

Southern District Office

Work Plan 2018-19

Purpose

This paper aims to introduce the work plan of the Southern District Office (SDO) for 2018/19.

Mission of SDO

2. The mission of SDO is to enhance liaison and communication between the Government and the District Council as well as different sectors of the community through the development of district administration, and show our concern for the needs of the public. It also aims to ensure that the Government is able to take forward its policy in line with changing circumstances, while promoting harmony and care in the territory. It is our mission to:

- enhance the channels of communication between the Government and the public; explain the Government's objectives, policies and services to the community; collect, assess and reflect the community's views and aspirations to the Government so that timely and appropriate responses can be made;
- facilitate and promote the work of the District Council;
- co-ordinate, through the District Management Committee, the delivery of Government services and implementation of public projects at district level;
- implement District Minor Works (DMW) projects and building management initiatives to improve our living environment;
- foster community spirit in neighbourhoods through encouraging public participation in community building activities; and
- assist in alerting residents and providing temporary shelters, as well as coordinating relief services in emergency situations and during or after natural disasters.

Manpower

3. Currently, there are 59 staff members on permanent establishment of SDO, including 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, 1 Administrative Officer, 9 Executive Officers, 20 Liaison Officers, 1 Official Languages Officer and other supporting staff. There is another Official Languages Officer on loan from HAD Headquarters (please refer to **Annex 1** for the organisation chart of SDO).

4. Apart from the permanent staff, we have employed 127 members of contract staff members, of which 18 are full-time colleagues (about 14%). The other 109 are part-time colleagues (about 86%). Their main duties are to assist in preparing and implementing community involvement (CI) projects and liaison activities, administrative work of the Secretariat of District Council and funding allocation, building management, youth work and management of the facilities in community centres/ community halls.

Work Plan

5. The key areas in the 2018/19 work plan of SDO are detailed as follows:

(I) District Administration

Secretariat of the Southern District Council

6. Under the Southern District Council (SDC), there are 5 committees and 8 working groups dealing with district affairs. Our office also provides secretariat services and assists in organising various types of CI activities. SDC's organisation chart is at **Annex 2**.

7. In 2018-19, SDC has been allocated a total provision of \$33,441,000, of which \$18,920,000 is for the implementation of CI projects and \$14,521,000 for implementation of DMW projects. The Secretariat assists SDC in the vetting and approval of all funding applications, and exercises prudence in the control of expenditure. Moreover, the Secretariat is responsible for processing Members' honorarium and Operating Expenses Allowance, as well as arranging visits, site visits and handling complaints, etc.

Secretariat of the Area Committees in the Southern District

8. There are four area committees (AC) in the Southern District, namely East AC, South AC, West AC and North AC, covering 17 SDC constituencies. SDO will continue to assist ACs in their active participation in local affairs of the district, including holding regular ACs meetings, arranging community building programmes for enhancing community cohesion and the sense of belonging among residents.

District Management Committee

9. On the management of district facilities, SDC will continue to take part in the management of community halls/ community centres as well as various recreation, sports and cultural facilities (e.g. sports complexes, sports ground/ playground, parks, local open areas, public swimming pools/ beaches, libraries, etc.) in the district. Five community halls/ centres, namely Wah Kwai Community Centre, Ap Lei Chau Community Hall, Lei Tung Community Hall, South Horizons Neighbourhood Community Centre and Stanley Community Hall are under the purview of SDO. We will continue to assist SDC in the management of the above facilities.

10. Our Community Halls, Community Centres and Home Affairs Enquiry Centre are the designated premises of the Government Wi-Fi Programme (GovWiFi). The premises are equipped with Wi-Fi facilities to enable visitors to use Internet services for free with their mobile phones or notebook computers for study, leisure and accessing government services.

11. Chaired by the District Officer (Southern), the Southern District Management Committee (SDMC) comprises the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the District Council, Chairmen of committees under the District Council, representatives from local offices of major departments, with the aim to facilitate effective coordination and collaboration between government departments for the implementation of various initiatives and services at district level, including traffic and transport, environmental hygiene, public works development and district facilities improvement works. This year, the work of SDMC will continue to focus on the implementation of the District-led Actions Scheme (see paragraphs 29 to 31 below).

