

Sai Kung District Council
Minutes of the Fifth Meeting in 2024

Date: 3 September 2024 (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 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
Ms LAM Yee-mang, Dawn	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
Mr KWONG Wang-ngai, Walter	District Planning Officer/Sai Kung & Islands, Planning Department
Mr NG Wai-lung, David	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
Mr TING Ka-ho, Louis	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 CHOW Kin-ching	Assistant 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 LEE Lai-sheung, Susan	District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAI Ka-yee, Jenny	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sai Kung, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms 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 CHOW Kin-keung	Administrative Assistant/Lands, District Lands Office, Sai Kung	
Mr YEUNG Man-leung	Senior District Engineer/South East, Highways Department	
Mr YEUNG Ka-chun	Engineer/Sai Kung, Drainage Services Department	
Ms CHAN Wing-shiu, May, JP	Commissioner for Labour, Labour Department	} for agenda item II(A)
Miss FUNG Lai-hing, Karen	Senior Labour Officer (Employment Services) (Operation), Labour Department	
Ms CHAN Wai-kei, Victoria	Director (District Health Centre Team), Primary Healthcare Commission, Health Bureau	} for agenda item V(A)

Absent

Mr YAU Siu-hung, Kelvin, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council

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 May CHAN, JP, Commissioner for Labour;
- Miss Karen FUNG, Senior Labour Officer (Employment Services) (Operation), Labour Department (LD);
- Miss Wendy LEUNG, Chief Transport Officer/Sai Kung & North, Transport Department (TD), who succeeded Miss SIN Kai-wai, Marie, on transfer;
- Mr YEUNG Wong-pan, Senior Property Service Manager/Kowloon West & Sai Kung, Housing Department, who attended the meeting on behalf of Ms MAK Siu-ling, Iris, Chief Manager/Management (Kowloon West & Sai Kung); and
- Mr YEUNG Ka-chun, Engineer/Sai Kung, Drainage Services Department, who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr LEUNG Wing-tak, Senior Engineer/Mainland South 6.

3. The Chairman said Mr Kelvin YAU was unable to attend the meeting today because of sickness. Due to exceptional circumstances, she suggested that his absence should be approved and he was allowed to submit an application for absence as soon as possible after the meeting in accordance with Order 64(2) of the Sai Kung District Council Standing Orders. With the consent of the meeting, Mr Kelvin YAU's absence was accepted and he was allowed to submit the application as soon as possible after the meeting.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) held on 2 July 2024

4. 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) Visit by the Commissioner for Labour to SKDC

5. Ms May CHAN, Commissioner for Labour introduced the department's work with the presentation slides.

6. Mr WONG Wang-to said that the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (FTU) conducted a questionnaire survey on the Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme (ESLS), which mainly focused on labour importation for construction and catering sectors. The survey report showed that the labour market in the construction sector had changed. There were relatively fewer private construction sites and infrastructure projects launched by the Government under the current economic environment. Continuing to import a large number of foreign workers in such circumstances might affect the job opportunities of local workers. He suggested that LD should review ESLS with the Labour Advisory Board (LAB) in a timely manner to safeguard employment priority for local workers.

7. Mr CHAN Chi-ho suggested including lifeguards in ESLS and allowing importation of lifeguards outside the territory. This could increase the ratio of lifeguards at public swimming pools and beaches under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), so as to ensure the normal operation of these venues and facilities, as well as swimmers' safety.

