

Sai Kung District Council
Minutes of the Second Meeting in 2025

Date: 4 March 2025 (Tuesday)

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

Present

Miss MA King-fan, Kathy, JP (Chairman)	District Officer (Sai Kung), Sai Kung District Office
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 Siu-hung, Kelvin, 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 Chi-ho	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kin-chun, Ken	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 Wang-to, MH	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 CHUNG Kai-yin (Secretary)	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), 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 HUI Chun-kwan, Simon	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Sai Kung District Office
Miss WONG Chui-ying, Erin	Executive Officer I (District Council), Sai Kung District Office
Ms CHAU Yin-mai, Lisa	Senior Town Planner/Tseung Kwan O, Planning Department
Ms LEE Kam-yung, Dora	District Social Welfare Officer (Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung), Social Welfare Department
Mr YEUNG Chun-po, Carmelo	District Commander (Wong Tai Sin), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr MAK Man-yu	District Commander (Tseung Kwan O), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms WAI Kar-yan, Maria	Divisional Commander (Sai Kung), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms WONG Kin-yan	Police Community Relations Officer (Tseung Kwan O) (Acting), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms Corey TSO	Police Community Relations Officer (Wong Tai Sin), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr NG Chou-keen, Horace	Chief Engineer/East 1, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr YEUNG Wong-pan	Senior Property Service Manager/Kowloon West & Sai Kung, Housing Department
Miss LEUNG Pui-yin, Wendy	Chief Transport Officer/Sai Kung & North, Transport Department
Ms LAI Ka-yee, Jenny	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sai Kung, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Lai-sheung, Susan	District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
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 HO Yiu-ming	Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr MAK Hon-sum, Ronnie	District Lands Officer/Sai Kung, District Lands Office, Sai Kung

Mr WONG Kwai-sun, Sunny	Administrative Assistant/Lands, District Lands Office, Sai Kung	} for agenda item V(3)
Mr YEUNG Man-leung	Senior District Engineer/South East, Highways Department	
Mr WONG Kwun-wa	Engineer/Sai Kung, Drainage Services Department	
Ms CHING Wai-shan, Wensy	Chief School Development Officer (Sai Kung), Education Bureau	
Mr WU Chun-ho	Senior School Development Officer (Sai Kung)3, Education Bureau	

The Chairman said a quorum was present and the meeting commenced officially.

2. The Chairman welcomed all Members and attendees to the meeting, in particular:

- Ms Dora LEE, District Social Welfare Officer (Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung), Social Welfare Department, who took over from Mr NG Wai-lung, David, on transfer;
- Mr Sunny WONG, Administrative Assistant/Lands, District Lands Office, Sai Kung, who took over from Mr CHOW Kin-keung, on transfer;
- Ms Lisa CHAU, Senior Town Planner/Tseung Kwan O, Planning Department (PlanD), who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr KWONG Wang-ngai, Walter, District Planning Officer/Sai Kung & Islands;
- Mr YEUNG Wong-pan, Senior Property Service Manager/Kowloon West & Sai Kung, Housing Department (HD), who attended the meeting on behalf of Ms MAK Siu-ling, Iris, Chief Manager/Management (Kowloon West & Sai Kung); and
- Mr WONG Kwun-wa, Engineer/Sai Kung, Drainage Services Department, who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr LEUNG Wing-tak, Senior Engineer/Mainland South 6.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the First Meeting of Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) held on 7 January 2025

3. The Chairman said that 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) Sai Kung District Council Departmental Annual District Plan 2025-26 (SKDC(M) Paper No. 16/25)

4. Members noted the above district plan.

III. Matters Arising

(A) Follow-up on motions discussed at the first meeting of SKDC held on 7 January 2025

5. The Chairman said three motions were passed at the first meeting of SKDC in 2025, and the views of SKDC on the passed motions were sent to relevant government departments in writing. The Secretariat had already forwarded the replies received to Members via email and uploaded them to the SKDC's website.

IV. Report Items

(A) Progress reports of the committees under SKDC

- (1) District Facilities and Works Committee
- (2) Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee
- (3) Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
- (4) Traffic and Transport Committee
(SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 17/25 to 20/25)

6. Members endorsed the above reports.

(B) Progress report of the working group directly under SKDC

- (1) Working Group on Boosting Local Economy
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 21/25)

7. Members endorsed the above progress report.

(C) Annual progress reports of the committees under the Sai Kung District Office

- (1) Sai Kung District Fight Crime Committee
Sai Kung District Fire Safety Committee
Sai Kung Area Committees
Sai Kung District Youth Development and Civic Education Committee
Sai Kung Youth Ambassadors
Sai Kung District Youth Community Building Committee
Sai Kung District Building Management Promotion Committee
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 22/25)

8. Members noted the above progress reports.

V. Discussion Items Suggested by Members

(A) The four discussion items suggested by Members

- (1) Develop low-altitude economy in Sai Kung District
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 23/25)

9. The Chairman said the discussion item was raised by the following Members: Mr WANG Wen, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr CHAN Kai-wai, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr Kelvin YAU, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Ms Christine FONG, Mr Philip LI, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai and Ms TAM Chuk-kwan.