(II) Community Liaison and Building

Community Liaison

12. SDO works at full strength to assist various district-based committees, including the Southern District Fight Crime Committee, the District Fire Safety Committee (Southern District), the Southern Youth Programme Committee and the Southern District Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, in carrying out community liaison and building initiatives. Besides, SDO works with the Southern District Arts and Culture Association and the Southern District Recreation and Sports Association to provide a variety of cultural and recreational activities for the well-being of the residents; and maintains close ties with local organisations such as the Southern District Joint Schools Conference and the Southern District Healthy & Safe Association, in a bid to achieve the sustainable development of the district. Programme plans for community building activities of the above committees for 2018-19 are at **Annex 3**. Representatives of SDO also attend meetings of The Hong Kong Girl Guides Southern District Association and The Scout Association of Hong Kong - Hong Kong Island Southern District, to provide advice on the organisation of district events.

13. SDO will continue to maintain close liaison with the local groups, voluntary organisations, mutual aid committees (MACs) and owners' corporations (OCs) in the district for strengthening the cohesiveness of the community, and for collecting local views on the district and Government policies.

Work on Youth Development

14. As regards for youth work, SDO set up the Southern Youth Programme Committee in January 2011, and the tenure of the new term will last from April 2017 to March 2019. Apart from organising different types of summer programmes through allocating subsidies to local schools, local organisations and non-governmental organisations, the Committee also arranges various youth activities at different times of the year to provide opportunities for the young people to demonstrate their creativity and to develop their talents to the full potential. Programme plan of the Southern Youth Programme Committee for 2018-19 is at **Annex 4**.

15. In addition, SDO set up the Southern District Youth Cadets in 2012, which aims to provide, in collaboration with local organisations, young people with opportunities for personal development, sports development, social services and cultural exchange for the purpose of promoting the Southern District Youth Development Network Project. The Project to be launched in 2018-2019 will cover a wide range of activities, including drawing competition, football training programme, student leadership training, photography and video production workshop, and overseas exchanges and visits, etc. SDO hopes to foster young talent through the above activities, and to encourage them to infuse more positive energy into our society, in order to achieve the objective of “Get motivated, reach out to the world”. The first Executive Committee of the Southern District Youth Cadets was set up in June 2016. With the active participation and contribution of the committee members, more district activities will be provided for the betterment of youth development. Programme plan of the Southern District Youth Development Network Project for 2018-19 is at **Annex 5**.

Celebrations of the 21st Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR and the 69th Anniversary of the Founding of People’s Republic of China

16. To celebrate the 21st anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, SDO supports local organisations to organise festive events, to share the joy with residents. The Carnival in Celebration of the 21st Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR organised by local groups was held on 30 June 2018 in Aberdeen Promenade.

17. In addition, at its tenth meeting on 10 May 2018, SDC endorsed that an allocation of \$550,000 be earmarked for organising activities in celebration of the National Day in 2018. SDO and SDC have agreed to be the supporting organisations of the Gala Evening in Celebration of the 69th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China in the Southern District organised by the Celebration of the 67th National Day in the Southern District Organising Committee.

Enquiry Service

18. Our Enquiry Centre, situated at G/F, Ocean Court, 3 Aberdeen Praya Road, Aberdeen, provides public information enquiry on government services, government forms and pamphlets, administration of oaths and declarations for personal purposes, booking services for DC members’ meet-the-public scheme and the Free Legal Advice Scheme. The service hours of our Centre are Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Oath and declaration services are available at 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

(III) Improvement of District Facilities and Beautification of Living Environment

District Minor Works

19. In 2018-19, SDC has been allocated \$14,521,000 for implementation of DMW projects. SDC is carrying out a number of DMW projects led by SDO and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), covering mainly road improvement, addition/ enhancement of facilities, as well as beautification/ greening of the environment. Over 80 of the DMW projects are being led by SDO. Details are at **Annex 6**.