8. Ms May CHAN, Commissioner for Labour gave a consolidated response as follows:

- The Labour Importation Scheme for the Construction Sector was a sector-specific labour importation scheme implemented by the Development Bureau (DEVB), which was different from ESLS administered by LD. The former imposed quotas on imported workers and was applicable to eligible construction projects. DEVB would carefully review each application and grant quotas as appropriate.
- The Government was aware of the results of the questionnaire survey conducted by FTU, and would take them as reference during the implementation of labour importation schemes. According to the statistics from the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD), the overall unemployment rate remained relatively low at present. LD would pay close attention to individual sectors experiencing a slight increase in the unemployment rate.
- The Government had been upholding the overarching principle of safeguarding employment priority for local workers. LD would continue to review the implementation of ESLS and report the latest progress to LAB on a half-yearly basis.
- Except for job categories covered by sector-specific labour importation

schemes, ESLS did not impose any restriction on sectors or types of jobs for which applications could be made, covering low-skilled and unskilled jobs. Employers or relevant departments might submit applications according to their manpower needs. For some uncommon job types, LD might take a longer time to process the applications and, if necessary, request C&SD to provide data regarding the prevailing median monthly wage of comparable positions in the market.

9. Mr WAN Kai-ming supported the concept of safeguarding employment priority for local workers. However, many local workers had misunderstandings on ESLS, where they believed that it might affect their income and job opportunities. He suggested that the Government should put more efforts in promoting the detailed arrangements for ESLS to the public, including that ESLS only applied to sectors experiencing labour shortages, and the principle of ensuring employment priority for local workers. He also said that at present, the relatively long waiting time for employers to apply for labour importation led to an increase in corporate costs. He recommended that LD should review and streamline the workflow of ESLS.

10. Ms Christine FONG enquired about the facilities and services to be provided by LD at the Joint-user Complex in Tseung Kwan O which would soon be completed. She suggested strengthening services for the locals in need, including the middle-aged and elderly, the youth, self-employed persons and ethnic minorities. She also expressed concerns about the supplementary labour policies. At present, an employer or employee could terminate an employment contract by giving only seven days' notice, which might be unfavourable for employers with high operating expenditures. Quoting imported drivers employed by minibus companies as an example, the notice period for resignation was too short, which might lead to a labour shortage and the problem of lost trips of minibuses. She also said that the applications for imported security guards and cleansing workers might be relevant to the three-to-five-year service contracts signed under the Building Management Ordinance. She took the view that employers should stipulate the terms on the hire of imported workers in the service contracts. LD should also strengthen the regulation of contractors and sub-contractors in the construction industry regarding the problem of wage defaults. Furthermore, she was concerned about the occupational safety and health issues associated with working at height and in confined spaces, suggesting that LD should discuss with the Buildings Department on improving the design of housing estates by reducing confined spaces. This could facilitate future maintenance and repairs, thereby safeguarding workers' occupational safety.

11. Ms May CHAN, Commissioner for Labour gave a consolidated response as follows:

- A job centre would be set up at the Joint-user Complex in Tseung Kwan O. LD welcomed views from SKDC on the services to be provided to residents in the district. LD would also organise thematic recruitment activities based on districts' needs to promote employment of residents in the locality.

- Employers were required to sign a Standard Employment Contract prescribed by the Government with imported workers. Individual employers/security or cleansing service contractors should discuss with relevant contractual parties/owners' corporations on their specific service arrangements, if any.
- LD, as a gatekeeper, would ensure employment priority for local workers. Upon receipt of employers' applications for imported workers, LD would forward the relevant job vacancies to employee representatives of LAB and local trade union, to facilitate job matching and identify suitable job seekers. LD would also follow up closely on the results of the four-week local recruitment exercise for each application. To date, for a vast majority of applications, the vacancies could not be filled after the four-week local recruitment exercise, reflecting genuine labour shortages for those posts.
- LD compiled a "List of Common Posts" for ESLS, providing the duties and median monthly wage of common posts to expedite the processing of applications. LD would also deploy additional resources and streamline the workflow as far as possible in order to speed up the vetting of applications.
- Regarding the wage default problem of construction workers, the Labour Relations Division (LRD) of LD had all along been maintaining close liaison with major contractors, trade unions and other stakeholders to gather intelligence about the industry. In the event of a labour dispute, LRD would provide conciliation service promptly and proactively to help the affected employees.

