Sai Kung District Council Progress Report of Sai Kung District Management Committee

The Sai Kung District Management Committee (SKDMC) held a meeting on 23 July 2024. The major issues discussed at the meeting were summarised as follows:

<u>Unlicensed cooked food hawkers at the multi-purpose podium outside TKO Spot</u>

- 2. SKDMC discussed the issue of unlicensed cooked food hawking activities at the multipurpose podium outside TKO Spot at night. As the podium was within the property of the Link Asset Management Limited (the Link), SKDMC invited representatives of the Link to the meeting to share relevant measures to address the issue.
- 3. SKDMC reiterated that, the Link should be responsible for dealing with the issue of unlicensed hawking at the podium, as the podium was managed by them. At the meeting, the Link mentioned their plan to continue arranging joint operations with government departments to conduct surprise inspections in the area concerned, with a view to combating unlicensed cooked food hawking activities. The representatives of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and the Housing Department also informed that, if unlicensed cooked food hawkers were found in the venues under their purview, they would disperse, arrest and charge the hawkers in accordance with the relevant legislation. As the issue persisted, SKDMC wrote to the Link urging them to explore and implement more effective measures as soon as possible, including arranging for security guards to patrol the area more often and disperse unlicensed hawkers, placing artworks at the podium, studying the feasibility of organising authorised night markets at the location, etc., in order to curb unlicensed hawking.

Illegal parking of bicycles

4. SKDMC looked into the relevant process and scope of the joint clearance operations against illegally parked bicycles with enhanced efforts conducted by the Transport Department (TD) during the meeting. The committee urged TD to review the situation in Sai Kung District to decide whether those relatively serious black spots of illegal bicycle parking (such as the bus stop at Tong Ming Street) could be included in scope of the operations.

<u>Traffic and environmental hygiene problems arising from placement of skips in the vicinity of Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate and Wan Po Road</u>

5. During the meeting, various departments gave accounts of the current situation of the problems caused by unauthorised placement of skips in the vicinity of Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate and Wan Po Road, such as road obstruction and unlawful occupation of government land, as well as the corresponding law enforcement approach. This included the arrangements set

out by the Sai Kung District Office under the District-led Actions Scheme to coordinate joint operations by the District Lands Office, Sai Kung, FEHD, the Highways Department, TD and the Hong Kong Police Force. The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) also introduced the Certification Scheme for Skips and the Subsidy Scheme for Retrofitting Roadside Skips. As the management and operation of skips are led by the Environment and Ecology Bureau and EPD, SKDMC wrote to EPD urging them to take follow-up actions and remind the skip trade to comply with the law and avoid placing skips at unauthorised locations to cause hygiene issues.

Other district management issues

- 6. Regarding flood prevention and handling in Sai Kung District, the Drainage Services Department updated SKDMC on the latest situation of the minor drainage improvement works in Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O, and the preliminary plan for the drainage improvement works in Po Lo Che of Sai Kung.
- 7. SKDMC would continue to follow up the relevant situations, and to coordinate district management work with various departments for continuous improvement of the district environment.

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