement Actions by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Against Illegal Feeding of Wild Pigeons in Sai Kung District  
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 50/25)

48. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested that AFCD strengthen communication with SKDC Members, relevant departments and stakeholders, so as to review and enhance enforcement actions. They also suggested stepping up inspection and prosecution efforts at locations severely affected by pigeon congregation based on the suggestions from members of the local community. The black spots were as follows:
  - Oscar by the Sea near the waterfront promenade;
  - area off The Sai Kung Jockey Club Town Hall;
  - minibus stand at Wai Man Road, Sai Kung (near Sai Kung Swimming Pool);
  - car park of On Ning Garden; and
  - area near the bus stop outside the Accident and Emergency Department of the Tseung Kwan O Hospital.
- They asked AFCD about the reasons for the low frequency of enforcement actions against illegal feeding of feral pigeons, as well as the difficulties in carrying out prosecution (e.g. manpower limitations).
- They suggested that AFCD should pay more attention to the following locations affected by illegal feeding of wild pigs:
  - Ma Yau Tong Village;
  - Tseng Lan Shue Village; and
  - Mau Wu Tsai Village.

49. Dr Simon WONG, Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance), AFCD responded as follows:

- In addition to operation based on the complaints received, AFCD may also initiate inspections of some feeding black spots (e.g. Hang Hau MTR Station). However, due to limited manpower resources, AFCD's staff will conduct inspections according to the information given in the complaints or with reference to the relevant peak periods in the past.
- AFCD noted the feeding black spots mentioned by Members. AFCD had indeed inspected the area outside the Tseung Kwan O Hospital in response to

Members' comments. As for locations such as Oscar by the Sea where the feeding of wild birds might be involved, he would relay the matter to another section for follow-up. Meanwhile, he appealed to the public and Members to provide more specific information (e.g. common feeding periods, specific locations), in order to enhance the efficiency of law enforcement.

- Currently, enforcement officers could only institute prosecution after they had witnessed the entire process of an individual feeding feral pigeons. If a person left immediately after placing food on the ground, the enforcement officers may not be able to prove the intent of that person. This would affect the prosecution process under the Wild Animals Protection (Amendment) Ordinance 2024.
- AFCD would continue to collaborate with FEHD to conduct joint operations to curb illegal feeding of feral pigeons in the areas within their purview.
- The issues related to wild pigs were under the purview of another section. He could relay Members' views after the meeting.

50. Members continued to express the following views:

- They suggested that AFCD should increase inspecting the feeding black spots, and plan operations with the aim of issuing fixed penalty notices (FPNs) to offenders.
- They enquired about the number of times AFCD had cleared animal feed during inspections and notified relevant departments for follow-up. They recommended including those relevant numbers in future reports.
- They suggested that FEHD should study the issuance of FPNs to persons dumping animal feed indiscriminately under the ordinance and section relevant to “depositing of litter or waste in public places”, with a view to enhancing the deterrent effect.

51. Dr Simon WONG, Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance), AFCD said that AFCD would arrange inspections after receiving relevant complaints. In addition to issuing FPNs, AFCD had also stepped up education and publicity efforts to remind the public not to feed wild animals or feral pigeons. As regards the problem of “depositing of litter or waste in public places”, as AFCD had no relevant enforcement power, its inspectors would inform FEHD for follow-up actions if they found such problems.

52. The Vice-Chairman suggested that AFCD, FEHD and HKPF should step up inter-departmental collaboration and carry out joint enforcement actions, so as to combat the behaviour of leaving immediately after placing food in a place with intent to evade the penalties for feeding of feral pigeons by taking advantage of the time gap between relevant actions. The departments should enhance the existing law enforcement procedures and prevent legal loopholes.

53. The Chairman suggested that AFCD should deploy more manpower for inspections, while FEHD should enhance cleansing efforts at the locations mentioned by

Members, so as to eradicate rodent infestation. He also proposed that AFCD and FEHD should carry out joint enforcement actions to enhance the deterrent effect of the relevant ordinance.

54. Members noted the above report.

**V. Discussion Item Suggested by Members**

(A) One discussion item raised by Members

- (1) Suggest enhancing the GREEN\$ Point system and stepping up efforts to combat the earning of GREEN\$ Points by inappropriate means in Sai Kung District  
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 51/25)

55. The Chairman said the discussion item was raised by Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr WANG Wen, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr LI Tin-chi, Ms Natasha YU, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan and Ms Christine FONG.

56. Members noted the written reply from EPD (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 52/25).

57. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested stepping up efforts to inspect the usage of the smart recycling bins in the district. They also proposed imposing account suspension or point deduction on users who put non-recyclable waste or unwashed recyclables into the smart recycling bins.
- They suggested raising the registration threshold for GREEN\$ Points (e.g. requiring real-name registration). Each person should only create one account.
- They recommended retaining an appropriate number of physical Gift Redemption Units, so as to strike a balance between the demand for digital and physical gift redemption.

58. Mr Raymond NG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)<sup>4</sup>, EPD said at present, most members of the public had been recycling properly. If there were quality issues with the recyclables collected, EPD would deploy staff to step up inspection efforts. As for the registration threshold for the mobile phone application for GREEN\$ Points and the suggestion to retain physical Gift Redemption Units, EPD would relay to the relevant section for follow-up.