12. Mr CHONG Yuen-tung expressed concerns over the labour rights and interests of couriers for food delivery platforms, as he considered that the existing labour legislation was not effective in protecting these workers. He suggested making reference to the targeted policies from the Mainland and Singapore to clarify the statutory status, responsibilities and rights of platform workers. Additionally, he suggested introducing legislation to require food delivery platforms to provide insurance for their workers, and guidelines for driving safely under adverse weather conditions.

13. Mr WONG Yuen-hong received views from workers whose wages were in arrears saying that LD's hotline only answered with pre-recorded messages. He suggested that LD should provide additional channels, such as government mobile applications, for workers to report wage arrears in order to improve efficiency. He reflected that there was a strong public demand for the Re-employment Allowance Pilot Scheme (REA Scheme) and suggested that LD should deploy additional resources and increase the application quota to benefit more members of the public. He also hoped that LD could draw reference from countries like New Zealand and Australia to explore compensating white-collar employees if public holidays coincided with weekends, and suggested exploring the introduction of legislation or a charter relating to "the right to disconnect".

14. Mr CHAN Kai-wai said that some Members encountered difficulties in proving their identity as DC members when recruiting staff through LD. He suggested that LD should assist in coordinating the recruitment procedures of DC members' ward offices in various districts. He also mentioned that some foreign domestic helpers (FDHs)

concealed their health conditions to secure work in Hong Kong. When these conditions were revealed, employers were still required to pay the wages, agency fees and travel expenses. He suggested reviewing the liability of employers who terminated employment contracts with their FDHs due to poor performance. Furthermore, he reflected that there were insufficient toilets at some construction sites, which led to unsatisfactory environmental hygiene in the site areas. He was also concerned that after the Code of Practice for Safety and Health at Work in Confined Spaces was amended, additional costs would be passed onto housing estates and owners.

15. The Chairman said that the toilets mentioned by Mr CHAN Kai-wai should be under the purview of the Highways Department (HyD) and the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD). She suggested Members to relay their views on such matters to the relevant departments.

16. Ms May CHAN, Commissioner for Labour gave a consolidated response as follows:

- The mode of cooperation between digital platform companies and workers providing delivery services was not entirely akin to those of ordinary employees, thus the Employment Ordinance might not be applicable to them. A Liaison Group had been set up with major digital platform operators and relevant stakeholders to explore possible measures for strengthening the protection for platform workers. Additionally, LD conducted a survey to gain understanding on the industry's situation and to gauge views from workers. LD was also keeping in view of different approaches in other places on protecting the rights of platform workers in a bid to map out the way forward and strategies for protecting local platform workers.
- LD took note of the Member's views on the hotline and would review the feasibility of adopting other means of communication.
- The REA Scheme had been very well-received since its launch on 15 July this year. LD would deploy resources to follow up and coordinate with the two service organisations commissioned to provide appropriate employment assistance to registered participants.
- The Government would need to examine in detail labour welfare issues such as public holidays and "the right to disconnect". When reviewing labour rights and benefits, the Government must strike a balance between the interests of employees and the affordability of employers. LD took note of the views from the Member and the labour sector.
- When submitting job vacancies to LD, DC members' offices could provide copies of DC members' appointment letters or certificates, business cards, etc. for LD to verify their identities and relevant details.
- Pursuant to the Standard Employment Contract for hiring FDHs, employers were required to cover the travelling expenses for FDHs to return to their places of origin upon termination or completion of employment contracts. This requirement was based on the fact that employers who hired FDHs to work in Hong Kong were responsible for their return passages to ensure that

they would return to their places of origin upon completion or termination of contracts, and would not be left stranded in Hong Kong due to a lack of means for travel, which could give rise to other social issues. LD noted the Member's views and would review the FDH policy as and when appropriate.