10. Members noted the written reply from the Transport and Logistics Bureau (TLB) (SKDC(M) Paper No. 27/25).

11. Mr Chris CHEUNG suggested relaxing the drone weight restrictions and “Beyond Visual Line of Sight” operations to make optimal use of drones for advanced tasks. Reference should also be made to the Hospital Authority’s use of drones for medication delivery to the rural areas of Sai Kung. The long-term development of drones would require more comprehensive ancillary infrastructural facilities, such as additional landing pads and charging spots. He recommended utilising drones to travel across the Tseung Kwan O South channel to transport supplies between the industrial estate and Tiu Keng Leng or Tseung Kwan O town centre, while avoiding operating drones near dense buildings. It would be worthwhile to test the use of drones in rural Sai Kung and the Tseung Kwan O area to promote the development of the low-altitude economy.

12. Mr YAU Ho-lun said that the drone economy had been developed in the Mainland for quite some time already. The close proximity between the urban and rural areas of Sai Kung would be conducive to the provision of logistics services between these areas. If Sai Kung was designated as a pilot area, environmental testing data and information could also be collected for relevant departments’ reference.

13. Mr CHAN Kai-wai said the current Drone Map provided by the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) did not cover all no-fly zones in Hong Kong, such as the Disneyland. He suggested consolidating and updating all relevant information on the website to clearly inform the public of the no-fly zones for drones, so as to avoid unintentional law violations. Currently, drones were susceptible to interference when flying near high-rise buildings. Signal blind spots such as those near the East Dam and Sai Wan Pavilion in Sai Kung might even cause drones to go out of control. He recommended referring to the examples in the Mainland where mobile networks were enabled in drones, so that drones could perform the automatic return- home function by mobile networks even in an uncontrollable state.

14. Mr LAU Kai-hong said he had previously discussed and explored with Hon QUAT Pui-fan, Elizabeth, Legislative Council (LegCo) member, as well as representatives from Tseung Kwan O Hospital, the provision of medication delivery services in rural Sai Kung using drones, and tele-consultation services, etc. He relayed to the department that such services would be suitable for relatively remote villages such as Ma Nam Wat Village, Po Toi O Chuen and the fish culture zone at Tung Lung Island. If drones could

transport goods, tools and repair materials to remote villages, and assist the local aquaculture industry in the outlying islands of Sai Kung to deliver aquatic products, such services could balance the transportation costs and facilitate the development of the low-altitude economy.

15. Mr CHEUNG Man-tim said currently, drones weighing between 250 grams to 7 000 grams were required to be registered and affixed with identification labels. Most of those drones were used by the Fire Services Department for patrols and building rehabilitation. He said that the low-altitude economy was thriving and expressed concerns about the licensing system for drone operators. He was also concerned about issues related to insurance for drones passing by or operating at high altitudes if the relevant weight restrictions were relaxed.

16. The Chairman said the Government had launched the Regulatory Sandbox pilot projects in view of the drone and low-altitude economy. The results of the first batch of applications would be announced within March this year. Members could keep in view to the results and take note of the locations of the pilot areas in Sai Kung. She also encouraged Members to relay the public's opinions to the bureau. The Chairman remarked that CAD's online Drone Map was indeed clearly presented. The use of drones might be prohibited in some Restricted Flying Zones (RFZs) or venues by legislation. The Chairman cited the example of the airport area. Although the airport area was an RFZ, citizens attracted by the nearby cherry blossoms had recently used drones illegally in the area for filming. The Chairman appealed to Members to disseminate information about websites on drones, RFZs and relevant regulations through community networks to prevent citizens from unintentionally contravening the law.

17. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the Secretariat would relay the views of SKDC to TLB in writing.

- (2) Suggest enhancing the protection of labour rights and interests of employees in Sai Kung District
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 24/25)

18. The Chairman said the discussion item was raised by the following Members: Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Ms Christine FONG, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Mr CHAN Kai-wai, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr Philip LI, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Ms KAN Tung-tung and Mr WANG Wen.

19. Members noted the written replies from the Labour Department (LD) and the Immigration Department (ImmD) (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 28/25 and 29/25).

20. Mr WONG Yuen-hong enquired about the statistics on the suspension notices issued by LD to the construction projects in Sai Kung District over the past three years.

He also sought information from LD and ImmD regarding their joint operations in Sai Kung District to combat illegal workers, such as the number of operations conducted and the number of arrests or prosecutions made. Moreover, in view of the recent accident in Tseung Kwan O claiming the life of a food delivery courier while riding a motorcycle, he asked LD about the support and assistance for workers on non-standard employment contracts in the event of death caused by work-related accidents. He suggested utilising more channels to promote to workers their relevant rights and interests. He also said that many workers found the process for recovering wage arrears complicated and time-consuming. They could not receive immediate financial assistance during the process either. He proposed streamlining the procedure for recovering wage arrears and adopting faster methods to process relevant enquiries and steps. Examples included developing mobile applications, or drawing reference from the artificial intelligence technology used in the Mainland. Lastly, as the abolition of the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) offsetting arrangement would come into effect on 1 May 2025, he suggested stepping up publicity efforts in the district before and after the implementation. Efforts should be made to explain to members of the public, especially employees and employers, the relevant legislation and details regarding the abolition of the MPF offsetting arrangements.

21. The Chairman agreed with Mr WONG Yuen-hong that community publicity efforts should be stepped up before the abolition of the MPF offsetting arrangement on 1 May. Regarding the specific statistics, the Secretariat would enquire of the relevant department and consolidate the information received. A reply would be provided after the meeting.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat submitted a written enquiry on 21 March 2025 and received LD's reply on 10 April 2025.]

