

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Southern District Council (SDC)
(2016-2019)

Date : 14 July 2016
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : SDC Conference Room

Present:

Mr CHU Ching-hong, JP (Chairman)
Mr CHAN Fu-ming, MH (Vice-Chairman)
Mr AU Lap-sing, MH
Mr AU Nok-hin
Mr CHAI Man-hon
Ms CHAN Judy Kapui
Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying
Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH
Mr CHU Lap-wai
Mr FUNG Se-goun, Fergus
Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH
Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH
Mr LO Kin-hei
Dr MAK TSE How-ling, Ada, MH
Mr TSUI Yuen-wa
Ms YAM Pauline
Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN

Secretary:

Ms YIP Wai-see, Priscilla Senior Executive Officer (District Council),
Southern District Office, Home Affairs Department

In Attendance:

Mr CHOW Chor-tim, JP	District Officer (Southern), Home Affairs Department	
Miss TSE Nga-lap, Lilian	Assistant District Officer (Southern), Home Affairs Department	
Mr CHAN Ip-to, Tony	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Southern District Office, Home Affairs Department	
Ms LO Mun-wah, Cindy	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Southern District Office, Home Affairs Department	
Miss CHOW Suk-yee, Jessica	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Southern District Office, Home Affairs Department	
Mr LEE Kan-fat	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Southern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	
Mr Wicky CHEUNG	District Leisure Manager (Southern), Leisure and Cultural Services Department	
Mr TSE Chick-lam	Chief Manager/M (KWH), Housing Department	
Mr CHIU Hak-pui, Christopher	Chief Transport Officer/HK, Transport Department	
Ms CHAN Yee-lai	District Commander (Western), Hong Kong Police Force	
Ms CHOW Wing-yee	Police Community Relations Officer (Western District), Hong Kong Police Force	
Ms CHAN Kam-wan, Alice	Officer-in-charge (Community Building), Southern District Office, Home Affairs Department	for agenda items 5 and 7
Ms Miranda WONG	Chairlady, The Joint Committee of Southern District Youth & Community Service	} for agenda item 6
Mr LAU Ming-chu, Sunny	Liaison Officer (Tin Wan), Southern District Office, Home Affairs Department	

Mr Anka LEUNG	Senior Engineer/SIL (1), Highways Department	} for agenda item 9
Mr Johnny CHAN	Senior Engineer/Priority Railway 3, Transport Department	
Mr Jimmy POON	Construction Manager – SIL, MTR Corporation Limited	
Mr Bernard WONG	Project Coordination Manager, MTR Corporation Limited	
Mr Alex NG	Engineering Manager – Signaling MTR Corporation Limited	
Ms Samantha SIU	Public Relations Manager - Projects & Property, MTR Corporation Limited	

Opening Remarks:

The Chairman welcomed all Members and regular government representatives for joining the meeting.

2. The Chairman said that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the established arrangement, under which each Member would be allotted a maximum of two three-minute slots to speak in respect of each agenda item. He also reminded Members to speak as concise as possible. The electronic timer would beep when it reached two minutes 30 seconds and three minutes of each speaking slot respectively. The suggested duration for discussion of the agenda items had also been e-mailed to Members earlier (Reference Paper 1). The Secretary estimated that the meeting would come to a close no sooner than 7:00 p.m., and if Members wished to leave earlier, they should inform the secretariat staff as early as possible.

Part I – Items Discussed

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of the draft minutes of the 4th SDC meeting held on 19 May 2016 [2:36 p.m. – 2:37 p.m.]

3. The Chairman said that prior to the meeting, the draft minutes of the 4th SDC meeting had been circulated to Members for comments. The Secretariat had not received any amendment proposals so far.
4. The Chairman invited Members to endorse the minutes of the 4th SDC meeting.
5. SDC confirmed the minutes of the 4th meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Matters Arising (SDC Paper No. 59/2016) [2:37 p.m.]

6. The Chairman invited Members to note the contents of the paper.
7. Members noted the contents of the paper.

Agenda Item 3: Installaion of Air-conditioning System in Aberdeen Market (SDC Paper No. 60/2016) [2:37 p.m. – 3:53 p.m.]

8. The Chairman said that this agenda item was raised by Mr CHAI Man-hon and Ms YAM Pauline. The reply from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) was given at Annex 2 to the SDC paper while the reply from the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) was incorporated in FEHD's reply.
9. The Chairman invited Mr CHAI Man-hon and Ms YAM Pauline to briefly introduce the agenda item.