- LD had collected views from a wide range of groups. Some opined that video footages of confined space work should be fed to the contractors' central management systems to enhance supervision of such work. LD welcomed comments from various stakeholders on industrial safety measures and the associated increase in costs, with a view to striking a balance acceptable to all parties.
- LD issued the Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work, encouraging employers to take more preventive measures against heat stress, such as providing fans and cooling vests. LD would also meet with site supervisors to discuss the establishment of a safety management system.

III. Matters Arising

(A) Follow-up on motions discussed at the fourth meeting of SKDC held on 2 July 2024

17. The Chairman said three motions were passed at the fourth meeting of SKDC in 2024, and the views of SKDC on the passed motions were sent to relevant government departments in writing. The Secretariat had already informed Members about the replies received 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. 78/24 to 81/24)

18. Members endorsed the above reports.

(B) Progress report of the committee under the Sai Kung District Office

- (1) Sai Kung District Management Committee
- (SKDC(M) Paper No. 82/24)

19. Members noted the above report.

V. Motions Raised by Members

(A) The four motions raised by Members

(1) Suggest improving district healthcare services and enhancing the primary healthcare system of the district

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 83/24)

20. The Chairman said that the motion was moved by Mr CHONG Yuen-tung and seconded by Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Mr CHAN Chi-ho, Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Ms WU Suet-lin, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Mr CHAN Kai-wai, Ms KI Lai-mei, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr LAU Kai-hong, Ms Christine FONG and Mr WANG Wen.

21. Members noted the written reply from the Primary Healthcare Commission (PHC Commission) of the Health Bureau (HHB) (SKDC(M) Paper No. 92/24).

22. The Chairman welcomed:

PHC Commission, HHB

- Ms Victoria CHAN, Director (District Health Centre Team (DHCT)).

23. Mr WONG Yuen-hong was concerned about the progress of the provision of community pharmacies at the District Health Centres (DHCs). He suggested drawing reference from the arrangements adopted by the Hospital Authority to deploy pharmacists at community pharmacies to offer counselling or educational services. He further suggested that the mental health services under the Healthy Mind Pilot Project should be extended to Sai Kung District. Moreover, he recommended that the spending amount of health care vouchers should be adjusted to cope with inflation over the same period. Furthermore, information regarding the effectiveness of the Health Care Voucher Reward Scheme should also be released when appropriate.

24. Ms Angel CHONG suggested releasing information regarding the effectiveness of the Healthy Mind Pilot Project when appropriate.

25. Ms Victoria CHAN, Director (DHCT), PHC Commission gave a consolidated response as follows:

- The “Jockey Club PHARM+ Community Medication Service Network” was a territory-wide project initiated and funded by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust. “PHARM+ Haven of Hope Community Pharmacy”, the community pharmacy in Sai Kung District, is located in the Metro City Plaza, Tseung Kwan O. The DHC had launched a collaboration scheme with community pharmacies to enhance the community pharmacy services in Sai Kung District, such as medication dispensing by pharmacists, and medication counselling and education.
- Since 2016, the “JC JoyAge: Holistic Support Project for Elderly Mental Wellness” had been rolled out in the District Elderly Community Centres in 18 districts, providing mental health services to adults aged 45 or above in the

community. Individuals in need of mental health support could be referred to the Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness via the Sai Kung District Health Centre Express (DHC Express).

- The Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Reward Scheme covered the subsidy schemes provided at DHCs or DHC Expresses in 18 districts, including the Chronic Disease Management Programme on osteoarthritic knee pain and low back pain, as well as the Community Rehabilitation Programme focusing on post-acute myocardial infarction, hip fracture, stroke, etc.
- The Healthy Mind Pilot Project has been rolled out recently for a month, and about 1 900 citizens had undergone health assessments at designated DHCs/DHC Expresses. Around 10 percent of these cases were referred to the project's service providers for further assistance.