22. Ms Christine FONG felt sad about the fatal traffic accident near Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate involving a food delivery courier and an employee of a bus company. The accident highlighted issues related to industrial safety, road safety and employment insurance. She suggested devoting efforts to protect the labour rights and interests of employees, and step up publicity and education efforts in Sai Kung District. Many foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) would engage in risky activities such as hiking during their days off. To balance the rights and interests of employers and FDHs, she proposed enhancing the promotion of the importance of employment insurance.

23. The Chairman said regarding FDHs engaging in private activities during their free time, there had been cases where employers were offered insufficient insurance compensation after their FDHs encountered accidents. She asked the Secretariat to relay these views to LD and advise LD to enhance publicity efforts targeting employers of FDHs in Hong Kong.

24. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the Secretariat would relay the views of SKDC to LD and ImmD in writing.

- (3) Concern about the development progress of the newly constructed schools in Sai Kung District
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 25/25)

25. The Chairman said the discussion item was raised by the following Members: Mr Kelvin YAU, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr Philip LI, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHAN Kai-wai, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Ms KI Lai-mei, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Ms Christine FONG, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr LI Tin-chi, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Ms SZE Pan-pan and Mr WANG Wen.

26. Members noted the written replies from the Education Bureau (EDB) and the Transport Department (TD) (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 30/25 and 31/25).

27. The Chairman welcomed:

EDB

- Ms Wensy CHING, Chief School Development Officer (Sai Kung); and
- Mr WU Chun-ho, Senior School Development Officer (Sai Kung)³.

28. Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang was concerned that three new schools would soon commence operation at Anderson Road despite the current limited transport services connecting Anderson Road to Tseung Kwan O. Even though there were two Green Minibus (GMB) routes, there were still problems of lost trips, insufficient drivers and low patronage. The four existing bus routes only operated between Anderson Road and Diamond Hill, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon Station and Central. There was a lack of ancillary transport facilities connecting to Tseung Kwan O. As Anderson Road fell within the school net of Sai Kung District, he received many suggestions from parents that the transport connectivity between Anderson Road and the Tseung Kwan O area should be enhanced. Besides, several new housing estates would be completed at Anderson Road, including On Ying Court, On Wah Court, On Lai Court and On Pak Court. On top of that, there were currently 50 000 residents at On Tat Estate, and many Tseung Kwan O residents had successfully applied for moving to the Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) flats at Anderson Road. To cope with the future transport demand from a large number of residents, students and school staff, he suggested that EDB and TD should promptly conduct surveys with schools and parents to assess the volume of pedestrian flow and vehicular traffic to and from Anderson Road via Tseung Kwan O. EDB and TD should also proactively study the provision of additional ancillary transport facilities connecting Anderson Road to Tseung Kwan O, including increasing GMB service frequency and introducing new bus routes.

29. Mr Ken CHAN said two primary schools and one secondary school were planned on the site of the development at Anderson Road. Among them, one government

primary school would commence the new school year in September, but the nearby housing estates were still under construction or had just been occupied. It was estimated that there would be 25 000 to 30 000 residents living on Anderson Road. He understood that school facilities were necessary in the area, but suggested allocating the school places of Erudite Government Primary School (EGPS) in phases, so as to reduce competition for school places in Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O. He expressed concerns about the transport connectivity issues affecting students who lived in Tseung Kwan O with their allocated schools at Anderson Road. Given that there was only one planned minibus route connecting Anderson Road to Sheung Tak, he suggested introducing an additional regular bus route connecting Tseung Kwan O to Anderson Road. He also suggested reserving the site adjacent to French International School of Hong Kong for educational uses, so as to reprovision or redeploy old school premises in the district with over 30 years of age. Meanwhile, he recommended that EDB should step up efforts to maintain communication with stakeholders, including school heads associations and schools. EDB should also continuously follow up the planning of school sites at Anderson Road, Tseung Kwan O South and Area 137, as well as the ancillary education facilities.

30. Ms Christine FONG said at present, the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) had closed the temporary walkway connecting The Capitol, LOHAS Park to the MTR station. MTRCL explained that the level for floor screed construction had to be determined based on the detailed campus design of TWGHs Kwan Fong Kai Chi School (TWGHs KFKCS). She estimated that it would take four to five years to plan, design and construct a new school. She asked EDB to strengthen communication with MTRCL and finalise the campus design of TWGHs KFKCS as soon as practicable. That would allow MTRCL to promptly open a covered walkway to link The Capitol and Hemera of LOHAS Park to the MTR station, thus facilitating the access of residents nearby. She was also concerned about the development plan of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology for a site between LOHAS Park Phases 8 and 12. Residents welcomed the development plan and would like to enquire about the relevant timetable. She suggested using the site adjacent to French International School of Hong Kong for merging and reprovisioning ageing schools in the district, or merging with primary schools outside the district.

31. Ms Wensy CHING, Chief School Development Officer (Sai Kung), EDB gave a consolidated response as follows:

- The school places allocation and the number of operating classes of EGPS would be determined according to the actual demand in the future. Located in Sai Kung District, EGPS would mainly cater for students living in the vicinity.
- She noted Members' concerns about the transport arrangements for students going to school. As for school bus services, EDB would require schools to arrange appropriate school bus services according to the future demand of students, in order to divert the passenger flow of minibus routes.