10. Ms YAM Pauline said that she had searched the internet and called the relevant departments including FEHD and ArchSD to obtain information about the procedures of installing air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market. After enquiring FEHD for several times, FEHD replied that there were no established procedures. But she knew that in general a consensus had to be reached with over 80% of the tenants (the threshold had been 85% previously and lowered to 80% last year). FEHD would then conduct a preliminary feasibility study which would take such factors as the building structure and electricity supply into consideration. The issue would then be referred to ArchSD for follow-up and it would subsequently be decided whether to engage a contractor to conduct a feasibility study. She said that a consensus on the installation of air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market had finally been reached with over 80% of the tenants. But she knew nothing about the progress of the above-mentioned preliminary work. At the last meeting of Aberdeen Market Management Consultative Committee (MMCC), she had enquired about the issue, but the FEHD representatives replied that they had no idea. She requested the FEHD representative to confirm whether there were any mistakes and omissions in the above-mentioned procedures and give an account of the entire process and timetable for the installation of air-conditioning system.

11. Mr CHAI Man-hon thanked the tenants of Aberdeen Market for supporting the installation of air-conditioning system in the Market and thanked Ms YAM Pauline for the work she previously did for this issue, including soliciting the tenants' support. He said that since the installation of air-conditioning system in the Market was a time-consuming task, he hoped that the relevant procedures could commence as early as possible. He added that as it had got more and more humid and hot, it was very stuffy in the Market, where the floor and walls were wet and slippery. He thus requested FEHD to give an account of the timetable and the commencement date of the study as soon as possible to facilitate further discussion by the tenants because some tenants might have to suspend operation and move elsewhere. He opined that obtaining more information was beneficial to the public and the tenants. He hoped that Members could grasp the opportunity to air their views.

12. The Chairman invited the FEHD representative to respond.

13. Mr LEE Kan-fat responded that the opinion survey to gauge the tenants' views on the installation of air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market was completed in December 2015. The tenant support was just over 80%. The tenants also promised to share the electricity charges and the future expenses on routine repair

and maintenance of the air-conditioning system. As the tenant support had passed the 80% threshold, the preliminary feasibility study had been commenced. FEHD had also invited ArchSD to follow up. ArchSD had made a preliminary examination of the situation, requested the as-built drawing of Aberdeen Market for inspection and conducted a site inspection early this year. After studying the relevant information, FEHD would arrange to apply for resources to conduct the technical feasibility study. Regarding the time for completing the technical feasibility study, he said that ArchSD could not estimate the completion time for the time being. But FEHD would continue to follow up with ArchSD and would report the progress to Members and tenant representatives attending the MMCC meetings. As to the time for securing funds for the installation of air-conditioning system, he said that the decision on whether to apply for funds must await the findings of the technical feasibility study. If the findings were positive, FEHD would carry out the follow-up work, including applying for funds.

14. The Chairman invited Members to raise comments or enquiries.

15. Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying said that the Government had in early years planned to install air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market and the issue had been under discussion for years. Having participated in the discussion in early years, she estimated that the findings of the feasibility study should be positive. The tenants at that time also agreed to pay the electricity charges. But the plan finally failed when the tenants did not agree to pay the expenses on renovation works. She said that hot temperature would give rise to rancid food and bacteria growth and affect public health. Therefore it was essential to ensure successful implementation of the installation plan. She urged FEHD to review the past information for appropriate follow-up actions.

16. Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH said that she was a member of Aberdeen MMCC. At the MMCC meeting held in June, she learned that the Government had lowered the threshold of tenant support in December 2015 and the tenants welcomed this arrangement. As mentioned by the FEHD representative just now, FEHD had requested ArchSD to conduct the feasibility study. The participating tenants and Members were all gravely concerned about the timetable of the study. But FEHD was unable to provide the required information. The purpose of this meeting was not to hold any government department to account. Yet it had been half a year from December 2015 to June 2016 and everybody hoped to know the progress. She suggested writing to ArchSD to express the hope of obtaining the timetable and

knowing the time for completing the feasibility study as well as whether there was any alternative option in case the feasibility study yielded negative findings. In response to FEHD representative's promise that they would report the progress to the attending Members and tenant representatives at the MMCC meetings once they had further information, she hoped that all departments concerned should notify the tenants directly once there was any latest news. She also pointed out that the outdoor temperature was currently 35°C whereas the indoor temperature inside the Market was even higher than 40°C. She thus hoped that SDC could help materialise the plan of installing air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market.

17. Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH opined that the installation of air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market would be beneficial to both the residents and tenants. Conceivably, this issue was not controversial. The request that ArchSD submit the progress timetable was also reasonable. But he thought that even though it was a good initiative, there were still a number of aspects that one should pay attention to. He cited the following example for reference. For the construction of South Island Line (East) (SIL(E)), it was essential to construct a plant building at South Horizons Station. While the construction of the MTR line was a good initiative and it was also certainly essential to construct a plant building, many difficulties arose, including determination of the locations of the ventilation equipment and air outlets which were numerous and large. As the original design of Aberdeen Market did not take into consideration the future possibility of installing air-conditioning system, it was an unresolved question whether there was sufficient space and a suitable location in the existing building design to accommodate the air-conditioning system. Moreover, since there were a large number of buildings located in a high-density area in Aberdeen, new problems would surely arise if the air outlets were to face the residents of Aberdeen Centre. He hoped that the discussion should not only focus on whether to implement the plan, but should also take into account how to implement as well as the problems that would arise.