26. Ms Christine FONG appreciated the principle behind the implementation of the Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme (CDCC Pilot Scheme) at DHCs, under which eligible persons could receive government subsidies covering part of the medical expenses for managing chronic diseases. She suggested the PHC Commission to collaborate with SKDC Members in further promoting the CDCC Pilot Scheme to the public, so as to relieve the burden on public hospitals. She expressed concern about the co-payment fees set by family doctors and their participation rate, and suggested the PHC Commission to continue enhancing the CDCC Pilot Scheme.

27. Ms LI Ka-yan related that the CDCC Pilot Scheme experienced a high level of public participation. Medical doctors participating in the DHC Scheme had identified some early stage cases of prediabetes, hypertension or diabetes during health screening process. Given the current "prevention-oriented" healthcare approach adopted by HHB, she suggested that DHCs explain the case referral mechanism to the medical doctors and Chinese Medicine practitioners.

28. Ms Victoria CHAN, Director (DHCT), PHC Commission gave a consolidated response as follows:

- About 62 000 Hong Kong citizens had registered and participated in the CDCC Pilot Scheme since its implementation in November 2023, with approximately 3 300 participants from Sai Kung District (numbers were rounded to the nearest hundred).
- Currently, family doctors participating in the CDCC Pilot Scheme were offering services at 36 service points in Sai Kung District. SKDC Members were invited to encourage doctors in Sai Kung District to join the Scheme.
- During the treatment phase, the Government would provide a partial subsidy for each consultation. Participants would only need to pay the co-payment fees determined by family doctors upon enrolment to the Scheme. After the consultation, participants prescribed with basic-tier drugs under the Scheme would not be required to pay additional drug fees.
- DHCs started to promote the CDCC Pilot Scheme across Hong Kong since November last year. Through health screening under the Scheme, timely

treatment would be provided to citizens who were assessed by family doctors as being at an early stage of illness. As of the end of August, among the 34 000 citizens who had completed the screening and assessed by family doctors, 40 percent were diagnosed at the early stage of prediabetes, hypertension and/or diabetes. These 14 000 patients could undergo treatment, including medication, nurse clinic and allied health services.

- Noting the active public participation in the CDCC Pilot Scheme, DHCs would enhance its publicity efforts through the media, LCSD and DCs, in order to encourage family doctors' participation and expand its coverage in the community.
- Currently, the CDCC Pilot Scheme covered screening for hypertension and diabetes. The Government would also consider extending the Scheme to cover screening for high blood lipids.
- Sai Kung DHC would play a supportive and coordinating role in providing primary healthcare services in the Sai Kung District. It would actively enhance cooperation and communication with the SKDC, its Members and the District Services & Community Care Teams to facilitate the work of the Sai Kung DHC Express in the community.
- The Government commenced the territory-wide seasonal influenza vaccination service since September this year. The 2024-25 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Pilot Programme would be launched in DHC/DHC Expresses in 18 districts in October. She urged SKDC Members to promote the seasonal influenza vaccination service and educational work provided by the Sai Kung DHC Express among the residents of Sai Kung District.

29. The Chairman invited the PHC Commission to relay the relevant information on vaccination to the Secretariat for dissemination to SKDC Members.

30. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed. The views of SKDC would be relayed to the PHC Commission in writing.

(2) Request the Police to step up its work on animal rights in the district, publicise the Animal Watchers Programme and promote the “Animal Care Corner” at schools

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 84/24)

31. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr CHENG Yu-hei and seconded by Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr CHAN Chi-ho, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Ms WU Suet-lin, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr WONG Wang-to, Ms Christine FONG and Mr WANG Wen.

32. Members noted the written reply from the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) (SKDC(M) Paper No. 93/24).

33. Mr MAK Man-yu, District Commander (Tseung Kwan O), HKPF said he had nothing to add regarding the item.

34. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed. The views of SKDC would be relayed to HKPF in writing.

