

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

The Sai Kung District Management Committee (SKDMC) held a meeting on 30 October 2024. The major issues discussed at the meeting were summarised as follows:

Enforcement against illegal feeding of feral pigeons in Sai Kung District

2. SKDMC discussed the enforcement against illegal feeding of feral pigeons in Sai Kung District. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) introduced the Wild Animals Protection (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 (Amendment Ordinance) which took effect on 1 August 2024, aiming to expand the current prohibition on feeding wild animals to cover feral pigeons. It also increased the maximum penalty for contravention of the feeding ban from a fine of \$10,000 to a fine of \$100,000 and imprisonment for one year, and introduced a fixed penalty of \$5,000. From the effective date of the Amendment Ordinance to the date of the meeting, AFCD had issued three fixed penalty notices to offenders feeding feral pigeons illegally at blackspots in Sai Kung District. Relevant departments would continue to step up inspections within their purview and take enforcement actions in accordance with the Amendment Ordinance.

New case referral mechanism of “1823 Citizen’s Easy Link”

3. SKDMC discussed the new case referral mechanism of “1823 Citizen’s Easy Link” in the meeting, and streamlined the complaints handling process in Sai Kung District, with a view to enhancing the efficiency in handling complaints.

Malpractices of taxi drivers

4. SKDMC expressed concerns over suspected overcharging by taxi drivers during the National Day Golden Week at the High Island Reservoir East Dam. The Hong Kong Police Force explained the enforcement actions taken against taxi drivers’ illegal acts such as overcharging and refusing to accept a hire during the National Day holidays. It would continue to combat relevant illegal acts through various means. The Transport Department (TD) also briefed SKDMC on details of the Taxi-Driver-Offence Points System, current enforcement actions and relevant outcomes.

5. SKDMC had written to urge TD to review the public transport provisions at the East Dam and consider introducing new routes or enhancing the existing service of New Territories green minibus no. 9A.

Other district management issues

6. Regarding Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 2, SKDMC reminded the responsible departments to keep in view the impact of the project on the drainage systems and channels in the district, and to minimise the effects on local residents as far as practicable.
7. SKDMC would continue to follow up the relevant situations to coordinate district management work with various departments for continuous improvement of the district environment.

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