- In view of the decrease in school-age population in Hong Kong, EDB would aim for a “soft landing” when planning for the future supply of school places. This approach would ensure the quality of education and optimise the use of public resources. EDB would continue to keep closely monitoring the tense enrolment situation of individual schools in Sai Kung District.
- The site adjacent to French International School of Hong Kong was currently a secondary school site with no planned school building projects. If there were suitable sites in Sai Kung District for reprovisioning of schools, EDB would handle the sites in accordance with the established arrangements, including taking into account the needs of other schools in the district.

32. The Chairman said if the campus design of the special school would affect the opening arrangements of nearby facilities, including the temporary walkway connecting LOHAS Park, EDB should assist in reflecting the situation to MTRCL and finalise the campus design as soon as possible.

33. Ms Wensy CHING of EDB responded that a site at LOHAS Park would be used for reprovisioning TWGHs KFKCS. The site was a private land held by MTRCL. According to the land lease conditions, MTRCL was responsible for designing and constructing the new school premises, while the Government was responsible for seeking LegCo’s funding approval for the construction costs. At the present stage, EDB was carrying out preliminary work with MTRCL, such as conducting technical studies and designing the school premises. EDB would relay Members’ views to MTRCL.

34. The Chairman asked the TD representative to explain the transport arrangements between the Anderson Road Quarry (ARQ) site and the Tseung Kwan O area after the completion of the schools.

35. Miss Wendy LEUNG, Chief Transport Officer/Sai Kung & North, TD noted Members’ views on the enhancement of transport arrangements between Anderson Road and the Tseung Kwan O area. Before the commencement of the school year, TD would closely monitor and study the distribution of students travelling to and from different districts in collaboration with EDB. TD would also review the level of transport services available at Po Tat Estate, and discuss the enhancement of transport services between Anderson Road and Tseung Kwan O with various bus companies. TD would report the relevant results to SKDC in a timely manner.

36. The Chairman said that with the new housing estates at Anderson Road being occupied from March onwards and a new school starting operation in six months’ time, she suggested that the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC) should continue to follow up the traffic matters of Anderson Road.

37. Mr CHONG Yuen-tung agreed with the Chairman. The overall development plan of the ARQ site involved a number of housing estates and a large population. SKDC

had also conducted site inspections of the footbridges and lifts of the pedestrian connections in the area. He suggested that TD should provide SKDC with the overall traffic and transport arrangements at Anderson Road. That would allow Members to reflect the situation of the area to TD in a timely manner, so that TD could make immediate adjustments for smoother overall traffic and transport in the future. The number of school-age children in Sai Kung District would decrease drastically by nearly 20% in the future. Some primary schools and kindergartens in the district might face the crisis of school closure. He suggested evaluating the overall demand for school places in the district, before adopting a progressive approach to arrange the student admission of EGPS. As the students of the original school would not be transferred, the new school would mainly admit students in Sai Kung District. He hoped that EDB would carefully consider the number of classes to be operated, in order to avoid an unhealthy competition among schools in the district.

38. The Chairman said several school heads associations in Sai Kung District, including primary and secondary school heads associations, as well as kindergarten representatives and the sector, were all highly concerned about the impact of the completion of the new schools on the enrolment of existing schools in the district. EDB had been maintaining close and continuous communication with the school heads associations. She believed that EDB had a thorough grasp of the concerns of the school sector and the community about school enrolment.

39. Mr Kelvin YAU said students would go to and leave school on a regular schedule, he suggested that TD should increase minibus service frequency during particular peak periods and make further adjustments according to the actual situation. Parents in the Tseung Kwan O area would mostly choose schools based on their personal preferences. Some parents might prefer choosing the new schools at Anderson Road, while many students at Tseung Kwan O, including primary and secondary students, would attend schools in other districts. He suggested paying more attention to the traffic flow from Tseung Kwan O to Anderson Road. He welcomed EDB's decision to adjust the actual number of operating classes according to the enrolment situation of EGPS. This practice could cater for the overall development of Sai Kung District. He suggested that EDB and TD should report to and communicate with SKDC on the detailed planning and the decantation progress more often, which would help Members obtain more information to handle enquiries from members of the public.

40. The Chairman quoted the views of Ms Mabel CHAN, Secretary for Transport and Logistics, during a recent radio discussion on the tight supply of parking spaces in various districts. To alleviate the problem of supply shortage of parking spaces in the district, and address the long-term demand for school bus services, the Chairman suggested that EDB should discuss with schools, such as EGPS, to consider making use of the school playgrounds to park school buses after school hours.

41. Mr Chris CHEUNG said that Anderson Road was geographically closer to the vicinity of Po Tat and Sau Mau Ping in Kwun Tong District, yet it belongs to Sai Kung

District in terms of planning. It would take a relatively long time to travel to Anderson Road from Tseung Kwan O, Po Lam and the future Area 137. He suggested that EDB and PlanD should explain the long-term planning for the location, including its school net and other ancillary facilities, etc. He also suggested that the two sites at LOHAS Park should be accorded priority for reprovisioning schools in the district. He also hoped that EDB and MTRCL would promptly discuss the plan for the site of TWGHs KFKCS, which would facilitate the design of the surrounding environment between Le Prestige and Wings at Sea of LOHAS Park.