(3) Suggest developing marine economy in Sai Kung District, establishing local characteristics and creating job opportunities
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 85/24)

35. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr WONG Yuen-hong and seconded by Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr CHAN Chi-ho, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr Ken CHAN, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr WONG Wang-to, Ms Christine FONG and Mr WANG Wen.

36. Members noted the written replies from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), TD, the Marine Department (MD), the Tourism Commission (TC), LCSD and the Transport and Logistics Bureau (TLB) (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 88/24 to 90/24 and 94/24 to 96/24).

37. Ms Angel CHONG enquired about the effectiveness of Yim Tin Tsai Arts Festival from 2019 to 2021 and Sai Kung Hoi Arts Festival from 2022 and 2024, as well as the publicity channels and details of the growth in visitors in Sai Kung District brought by the arts festivals.

38. Mr Philip LI said various government departments adopted different measures in Sai Kung District to promote tourism. In the future, different departments should enhance cooperation to achieve greater synergy. For example, efforts could be made to publicise Sai Kung Hoi Arts Festival around the Geopark in Sai Kung, while the hiking routes of the Geopark could also be promoted in Sai Kung town centre. He also suggested improving the road repair works of the Water Supplies Department in the vicinity of the High Island Reservoir by requesting other departments to assist in upgrading the ancillary transport facilities nearby, with a view to promoting tourism.

39. Mr Chris CHEUNG expressed support for the motion. In view of the insufficient patronage of the kaito ferry service in Tseung Kwan O South, TD should take the kaito ferry routes in Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau as reference and introduce new routes at Tseung Kwan O (South) Landing on holidays. He suggested TD to consider extending the kaito ferry route to tourist spots such as the outer islands of Sai Kung, Tung Lung Island, the former quarry and Lei Yue Mun, so as to revitalise the kaito ferry route of Tseung Kwan O South and promote tourism in Sai Kung.

40. Ms Natasha YU said she had previously visited Yim Tin Tsai Arts Festival, where many thematic artworks were displayed at fixed locations that blended into the environment. She suggested showcasing new exhibits at Yim Tin Tsai Arts Festival to

keep enhancing its appeal.

41. Ms Christine FONG opined that as Sai Kung District was located near the sea, it was necessary to make use of its geological advantage to develop water recreation centres or facilities. She suggested that TC should leverage the features of Sai Kung waterfront, such as making improvements to the ticket counters near Sai Kung Pier for kaito ferry services plying to the outer islands, and the shops selling tourism products. She also suggested that TD should consider re-routing the kaito ferry service from Tseung Kwan O South to Sai Wan Ho. The new kaito ferry route would travel from LOHAS Park to Central on weekdays and to tourist spots on holidays, so as to develop in-depth travel in Sai Kung. Moreover, she suggested improving minibus routes such as route no. 114 in order to revitalise the area from Tseung Kwan O South to the Town Park.

42. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to note down Members' comments and enquiries about the work of TC, as well as the promotion of Sai Kung Hoi Arts Festival, and relay them to TC after the meeting.

43. Miss Wendy LEUNG, Chief Transport Officer, TD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- TD was aware of the decline in passenger demand for the kaito ferry route from Tseung Kwan O South to Sai Wan Ho in recent months. Currently, the kaito ferry route would reach its peak demand between 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m., with the majority of the passengers being the elderly. TD and the kaito ferry operator were proactively exploring ways to revitalise the route. Examples of proposals included expanding the service area to Central for the convenience of commuters going to work. Regarding the operator's suggestion to set up a designated berthing point at Central Pier for kaito ferry passengers to board and alight, TD was proactively studying the suggestion with MD.
- As regards publicity efforts, the kaito ferry operator had made promotional videos on social media. In addition to that, TD suggested that the operator should produce promotional publications, which could be distributed to the public by TD or other interested organisations.
- TD noted and would study the suggestion to modify minibus route no. 114.