Removal of Wire Fences from Certain Fenced-off Area of Government Land in the District

20. The District Development and Housing Committee under the SDC had submitted to the District Lands Office (Hong Kong West & South) (DLO) a list of proposed locations of fenced-off government land for removal of wire fences. Four of the proposed locations were accorded priority as the sites would be used for carrying out DMW projects which had been endorsed in principle by the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) under SDC. Arrangement for the removal of wire fences from the said fenced-off sites had been agreed by DFMC in January 2018. SDO coordinates with relevant departments to arrange for implementation of works as soon as possible. The current situation of the four locations was as follows:

(1) The area next to Marina South on Ap Lei Chau Drive

- DLO could readily cooperate according to the progress of the relevant DMW project to remove the wire fences to open up the land.
- Home Affairs Department (HAD)'s Works Section (WS) had been allocated funding by the DFMC in May 2018 to conduct the works in Phase I, which included installation of railings and planters and greening. For Phase II (to reform the hill slope in the site as terraced fields and provide greening), would be conducted after completion of works in Phase I and opening up of the area.
- SDO would coordinate with LCSD to arrange for planting and future horticultural maintenance work.

(2) Pok Fu Lam Village near the junction of Pok Fu Lam Road and Chi Fu Road

- The remaining parts of the unauthorised building structures had been removed. Lands Department (LandsD) had conducted the minor slope repair works according to the comments from Civil Engineering and Development

Department. DLO could readily cooperate according to the progress of the relevant DMW project to remove the wire fences.

- WS expected that after completion of clearance work at the site, funding application would be submitted to DFMC under SDC in July 2018 for the relevant DMW project.
- SDO would coordinate with LCSD to arrange for planting and future horticultural maintenance work.

(3) The ex-Harbour Mission School site in Ap Lei Chau

- The consultant of the Systematic Identification of Maintenance Responsibility of Slopes in the Territory Unit under the LandsD has completed the review and maintained the decision that Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL) is responsible for the maintenance responsibility of adjoining slope and had informed MTRCL in writing in March 2018.
- After receiving the preliminary comments on the tree report from LCSD, DLO referred them to the Land and Vegetation Contract Management Section under LandsD for follow up, in order to facilitate the handover of trees to LCSD for future maintenance. DLO could readily cooperate according to the progress of the relevant DMW project to remove the wire fences to open up the land.
- DLO requested MTRCL to add covers for the drainage at the site in May 2018. MTRCL replied and confirmed that MTRCL would not add covers for the drainage. WS planned to submit funding application for the DMW project of adding drainage covers to DFMC under SDC in July 2018.
- SDO would coordinate with LCSD to arrange for planting, future horticultural maintenance work and the handing over of the trees.

(4) The ex-works site of the MTR South Island Line near Ap Lei Chau Praya Road

- DLO would hand over the trees on the site to LCSD for future maintenance. DLO would cooperate according to the progress of the relevant DMW project to remove the wire fences to open up the land.
- LCSD had been allocated funding of \$1.05 million by the DFMC in March 2018, to provide tree maintenance, greening and horticultural maintenance work for the trees on the site. DLO handed over the trees to LCSD in April and would confirm the date of removing the wire fences in due course. It was expected that the project would be completed in the 3rd quarter in 2018.

(IV) Building Management

Improvement to Building Environment and Management

21. Out of the 2 000 private buildings in the Southern District, 947 buildings have set up 355 OCs to enable owners to manage their own property effectively. In addition, some of the buildings have set up owners' committees or MACs to handle building management matters. Building management involves a number of aspects, such as financial management, building repair and maintenance, etc. To assist owners in the discharge of their building management responsibilities, the Building Management Liaison Team of SDO is committed to providing advice and support to owners and OCs. Apart from paying regular visits to private buildings and giving assistance in forming OCs in the district, SDO also attends owners' meetings upon invitation of OCs, and gives advice to the owners in accordance with the requirements of the Building Management Ordinance. In 2018, SDO plans to pay 956 visits to “building organisations” and “three-nil buildings”, as well as to carry out 1790 liaison contacts. Furthermore, SDO will organise certificate courses and talks in October 2018 on building management to promote good practices for effective building management and to serve as a liaison platform for the participants to share their experience in building management.

Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme

22. To further enhance support for owners of old buildings, the HAD has launched the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (the Scheme) for implementation from November 2011 to March 2020 in three phases. Under the Scheme, owners of old buildings in need, especially “three-nil” buildings aged 30 years or above, are provided with a range of free professional advice and follow-up services on building management. The scope of services includes assisting owners in the formation of OCs or reactivation of operation of OCs; producing building management audit reports on common parts of a building; assisting OCs in applying for subsidies for repairs and loans and following up the repair works and tender issues; assisting OCs in the procurement of third party risks insurance; and attending OC meetings to provide professional advice and secretariat support. In 2017, SDO has assisted in forming 4 OCs. In the Southern District, 20 buildings have benefitted from the Scheme during its implementation at Phase 1, and another 20 buildings benefitted from Phase 2 of the Scheme. Phase 3 of the Scheme commenced on 1 April 2017 and will run for 3 years. Since the commencement of Phase 3, SDO has assisted in the formation of 4 OCs and the reactivation of operation of 1 OC as of early 2018. SDO will continue to coordinate and take forward the Scheme. Meanwhile, SDO will also

issue questionnaires to owners, resident organisations and Resident Liaison Ambassadors regularly in order to collect their views on the Scheme so as to facilitate further review and improvement of the Scheme.

Resident Liaison Ambassador Scheme

23. HAD launched the Resident Liaison Ambassador Scheme in November 2011 to recruit owners or tenants who live in buildings of 30 years or above and without any form of management as Resident Liaison Ambassadors. These Ambassadors assist government departments in contacting residents and engaging them in the discussion and handling of daily building management matters. Up to date, the Southern District has recruited 67 Resident Liaison Ambassadors residing in 42 old buildings. Among them, 17 Resident Liaison Ambassadors have assisted in liaison with residents leading to successful formation of an OC in their buildings. Through the on-going Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme and the conduct of regular visits, SDO will continue to recruit owners and tenants in the district to become Resident Liaison Ambassadors.

Support Services for Building Management

24. SDO provides professional support services, including the Free Legal Advice Service on Building Management, the Free Mediation Service Scheme for Building Management, Building Management Dispute Resolution Service and Pilot Scheme on Advisory Services to Owners' Corporations, to owners who have encountered difficulties in forming OC or in building management. Assistance will be offered to owners in an effort to resolve their problems and disputes on building management. In 2017-2018, SDO had provided support services for 12 owners of 8 buildings. SDO will continue to promote the support services to help owners and OCs to resolve problems on building management.

25. In addition, to foster community spirit, as well as to enhance building environment and public security, SDO maintains close contact with MACs in the District by attending meetings, assisting in re-elections, and providing support regarding the operation of MACs. To better utilize community resources, SDO also encourages MACs to organise activities using CI resources under the SDC so as to enhance the sense of belonging among residents.

(V) Promoting Tourism Development in Southern District

Southern District Tourism and Culture Festival

26. Southern District is a popular tourist attraction in Hong Kong. SDC organises a district festival under each of the DC term so as to promote the uniqueness of Southern District and foster a sense of community identity and belonging among the residents and local organisations. In previous festivals, SDC invited SDO and local organisations to co-organise or assist in its activities, which had been implemented with the joint efforts and resources of the Government and the locals. District festival of the current DC term was organized in 2017, which lasted 10 months. The Opening Ceremony of the Southern District Tourism and Culture Festival 2017 + Repulse Bay Beach Carnival and the Unveiling Ceremony of the Southern District Literary Trail Landmark “Stray Birds 31” were organised in February 2017. Guided Tour for the Southern Literary Trail cum Creative Market Fair took place from August to September 2017 and the Mid-autumn Festival Fire Dragon Dance in Pok Fu Lam Village was organized in October 2017. The district festival was concluded in November 2017 with The Closing Ceremony of 2017 Southern District Tourism and Culture Festival that took place in Ocean Park. The district festival has attracted around 60,000 participants including visitors and residents in the Southern District.

Aberdeen Dragon Boat Races

27. SDO has been supporting local dragon boat organisations to hold the Aberdeen Dragon Boat Races (the Race). The Race is a big event in the Southern District. With a history of over 100 years, the Race is believed to be the earliest dragon boat race in Hong Kong. The Race has been organised voluntarily by local groups, in particular fishermen groups who acted on their own initiative in preservation of the traditional fishermen culture. The Race is popular among local Chinese, foreign visitors and local residents alike. It attracts an audience of over 5 000 local and foreign visitors, including foreign consuls each year. In 2018, the Race was held on the 5th day of May on the Chinese lunar calendar (i.e. 18 June) at Aberdeen West Typhoon Shelter to celebrate Tuen Ng Festival.