42. Mr WONG Wang-to was concerned about the problem of overall ancillary transport facilities along Anderson Road. Currently, there was only one minibuss route connecting to Sai Kung District, whereas more ancillary transport facilities were linked to Kwun Tong District. It would not be sufficient to cope with a large influx of commuters after the completion of new schools and housing estates. TD said that it would review the transport routings between Anderson Road and Po Tat Estate. However, for residents at Anderson Road, the routing to Tseung Kwan O via Po Tat Estate was quite circuitous. He suggested introducing bus routes connecting Anderson Road to the Tseung Kwan O area to facilitate travelling by residents.

43. Ms Angel CHONG relayed the views of the Sai Kung District School Heads Association (SKDSHA), noting that secondary schools in Sai Kung District, which had a surplus of 500 school places at present, were expected to encounter the pressure of under-enrolment over the next decade. Moreover, as most secondary school students would attend schools in other districts, it was worried that the opening of another new secondary school would worsen the situation. SKDSHA suggested that EDB should suspend the opening of the new secondary school at the ARQ site, or alternatively consider opening only one primary school. She also recommended that EDB could have more exchanges with stakeholders and SKDSHA so as to follow up their views.

44. Mr YAU Ho-lun said that Anderson Road currently fell within the scope of Hang Hau West, where a site visit had previously been conducted with SKDSHA. The planning of facilities should not be considered solely from the perspective of residents in Sai Kung District. He suggested that ancillary transport facilities providing services between Anderson Road, Kowloon and Tseung Kwan O should be balanced and enhanced according to the needs of the residents at Anderson Road. This would avoid putting excessive pressure on the road traffic or other amenity facilities in Tseung Kwan O. He also proposed separate long-term planning for the development of Anderson Road, including the arrangements for the school net, the police district, and the fire station etc.

45. Mr Philip LI mentioned that a primary school had already been established at Anderson Road, at which a secondary school would also be set up in the future. However, many students from Tseung Kwan O chose to attend schools in other districts, raising concerns that primary school students might not opt to progress to the secondary school at Anderson Road. He suggested prioritising the school sites for reprovisioning

long-established primary and secondary school premises in the district, so as to allow schools with stable numbers of students to operate and to minimize enrolment difficulties. Besides, he conveyed that residents living in On Tat Estate had to pass through Choi Hung before transferring to the urban areas of Sai Kung, and that Clear Water Bay Road was often congested. He suggested making good use of the existing GMB route no. 12 running from Sai Kung to Po Lam to improve connectivity between Tseung Kwan O, Sai Kung and Anderson Road.

46. Mr CHAN Kai-wai agreed that it would require thorough consideration to the planning arrangements for education, transport and fire services at Anderson Road. Citing Ocean Shores as an example, the housing estate fell within the scope of both Kwun Tong and Sai Kung Districts, but some of the building construction and transport diversion works had been carried out without consulting SKDC. He hoped that when planning for Anderson Road, the departments concerned would consult both District Councils, so as to avoid future misunderstandings on the positioning of their scope of management.

47. The Chairman said that the ARQ site was within Sai Kung District. Various departments would further plan the development or enhance transport facilities based on actual circumstances and residents' needs. SKDC was indeed an appropriate platform for Members to express their views to government departments and policy bureaux. She believed that departments would equally value the views from both Districts upon the future completion of new facilities near Anderson Road. For instance, in December 2024, the Civil Engineering and Development Department led SKDC and the Kwun Tong District Council to visit a total of 12 sets of pedestrian connectivity facilities in the quarry development area and neighbouring community. Regarding cross-district matters, the Chairman suggested that Members should suitably relay their views to relevant departments or follow up the matters at SKDC platform.

48. Mr LAU Kai-hong remarked that despite its remote location, Cheng Chek Chee Secondary School had admitted students from Sai Kung, Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin Districts. He expected that the schools in Tai Sheung Tok would also enrol students from those three districts. He expressed concerns that resuming school bus services to the pre-epidemic level would place greater pressure on operators. He suggested that TD should enhance other transport facilities linked to Tseung Kwan O and rural Sai Kung, aligning with the future facilities in the vicinity such as the light rail in Ma Yau Tong Village. He also found the transport infrastructure on Anderson Road insufficient during a site visit. While construction contractors provided coach services for workers at present, he concerned about transport arrangements for renovation workers after the intake of housing estates in the future. He stressed that infrastructure of Anderson Road such as car parks must be synchronized with the intake of the estates. Additionally, he recommended expediting the provision of ancillary transport facilities to prevent a vicious circle in which private cars and light goods vehicles were parked on roads.

49. The Chairman invited the TD representative to provide supplementary information on the expected launch dates for the two new GMB routes and four new bus routes to be introduced on Anderson Road.

50. Mr CHAN Chi-ho said there were many expatriate and “Hong Kong drifters” living in the areas of Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O. Residents relayed that given the limited choice of international schools in Sai Kung District, they would mostly consider travelling across districts to Kowloon Tong or Hong Kong Island for schooling. With the implementation of the talent admission regime by the Government, it was expected that more non-local permanent residents would come to Hong Kong for development. He suggested that EDB should consider using the land in Sai Kung District such as Area 137 or the site adjacent to French International School of Hong Kong for international school use.

51. Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang added that at present, Anderson Road and Tseung Kwan O were primarily served by bus route 290 series, with frequency ranging from every 15 to 35 minutes. He suggested that TD should explore introducing a circular route connecting Anderson Road to various MTR stations in Tseung Kwan O, in order to enhance connectivity between Anderson Road and Tseung Kwan O and to boost the local economy. Recognising the difficulties in introducing new bus routes, he therefore proposed increasing the service frequency of bus route 290 series during peak periods before and after school hours, while ensuring that the pick-up/drop-off points of bus stops were conveniently located near new schools and housing estates.