59. Members continued to suggest that EPD put up notices near smart recycling bins to remind the public to refrain from abusing or damaging the recycling bins. For cases

involving serious damage to the recycling bins, EPD should seek assistance from the law enforcement departments.

60. Mr Raymond NG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)<sup>4</sup>, EPD noted Members' views, and would study and consider the relevant suggestions.

61. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the discussion item would be deleted at the next meeting.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

62. The Chairman said that multiple media outlets had recently covered the suspected illegal sale of freshly caught sea urchin sashimi on fishing vessels in the vicinity of Sai Kung piers. This had raised public concerns about food safety and unlicensed hawking activities at sea. The Secretariat had invited relevant departments to submit written responses regarding the issue prior to the meeting.

63. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives to the meeting: Ms Maria WAI, Divisional Commander (Sai Kung), HKPF; Mr KWOK Yiu-ho, Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Harbour Patrol Section (4), Marine Department (MD); and Mr LAI Ka-yiu, Marine Officer/Harbour Patrol Section (4), MD.

64. Members noted the written replies from FEHD and MD (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 62/25 and 63/25).

65. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They asked whether fishing vessels could apply for the relevant licences with FEHD for legal sale of sea urchin sashimi.
- They asked whether there were restrictions on the waters of origin for the sale of seafood sashimi, and whether the sea urchin in the waters of Sai Kung currently met the food hygiene standards for consumption as sashimi.
- They enquired about the situation where fishermen who were suspected to be from the Mainland worked on fishing vessels and sold seafood sashimi along the Sai Kung Waterfront Promenade.
- They suggested that FEHD enhance communication with fishermen and the fisheries industry of the district. FEHD should also provide appropriate advice, assistance and guidance regarding the application for relevant licences.
- They suggested stepping up education to remind the public to only purchase and consume seafood sashimi from licensed restaurants. They also suggested appealing to the public to thoroughly cook the purchased marine products before consumption.

- They suggested displaying warning signs at Sai Kung piers to remind the public to refrain from purchasing seafood sashimi from unlicensed dealers, as well as to explain the risks of consuming such type of foods.

66. The Chairman enquired about the licensing requirements for the fishing vessels at Sai Kung piers to apply for selling marine products, and for shops to apply for selling sashimi.

67. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD said in accordance with the Food Business Regulation (the Regulation), a food factory licence must be obtained for any persons operating food business involving the preparation of food for sale for human consumption off the food premises. For foods with a higher risk, the Regulation stipulated that, save with the permission in writing of FEHD, no person should sell the restricted foods specified in Schedule 2 of the Regulation (including sashimi, sushi, oysters to be eaten in raw state, etc.). FEHD had all along been concerned about the unlicensed activities of selling restricted foods in public places in the vicinity of the waterfront area of Sai Kung. In addition to daily inspections, FEHD would regularly conduct monthly joint operations in that area in collaboration with MD and the Police. FEHD had conducted a joint operation in the waterfront area of Sai Kung with MD and the Police on 10 May 2025, and with the Police on 11 May 2025. During the operations, no vessels were found selling restricted foods illegally. If vessel owners wished to apply for the relevant food business licences, they could contact the Sai Kung District Environmental Hygiene Office.

68. Mr KWOK Yiu-ho, Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Harbour Patrol Section (4), MD said in the light of the severe manpower shortage faced by the local fisheries industry, AFCD had implemented the Mainland Fishermen Deckhands Scheme in collaboration with ImmD, so as to allow Mainland fishermen to work on local fishing vessels legally. MD would inspect the Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificates of vessel crew members during patrols.

69. Members continued to ask whether it would be regarded as a contravention of the Hong Kong shipping ordinances if a Mainland fisherman was selling fish alone on a local fishing vessel. They also suggested strengthening the monitoring of the hygiene situation of fishing vessels and the waters of origin of their catches.

70. Mr KWOK Yiu-ho, Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Harbour Patrol Section (4), MD said that MD required vessels to have adequate personnel to discharge relevant duties when the vessels were operating or underway. However, when the vessels were berthed with no ongoing work related to navigation safety, they were not regulated by MD. Therefore, the situation mentioned by Members where a Mainland fisherman was selling fish alone on a local fishing vessel would not contravene the Hong Kong shipping ordinances. As regards water quality and the origins of food, they were not under the purview of MD.



71. Miss Winsy LAI, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD said regarding the regulation of the sale of marine products by fishing vessels, the “food premises” defined in FEHD’s existing legislation covered various places (including vessels). Any persons carrying any activities involving the preparation and handling of food for sale must apply for the relevant licences in accordance with the law. She would have to consult the headquarters about the specific licensing conditions for vessels and provide the supplementary information after the meeting.

72. The Chairman asked FEHD to provide relevant supplementary information after the meeting. He also suggested that Members should appeal to the public to carefully handle raw food and pay attention to food safety risks.

## **VII. Date on Next Meeting**

73. The Chairman said the next meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 17 July 2025 (Thursday).

74. The meeting ended at 1:00 p.m.

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