Winter Fiesta

28. Since 2004, SDO has been organising the Winter Fiesta, which is an annual arts cum Lunar New Year fair, in collaboration with several non-governmental organisations, with a view to inspiring creativity of the local community in starting their businesses and promoting local economy. Moreover, local organisations and schools

take part in variety shows featuring talent performances. In the past two years, Winter Fiesta attracted over 200 000 locals and visitors to the Aberdeen Promenade to purchase handicrafts of original designs. SDO will continue to organise the Winter Fiesta in collaboration with the non-governmental organisations of Southern District.

(VI) Implementation of District-led Actions Scheme

29. In the 2016 Policy Address, the Chief Executive put forward a proposal to implement the District-led Actions Scheme (DAS) in all 18 districts to enable District Officers to collaborate with District Councils on the coordination of various government departments so that district aspirations can be addressed proactively according to the local situation. DAS also serves to strengthen implementation of “addressing district issues at the local level and capitalising on local opportunities”.

30. SDC and SDMC have agreed to implement projects under DAS which alleviate traffic congestion and environmental hygiene problems in the Southern District. The implemented projects are as follows:

Initiative (1): Enhancement of the overall traffic conditions in Aberdeen

- Located in the heart of the Southern District, Aberdeen attracts heavy traffic. However, its narrow roads have given rise to a number of traffic problems. In view of this, the SDC proposed to engage a traffic consultant to study the overall traffic conditions of Aberdeen under DAS, in order to fully understand the traffic problems in the area concerned, and to carry out traffic impact assessment and formulate improvement measures as appropriate. Based on the findings of the consultancy study, the SDO will coordinate inter-departmental efforts in formulating and implementing practical improvement measures.
- SDO engaged the traffic consultant in July 2017. All deliverables under the study were submitted on schedule. The traffic consultant has collected traffic data, conduct traffic impact assessment on developments and infrastructure in the adjacent areas, and suggest improvement measures to address traffic problems identified from the traffic surveys and observations. Professional advice from the Transport Department (TD) has been sought on those improvement measures. At the meetings of the Traffic and Transport Committee (T&TC) under the SDC in March and May 2018, the traffic consultant

introduced the proposed short, medium and long-term improvement measures. Subject to the traffic condition following implementation of the short-term measures, TD will consider the introduction of other measures. SDO will engage the SDC and relevant stakeholders, and collaborate with the relevant government departments in studying the improvement measures suggested by the traffic consultant and implement the recommendations as and when appropriate. The traffic consultant is preparing for the final draft of the Final Report in the light of the comments of T&TC.

Initiative (2): Strengthening action against illegal parking and pick-up/ drop-off of passengers in the Southern District

- The severe problems of illegal parking and pick-up/ drop-off of passengers in the Southern District have not only caused inconvenience to residents but also led to traffic congestion caused by obstruction to roadways and vehicular flow; thus adding pressure to the transport network of the Southern District. In view of this, SDC proposed requesting the Police to step up their enforcement operations against illegal parking and pick-up/ drop-off of passengers through flexible deployment of manpower under the DAS.
- SDO collected relevant information from the SDC Members on the problems of illegal parking and pick-up/ drop-off of passengers in July 2016 and referred them to the Police for follow-up. Currently, the Police have implemented the Selected Traffic Enforcement Priorities (STEP) which aimed to change the behaviour of non-compliant road users. Police officers and traffic wardens would take immediate law enforcement actions against illegal parking without prior verbal warning, so as to send a clear message to motorists. The Police have already designated the 25 illegal parking locations identified by the SDC Members as "traffic blackspots". Police officers and traffic wardens have been deployed to step up patrol operations according to the priorities accorded, so as to take targeted enforcement actions against unlawful practices. From April to May 2018, the Police issued 6 441 fixed penalty tickets, 5 797 of them involved illegal parking, and 80 of them were about summons for passengers not abiding the law. The Police regularly reported to the traffic committee under the SDC about the relevant figures of patrols, prosecutions and complaints. On promotion and education, the

Police displayed banners at ten locations from April to May 2018 to remind road users not to park illegally.

- The Police have endeavoured to maintain close liaison with major local institutions (including Ocean Park, schools, local organisations, etc.) and exchange information on the staging of certain upcoming activities that might give rise to illegal parking, with a view to implementing necessary traffic management measures. As for publicity and education, the Police have, in collaboration with local stakeholders, conducted publicity/ education activities for road users at a number of traffic blackspots in the Southern District. Also, a publicity film was produced for placement on major broadcast media to disseminate the message of the Police's continuous efforts in conducting vigorous law enforcement operations, with a view to changing the behaviour of those non-compliant road users committing illegal parking and pick-up/ drop-off of passengers.