52. Ms Christine FONG said Tai Sheung Tok and the ARQ site both fell within Sai Kung District, and she hoped to see improved transport connectivity between the two. Po Leung Kuk Luk Hing Too Primary School would be reprovisioned on the new primary school site at Anderson Road. She suggested to EDB that in the future, land allocation in Sai Kung District, including the ARQ site, should be prioritised for the development of schools in the district, including Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) schools and those offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes. She also enquired of TD about the progress of GMB route no. 117 connecting Anderson Road to Tseung Kwan O Hospital, as well as the difficulties encountered by the operator, etc. She agreed that ancillary transport facilities at Anderson Road should be planned in alignment with future facilities in the surrounding areas, such as the light rail in Ma Yau Tong Village. Additionally, she proposed installing an escalator link system between Hong Sing Garden and Metro City to provide a long-term solution for transport connectivity issues between Po Lam Road North and the area of Anderson Road.

53. Ms Wensy CHING of EDB gave a consolidated response as follows:

- Three school sites were reserved at ARQ, one for EGPS and another allocated for reprovisioning of Po Leung Kuk Luk Hing Too Primary School. Currently situated in Sai Kung District, Po Leung Kuk Luk Hing Too Primary School exemplified a school reprovisioning within the same district to ARQ.

As a DSS school, it could admit students from across Hong Kong without being subject to school net restrictions, unlike the situation of EGPS. EDB believed that EGPS would meet the demand for primary school places arising from the new population at ARQ.

- The third school site at ARQ would be used for reprovisioning Shau Kei Wan East Government Secondary School. EDB planned to consult the Panel on Education and the Public Works Subcommittee of LegCo, and seek funding from LegCo's Finance Committee between 2025 and 2026. The specific timeline depended on various factors including the approval outcome and construction progress.
- In early years, EDB had reserved five school sites in LOHAS Park, three of which were designated for reprovisioning TWGHs Wong Fung Ling College and TWGHs Ko Ho Ning Memorial Primary School and TWGHs KFKCS. All three were aided schools, whereas TWGHs Wong Fung Ling College, TWGHs Ko Ho Ning Memorial Primary School were not "through-train" schools.
- EDB had been closely monitoring the decline of school-age population in Sai Kung District, and released the remaining two school sites in LOHAS Park for the Government to consider other more suitable planning and development purposes.
- EDB thanked and noted Members' views on the School Building Programme in Area 137, which was still at the early stage, with details yet to be confirmed.
- Schools in Sai Kung District were relatively diverse, including international schools, four DSS primary schools, and seven DSS secondary schools, offering various curricula. International schools, being private, could admit students from across Hong Kong without being subject to school net restrictions. Parents were freely to choose private schools in Tseung Kwan O or other districts for their children.

54. Miss Wendy LEUNG of TD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- TD would maintain close communication with HD. Owing to the delayed intake of the new housing estates at the ARQ site, the relevant bus and minibus services originally scheduled to commence in early March would also be postponed.
- TD would arrange for the operation of public transport services to commence one to two weeks before the estates' intake. Bus and minibus operators were actively making preparations for the service commencement. They had made internal projections on route commencement dates, which would notify SKDC after coordination with HD.
- Regarding the suggestion to enhance the services of bus route 290 series, TD would carefully review the transport services in the areas of Anderson Road and Tseung Kwan O, while striving to improve bus interchange arrangements in the district and report the results to SKDC in due course.

55. Mr YEUNG Wong-pan, Senior Property Service Manager/Kowloon West & Sai Kung, HD responded that he would check with the Development and Construction Division of HD regarding the status and intake dates of the five new HOS courts at the ARQ site and would provide an update after the meeting.

56. The Chairman asked the Secretariat and HD to follow up the intake dates of the residential estates concerned and nearby transport arrangements, and suggested that TTC should continue to follow up the issues in the future.

57. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the Secretariat would relay the views of SKDC to EDB and TD in writing.

- (4) Suggest that the Environmental Protection Department should not cut back on the environmental protection resources, projects and recycling stations in Sai Kung District
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 26/25)

58. The Chairman said the discussion item was raised by the following Members: Mr CHAN Kai-wai, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr Chris CHEUNG and Mr CHAN Kwong-fai.

59. Members noted the written reply from the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) (SKDC(M) Paper No. 32/25).

60. Mr WONG Yuen-hong enquired about the locations and number of the 800 additional public collection points in Sai Kung District in the first quarter of this year. The entire O'South Coast housing estate was deemed as a single recycling unit and the existing arrangement of offering recycling service once a month was unsatisfactory. He suggested that, upon the expiry of the service contract for GREEN@KIN MING, consideration could be given to allocating additional resources to set up physical GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Stores in Tseung Kwan O South and Hang Hau, which lacked environmental protection resources. Furthermore, some residents reflected on the uneven distribution of GREEN\$ Gift Redemption Units. At present, Gift Redemption Units were predominately located in public housing estates, whereas there were fewer in HOS courts or private housing estates. He suggested setting up more GREEN\$ Gift Redemption Units at MTR stations in the district with higher pedestrian flow. He also enquired about the types of gifts as rewards and the updated arrangements. He raised concerns about some people abusing the GREEN\$ regime to redeem more gifts, and asked EPD how it would address the problem.