44. Mr LAU Kai-hong expressed support for the motion. He suggested taking the sources of marine economy in Mainland China as reference and introducing tourism projects that were suitable for rural areas. Examples included mariculture, canoeing or small boat renting. He opined that the current environment and the mode of tourism had changed. Therefore, he suggested making optimal use of the venues and the berthing points, improving the system and management, with a view to attracting more companies or organisations to take advantage of the waterfront and promote the marine economy in Sai Kung District.

45. Mr Chris CHEUNG suggested that TD should develop holiday kaito ferry routes travelling to tourist spots other than Sai Wan Ho and Central. This could make up for the insufficient patronage on weekdays, if the operator of the kaito ferry service of Tseung Kwan O South agreed to extend the service to Central. Furthermore, he had previously joined in-depth tours of visiting the heritage sites and churches in rural Sai Kung, and also the programme “Following Thy Way”. He suggested that TC should make reference to the “Countryside Conservation Education Program” in Sai Kung to promote in-depth heritage tours in Sai Kung through its unique traditional culture.

46. The Chairman said the programme “Following Thy Way” mentioned by Mr Chris CHEUNG was under the purview of the Countryside Conservation Office of DEVB. She suggested that Members could refer to relevant online information. Moreover, she said it would be difficult for TD to relay each individual comment to the kaito ferry operator. Members could contact the responsible persons of the kaito ferry operator direct to put forward the proposed plan to improve the kaito ferry routing and extend it to Central. She asked TD to relay relevant information to SKDC if the route improvement plan was finalised.

47. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed. The views of SKDC would be relayed to TLB, the Environment and Ecology Bureau, TC, AFCD, LCSD and TD in writing.

(4) Request for constructing Tiu Keng Leng Park in Tseung Kwan O Area 72 as soon as possible or by phases with reference to the Town Parks in Tseung Kwan O Area 66 and Area 68
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 86/24)

48. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr CHAN Kai-wai and seconded by Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Mr CHAN Chi-ho, Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Ms WU Suet-lin, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Ms KI Lai-mei, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Ms Christine FONG and Mr WANG Wen.

49. Members noted the written replies from CEDD and LCSD (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 91/24 and 97/24).

50. Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang said many local residents suggested prioritising the construction of a public toilet in Tiu Keng Leng Park in Area 72 for the convenience of visitors of Tseung Kwan O Cross Bay Bridge (CBB). He had put forward a relevant suggestion in the meeting of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee on 16 May. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and LCSD adopted an open attitude towards the suggestion in their replies. He once again relayed the public’s concerns and would like to ask relevant departments about the progress of the study on the construction of the public toilet.

51. Mr CHAN Kai-wai suggested providing portable toilets on CBB and studying

relevant arrangements such as cleansing and desludging. Additionally, he enquired about the arrangement for closing the traffic lanes on CBB at night. He said the construction of Tiu Keng Leng Park had been planned based on the population statistics many years ago. Thus, the recreation, sports and leisure facilities in Area 72 and the vicinity were insufficient to cope with the latest population growth. The total area of facilities such as Tiu Keng Leng Garden and other playgrounds was still smaller than the area of Po Hong Park and Po Tsui Park in Po Lam; or the Velodrome Park, Man Kuk Lane Park and Pui Shing Garden in Hang Hau. He suggested constructing Tiu Keng Leng Park in Tseung Kwan O Area 72 as soon as possible to provide sufficient leisure facilities for local residents.

52. Mr WONG Yuen-hong said LCSD had consulted the then District Facilities Management Committee under SKDC on the development plan of the open space in Tseung Kwan O Area 72 in 2012. It was mentioned that the development plan would include facilities such as basketball and volleyball courts, and a seven-a-side soccer pitch. As the population in Tseung Kwan O had grown in recent years, he suggested that LCSD should adjust the development plan of the venue to cater for tennis or other new sports, and report to SKDC on the latest progress.