Initiative (3): Stepping up efforts to address the environmental hygiene issue of Aberdeen town centre and Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter

- The undesirable hygiene condition in certain streets in the Aberdeen town centre including Old Main Street, Aberdeen, Yue Fai Road, and the lift tower leading to Shek Pai Wan Estate, has affected the quality of life of the residents. Under DAS, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) has stepped up their efforts in monitoring, cleansing and law enforcement actions. Two additional staff members have been deployed in August 2016 to step up the efforts for the cleanliness of the above locations. FEHD employed one more team of pest control staff in June 2017 with funding from DAS to step up pest control in Aberdeen.
- The problem of marine refuse at the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter has not only spoiled the environment and water quality of the typhoon shelter but also brought adverse impact on its landscape. SDO has been closely coordinating with relevant departments/ organisations, including Marine Department, FEHD, LCSD, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and Fish Marketing Organisation, to handle the problem of marine refuse.

31. On implementation, SDO will continue to coordinate the division of work among various departments via SDMC, and work closely with SDC to carry out the projects under DAS progressively. During implementation of the projects, SDO will consult the relevant Committees of SDC, such as the T&TC and the Community Affairs and Tourism Development Committee.

(VII) Implementation of Southern District Signature Project

32. As announced in the 2013 Policy Address, a one-off provision of \$100 million has been earmarked for each district to initiate projects under the SPS. DCs were responsible for initiating, determining and implementing the SPS projects, including conducting district consultation, preparing implementation plans, monitoring progress and assessing effectiveness of the projects. The projects should address local needs or highlight the characteristics of the district, and have a visible and lasting impact in the community. All the SPS projects are proposed, discussed and agreed by the relevant DCs following consultation with local residents and organisations before they are put to implementation.

33. As one of the two SPS projects endorsed by SDC for implementation in the Southern District, the “Provision of Ophthalmic Examination Services” (the Eye Examination Project) will provide one-time ophthalmic examination services for residents in the Southern District aged 50 or above free of charge. It is expected to benefit about 25 000 residents over a period of five years, and will facilitate early identification of optical abnormalities and inculcate a habit of receiving regular ophthalmic examinations. Under a fair and open selection process, SDC endorsed the proposal for engaging Department of Ophthalmology, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, HKU (HKU) as the partner organisation for the Eye Examination Project. The estimated cost for the service period of five years is \$50.1 million.

34. Besides the Eye Examination Project, SDC also proposed to undertake the “Provision of Shuttle Bus/ Rehabilitation Bus Services” (the Bus Project) over a service period of five years. Under the Bus Project, free transportation services will be provided to local residents with mobility difficulties and their caregivers to attend medical appointments at public hospitals and healthcare facilities. The Bus Project can complement existing transport services for persons with mobility difficulties. Under a fair and open selection process, SDC endorsed the proposal for engaging Hong Kong Society of Rehabilitation (HKSR) as the partner organisation for the Bus Project. The estimated cost for the service period of five years is \$49.9 million.

35. Two rounds of public consultation have been conducted by SDC for the captioned projects. The first round of public consultation was conducted from 23 May 2017 to 8 June 2017 and the second round of public consultation was conducted from 1 October 2017 to 25 October 2017. SDC endorsed the proposed Signature Projects i.e. the provision of ophthalmic examination service in collaboration with HKU, and the provision of shuttle bus/ rehabilitation bus services with HKSR at her meeting in November 2017. Both projects were approved by the Director of Home Affairs on 21 December 2017 and approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on 1 June 2018. SDO will press ahead with the delivery of the Signature Projects and assist SDC in arranging for publicity activities, preparing implementation plans, monitoring project progress and assessing project effectiveness. Both projects will be launched in 2019.

Way Forward

36. SDO will proceed with the implementation of the aforesaid tasks as planned and keep in view the development of the district. We will listen to the views of SDC, ACs, local groups and local residents, with a view to maintaining harmony and stability in the community while creating a comfortable and enjoyable living environment.

Southern District Office

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