61. Mr Chris CHEUNG agreed that there were no physical GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Stores in Tseung Kwan O South and Hang Hau, and suggested that EPD should set up one at LOHAS Park. At present, private housing estates had fewer recycling facilities than public housing estates in the district. He had earlier assisted private housing estates in coordinating with EPD on the provision of smart recycling

bins. However, EPD responded that the relevant programme had ended and they had to wait for the next phase. He pointed out that there was not a single smart recycling bin in the LOHAS Park area, which had a population of 70 000 residents. Despite the generally high environmental awareness among the residents of private housing estates, factors such as the far distance and irregular service hours of physical Recycling Stores would hinder the overall recovery rate. He suggested focusing environmental protection resources on the installation of smart recycling bins in private housing estates in the future, so that recycling could be carried out without additional manpower.

62. Mr CHAN Kai-wai conveyed views from the residents in Tiu Keng Leng that the Government had been cutting back on the environmental protection resources in the district. For example, the “Look for Green” Mobile Recycling Programme operated by the Jockey Club had ceased to serve Tiu Keng Leng. Given the proven effectiveness of GREEN@COMMUNITY in recycling and increased environmental awareness amongst the public, the closure of GREEN@SAI KUNG TOWN – TIU KENG LENG BRANCH might raise public concerns on the Government’s commitment to taking forward environmental protection initiatives. He enquired about the recovery rates of the smart recycling bins in the district, including those located in Sai Kung Town, Po Lam, Sheung Tak, Kin Ming and Tiu Keng Leng, and suggested adjusting resource allocation based on the usage rates. He asked about EPD’s data on the environmental protection resources allocated to Sai Kung District over the past five years, so as to allow the public to understand more about the budget for environmental protection and recycling work. The closure of the Recycling Store GREEN@SAI KUNG TOWN – TIU KENG LENG BRANCH might result in wastage of recycling resources. He remarked that only the owners of Ocean Shores Shopping Arcade were willing to let out the premises at preferential rents, and therefore suggested retaining the Tiu Keng Leng recycling point for the convenience of the residents in Ocean Shores, Kin Ming Estate and Shin Ming Estate.

63. Ms TAM Chuk-kwan supported retaining the Recycling Store GREEN@SAI KUNG TOWN – TIU KENG LENG BRANCH as there were no Recycling Stores in the vicinity of the Tseung Kwan O waterfront. GREEN@SAI KUNG TOWN – TIU KENG LENG BRANCH not only served the residents in Ocean Shores and Tiu Keng Leng, but also provided convenience to those residing in Tseung Kwan O South and near the Tseung Kwan O waterfront. As there was no suitable location to set up a Recycling Store in the shopping malls along the waterfront, she suggested that EPD should open up applications for installing smart recycling bins and provide additional recycling services for the housing estates near the waterfront.

64. Mr CHAN Chi-ho said at present, there were four Recycling Stores in Sai Kung District, including GREEN@SAI KUNG TOWN, GREEN@SHEUNG TAK, GREEN@KIN MING and GREEN@PO LAM, with no physical stores in Hang Hau. The residents in Hang Hau mostly used the GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Spot opposite Exit A of Hang Hau MTR Station, or the smart recycling bins at La Cite Noble. He suggested making good use of vacant shops at malls, such as those in Nan Fung Plaza

and Ming Tak Shopping Centre, or providing a Recycling Store at a fixed location near Hang Hau MTR Station, which would effectively raise community awareness on recycling.

65. Mr YAU Ho-lun said that EPD had always been committed to promoting the GREEN@COMMUNITY recycling programme, but there was still room for improvement in its arrangements. He opined that in implementing the programme, a balance had to be struck between raising public environmental awareness and yielding practical results. Some private housing estates were capable of providing long-term recycling services to their residents on their own. However, it would be difficult to offer comprehensive support to all housing estates and organisations in the district by solely relying on three to four non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the GREEN@COMMUNITY recycling programme at present. He suggested that EPD should consider revising the existing funding mode to allow owners' committees, management companies or owners' corporations of housing estates to apply for recycling subsidies on their own initiatives. Meanwhile, NGOs could take on the role of coordination and resource consolidation, with a view to promoting recycling projects and directions in a clearer way.

66. Mr WAN Kai-ming relayed that at present, many self-service smart recycling bins in private housing estates and malls were often fully loaded, causing some residents to directly discard otherwise recyclables. He suggested allowing housing estates to handle their own recycling work or setting up recycling points at malls, so as to enhance convenience for residents. He expressed concerns about the progress of the applications for installing smart food waste bins in some housing estates in the district, and enquired about the statistics and processing status of these applications. In view of the "swap and share" workshops organised by local organisations, he suggested that the Government could take the lead to collaborate with NGOs to hold similar activities, believing that such move might reduce resource wastage.