53. Mr Chris CHEUNG agreed that there was an urgent need for providing a public toilet in Area 72. The public toilet in Tseung Kwan O South was closed due to the development of the Town Park in Area 68, causing inconvenience to residents. LCSD should proactively study and expedite the construction of the Town Park in Area 68 to make up for the lack of toilet facilities. Meanwhile, he also expressed concerns about the provision of the park in Area 72 and the sports centre in Area 86, hoping that their construction would be expedited.

54. Ms Christine FONG suggested that LCSD should explore the feasibility of promoting different types of sports while planning for the development of Tiu Keng Leng Park in Area 72. She agreed that it was necessary to provide a public toilet above the tunnel in Area 72. Therefore, she suggested constructing public toilets on Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade in phases, and putting up directional signs around the Town Park to indicate the directions to the toilets in the vicinity of Yung Ming Court and the shopping malls. She also proposed exploring the feasibility of providing portable toilets on CBB.

55. Ms Jenny LAI, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sai Kung, LCSD noted Members' views. She would follow up the progress of the abovementioned projects with the Planning Team.

56. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD responded that she had nothing to add regarding the issue of public toilets.

57. The Chairman asked FEHD to follow up Members' views on the provision of permanent toilets and explore the feasibility of putting up portable toilets as an alternative proposal.

58. Mr YEUNG Man-leung, Senior District Engineer/South East, HyD responded that he did not have relevant information about the arrangement for closing the traffic lanes on CBB at night mentioned by Mr CHAN Kai-wai. Generally speaking, road maintenance works on roads or bridge structures might be implemented at night when the vehicular traffic was relatively less heavy. In the future, road closure measures for maintenance works on CCB could be coordinated in case it would be required for facilitating the operation of portable toilets.

59. The Chairman said CBB was an important landmark of the district. Thus, the suggestion to provide portable toilets on CBB should be carefully considered. The Chairman also asked FEHD to consider the feasibility of setting up portable toilets in Tseung Kwan O South.

60. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed. The views of SKDC would be relayed to LCSD, FEHD and HyD in writing.

VI. Any Other Business

(A) Updated membership lists of the committees/working groups established under SKDC

61. Members noted the above updated membership lists.

(B) Introduction of new equipment for the Bicycle Patrol Team of Tseung Kwan O Police District

62. Mr MAK Man-yu, District Commander (Tseung Kwan O), HKPF briefly introduced the new uniform, cycling equipment and main duties of the Bicycle Patrol Team. The duties of the team included enhancing the safety awareness of road users, and carrying out law enforcement actions on cycling-related contraventions. He then asked Members to promote these messages to the public.

63. The Chairman asked Members to visit the Police's official Facebook page for more information. She also asked Members to actively promote information about the Police's Bicycle Patrol Team to members of the public.

(C) Information about the Sai Kung District Soccer Tournament (6 teams invited)

64. To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China, the Sai Kung District Soccer Tournament (6 teams invited) would be held on 26 October. The Chairman invited and encouraged government departments, Members and various groups to actively participate in the soccer tournament.

(D) Preparatory work for Tropical Cyclone Yagi

65. The Chairman said the inter-departmental emergency response mechanism had been activated on 2 September to prepare for Tropical Cyclone Yagi. Relevant departments had stepped up their efforts to inspect and clear the drains in the district and distributed sandbags to the residents in need. The Chairman urged Members to proactively report to the Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) or other relevant departments on the situation of the flooding black spots in the district. Members should also conduct inspections in the community and assist in emergency services with Care Teams under safe conditions after the strike of the typhoon. In addition, she encouraged Members to post relevant updates on social platforms.

(E) “Sai Kung Fun Day in Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China”

66. The Chairman said “Sai Kung Fun Day” would take place on 15 September. Interested local organisations could contact SKDO representatives for enquiries about the admission tickets. She also appealed to Members to assist in promoting this key event of the district in celebration of the National Day.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

67. The next full council meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 5 November 2024 (Tuesday).

68. The meeting ended at 12:10 p.m.

Sai Kung District Council Secretariat
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