67. Ms KI Lai-mei said that the Recycling Store GREEN@SAI KUNG TOWN – TIU KENG LENG BRANCH was a pilot site under the Pilot Programme on Smart Recycling Systems led by EPD. The Recycling Store operated by her affiliated green group received approximately 3 tonnes of plastic recyclables and 7.5 tonnes of non-plastic recyclables each month. She suggested that EPD should review the cost-effectiveness of each GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Store and conduct regular inspections while maintaining statistics on the recyclables collected by smart recycling bins. She understood the idea behind Members' suggestion to set up more Recycling Stores for public convenience. However, she reminded Members that the actual effectiveness of the GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Stores should also be taken into account when striking a balance. She concurred with Mr YAU Ho-lun's suggestion to allow housing estates in the district to arrange recycling services on their own. She was also concerned about the abuse of the GREEN\$ regime by some people, and suggested enhancing education efforts to raise public environmental awareness, with the aim to promote environmental awareness among citizens through collaboration in various

aspects.

68. Mr Ken CHAN declared that he was the Chairman of the contractor of three GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Stores in Sai Kung District. From the standpoint of the contractor, the Government had started to cut back on environmental protection resources, such as the closure of the Recycling Store GREEN@SAI KUNG TOWN – TIU KENG LENG BRANCH. He pointed out that labour costs accounted for the largest portion of the general operating expenses. The closure of GREEN@SAI KUNG TOWN – TIU KENG LENG BRANCH, which was equipped with smart recycling facilities, would not be conducive to the contractor's operation. He suggested further developing smart systems to minimise the need for manpower, thereby enhancing resource allocation. Although there were no physical Recycling Stores in Hang Hau and LOHAS Park, the contractors would arrange Recycling Spots for the housing estates nearby and coordinate on the schedules and location arrangements with stakeholders. The contractors were committed to promoting recycling awareness in the community. Nevertheless, issues related to the deeds of mutual covenants and the willingness of housing estates were beyond the control of EPD and the contractors. He recommended placing recycling bins within housing estates to complement the Government's recycling facilities. Under the current regulatory framework, recycling facilities were operated by relevant NGOs, which could achieve higher economic benefits and safety coefficients. He opined that such operational model should be retained.

69. Ms Christine FONG said she had previously assisted housing estates in LOHAS Park to collect recyclables through coordination with the GREEN@COMMUNITY contractors. This recycling arrangement could be actively promoted. It would be difficult to provide a corresponding number of recycling facilities for each block in large housing estates. The provision of smart bins for plastic bottles, GREEN\$ Gift Redemption Units and EPD's smart food waste bins in The LOHAS mall would sufficiently meet the recycling needs of residents.

70. The Chairman said that as the discussion item concerned EPD's funding for local charitable organisations to operate GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Stores, Members were reminded to declare any working relationships with different recycling points in the district or GREEN@COMMUNITY contractors.

71. Members declared the following interests:

- Ms KI Lai-mei declared that she was the Vice-Chairman of the Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O Women's Association, which was the operator of GREEN@SAI KUNG TOWN.
- Ms TAM Chuk-kwan declared that she was the project manager of GREEN@KIN MING and GREEN@SHEUNG TAK.
- Ms WU Suet-lin declared that she was the Vice-Chairman of the Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O Women's Association, which was the operator of

72. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the Secretariat would relay the views of SKDC to EPD in writing.

VI. Any Other Business

73. The Chairman said that SKDC had designated environmental hygiene as the main topic of concern to Sai Kung District in 2024. Members had carried out district consultations to collect views from residents, identifying around 16 specific environmental hygiene issues, which had been continuously followed up by the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC). Environmental hygiene was closely related to people's livelihood. With the successive completion of a number of new community facilities in Tseung Kwan O, such as the large-scale park in Tseung Kwan O South, the Anderson Road project and the new reclamation works in Area 137 and Area 132, new environmental hygiene issues might arise in the vicinity. Therefore, it was initially proposed to keep the focus on environmental hygiene concerns in the entire community in 2025. The Chairman invited Members to proactively collect views from residents to better understand the latest public concerns on environmental hygiene issues in the community. The Secretariat would inform Members about the details of the follow-up actions by FEHC in a timely manner. Members could also consider issues other than environmental hygiene, such as those related to transport and district facilities. If Members wished to raise other issues of concern, they should inform the Secretariat within one week after the meeting. Last year's practice would be continued this year. Public views on various issues would be collected and collated for the committees' follow-up actions, whereas departments would be invited to give corresponding responses. The Chairman reminded that the above procedures were very time-consuming. Therefore, Members were invited to focus on reporting on the main issues of concern on environmental hygiene where appropriate.

74. Ms Christine FONG remarked that a traffic accident occurred in the location off LOHAS Park towards Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate a few days ago. She said that oil spills and gravel on road surfaces could easily cause accidents. She hoped that the Police and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department could step up joint actions against the problem of insecure loading and pollutant spillage from heavy vehicles heading towards the landfill for construction waste on Wan Po Road. She also raised concerns about the suspected forgery of authorisation letter during a general meeting of a housing estate in LOHAS Park in September last year.

75. The Chairman asked the representatives from the Tseung Kwan O Police District to provide an update on the latest investigation into the traffic accident on Wan Po Road. In addition, the Chairman reminded that individual criminal investigation was not appropriate for public discussion during SKDC meetings.

76. Mr MAK Man-yu, District Commander (Tseung Kwan O), Hong Kong Police

Force responded that the traffic accident case was being followed up and investigated by the Investigation and Support Division, Traffic Kowloon East. The Tseung Kwan O Police District attached importance to each and every case. Meanwhile, the case involving the Owners' Corporation of LOHAS Park should not be openly discussed in the meeting.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

77. The next full council meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 6 May 2025 (Tuesday).

78. The meeting ended at 11:52 a.m.

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