18. Mr CHAN Fu-ming, MH remarked that at a meeting of a consultative committee of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department more than a decade before, he had already pointed out that the operating environment of Aberdeen Market was rather poor and might be replaced by large supermarkets. It was thus beyond doubt that installing air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market could strengthen the competitiveness of the tenants and also provide a more comfortable environment for the customers. But in terms of design and study, just as Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH said, Aberdeen Market was rather dilapidated. Whether some of the

stalls had to be resumed for accommodating machines during the installation process and whether redevelopment of the Market had to be considered were still unresolved questions. Moreover, Aberdeen Market was adjacent to Aberdeen Centre Sites 1 and 4 (Mr CHAN Fu-man, MH declared that he lived in Aberdeen Centre Site 4) and opposite Port Centre and Jumbo Building. Around the Market were all residential buildings. Currently many ventilation ducts were already installed on the passageway behind the Market. Therefore, apart from studying the feasibility of installing air-conditioning system, the questions of whether to resume some of the stalls and how to rehouse the tenants should also be considered. The residents in the vicinity and their organisations should also know the ventilation arrangement and whether they would be affected. He pointed out that the air outlet of a fitness centre had recently given rise to a lot of complaints.

19. Ms YAM Pauline said that from the response given by the FEHD representative just now, she could not determine whether this issue was being followed up by FEHD or ArchSD. Prior to the meeting, she had called Mr SING Keung-biu, Senior Property Services Officer/Southern-West/1 of ArchSD and Mr NG San-keung, Chief Health Inspector 2 of Southern District Environmental Hygiene Office under FEHD. To her understanding, ArchSD had not taken over this issue. She said that even a District Councillor like her could not obtain a definite answer after making a number of phone calls, let alone the tenants. The tenants had to work a long time under high temperature and poor conditions in the Market, where the food might go rotten. She queried since the threshold of 80% of tenant support was passed in September 2015, what practical work had been done by the relevant departments within this half-year period and whether they had seriously follow up this issue. She said she had written to FEHD and requested the FEHD representative to give an account of the process as mentioned by him just now in the form of a written reply. She said that although the Government had not made the whole process public, air-conditioning systems had already been installed in more than 20 markets. She urged FEHD to provide the average time of installing air-conditioning systems for reference. She also hoped to know the current progress of the plan and whether the issue had been passed to ArchSD to decide whether to engage a contractor or was still being handled by FEHD. She pointed out that unlike other districts, Aberdeen was like a marketplace with especially high pedestrian flow and utilisation rate of facilities. She called on other Members to continue lending great support and assistance to the plan or else it would be hard to proceed with the work. Concerning the impacts on the residential buildings in the vicinity, SDC Members should be engaged to participate more when FEHD and ArchSD conducted the preliminary studies so that

they could have a better understanding of the problems. This could avoid wasting time on disputes that might result in shelving of the plan.

20. Ms CHAN Judy Kapui said that the temperature in summer was getting higher and higher. Last week it was even as high as 38°C, which had affected the freshness of the meat sold in the Market. She could visualise the suffering of the tenants and customers in the Market. It was thus necessary to study the feasibility of installing air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market. She remarked that in addition to the example of plant building mentioned by Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH, the issue of exhaust plant at South Horizons Bus Terminus was also worth making reference to. She pointed out that the ventilation of the Bus Terminus used to be very poor. Later residents waiting for buses there requested the installation of exhaust plant. Originally a good initiative, it encountered considerable objection. Residents living opposite the Bus Terminus said that the exhaust air would be ejected towards their flats. In this connection, in addition to providing a timetable as soon as possible, she also urged ArchSD to prepare a comprehensive feasibility study report which should take into account the indoor and ambient environments lest a good initiative should turn out to be bad.

21. Dr MAK TSE How-ling, MH said that the issue of installing air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market had existed for a very long time. In the past, FEHD had delayed the plan on the excuse that there was not enough support from the tenants. Even though over 80% of the tenants had now given consent, FEHD still had not started to implement the plan. She opined that FEHD had not urged ArchSD to conduct the feasibility study and it was not known whether FEHD and ArchSD had communicated with each other and what work they had done. She queried why FEHD had not closely communicated with ArchSD in order to commence the feasibility study as soon as possible after securing enough support from the tenants early this year. As long as the study did not commence, the installation works would continue to be delayed. She thus strongly requested FEHD to urge ArchSD to conduct the feasibility study as soon as possible. Regardless of the findings, a detailed report should be submitted to SDC as soon as possible. She pointed out that there was space in Aberdeen Market to accommodate the necessary equipment and the residents had been longing for the air-conditioning system for years. While she understood that the ambient environment had to be taken account of, she urged FEHD to take care of this issue seriously and hoped that it could give a transparent reply.

22. Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH said that although enough support from the tenants had been secured in December last year, the department concerned had not proceeded with the issue. On the assumption that ArchSD considered it feasible to install air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market upon completion of the study, it still took some time for FEHD to apply for funds to engage a consultant to conduct the preliminary technical feasibility study. If the plan was not taken seriously, the installation of air-conditioning system would be further delayed. She suggested that while studying the issue and applying for funds, FEHD should seriously consider the views from various parties and consider the issue from various angles, including such questions as how many stalls in the market had to be moved permanently, what impacts there would be on the stall holders and whether Mr CHAN Fu-ming, MH's suggestion, i.e. redevelopment of the Market, should be considered if the impacts were too great. In view of the example mentioned by Ms CHAN Judy Kapui just now, she said that FEHD should seriously study the impacts of the air outlets on the residents in the vicinity and the corresponding solution. She urged the departments concerned to report the progress of installation of air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market at the meetings of Aberdeen MMCC and SDC.

23. Mr AU Lap-sing, MH concurred with Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH's suggestion that SDC should write to ArchSD pressing for early commencement of the feasibility study. He remarked that even if the study yielded negative findings, it was hoped that ArchSD could provide some constructive options for the reference of SDC.

24. Mr CHU Lap-wai said that after visiting Aberdeen Market two weeks before to liaise with the tenants, he appreciated the pressing need for installing air-conditioning system. He opined that Members' spurring on FEHD was due to their earnest hope that the task could be accomplished as soon as possible. He opined that securing the support of over 80% of tenants was hard to come by. If ArchSD was handling this issue, SDC should press for a clear account of the timetable and should not wait endlessly. He said that while waiting for the results of ArchSD, FEHD should commence work simultaneously, such as considering the installation method of the air-conditioning system, the impacts of the air outlets on the residents, etc., and consult the residents' views on this issue to allow for enough time for the residents to discuss and understand the issue. He said that FEHD could propose some short-term measures to tackle the problem of excessive heat inside Aberdeen Market, such as upgrading the exhaust plant and installing air-conditioners in toilets.

25. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN remarked that installing air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market for enhancing the environmental quality involved a lot of efforts as well as installation works such as alteration of doors and windows. Apart from these, he enquired whether other refurbishment works, such as refurbishment of toilets, would be involved. Moreover, he enquired whether there were currently two options for enhancing the environmental quality of Aberdeen Market, i.e. refurbishment or redevelopment of the Market. If the option of refurbishment was chosen, he enquired about the areas to be involved and the time needed for conducting studies and applying for funds. He also enquired how many markets were being planned to undergo similar improvement works and how the works were prioritised.

26. Mr CHAI Man-hon pointed out that many enquiries had been raised repeatedly by Members and hoped that the Chairman would let the FEHD representative to respond to some of the enquiries first. In addition, he enquired whether FEHD was not able to apply for funds for this year, i.e. 2016-2017, on time and had to apply for funds to conduct the feasibility study in 2017-2018. If so, then consideration should be given to discussing other issues first, such as improving the ventilation of the Market. He added that in 2001 the department concerned had conducted a study on installing air-conditioning systems in 19 markets including Aberdeen Market. The rough timetable at that time was as follows: a plan was to be drawn up between January and February 2002 and a consultation was to be conducted between March and May 2002. If the tenant support passed the required threshold during the consultation period, it was expected that the works could commence in 2003. The installation works would take two years' time to be completed in 2005. The whole process would thus last for about three years. Probably due to inadequate preparation for the consultation exercise, a lot of misunderstandings arose. Some controversies still remained. By reference to the above-mentioned timetable and in view of the current status, it was anticipated that the consultation at the earlier stage would take a longer time while the time required for the work at the later stage would be much the same. He urged FEHD to reply whether they were not able to secure funds in this year and whether the installation of air-conditioning system could be completed within three years.

27. The Chairman invited the FEHD representative to respond.

28. Mr LEE Kan-fat gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) Concerning a point made earlier on, he clarified that positive findings of the feasibility study meant that it was technically feasible to install air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market. As to the timetable for the feasibility study, ArchSD was currently not able to make a practical estimation. In case any latest news was available, apart from making a report at the MMCC meetings, FEHD would also notify the tenants by way of notices;
- (ii) Regarding the enquiry about which department was following up the issue, ArchSD had in fact commenced preliminary work for the technical feasibility study, requested the as-built drawing of Aberdeen Market for inspection early this year and conducted a site inspection in March. Since ArchSD provided advisory service on construction works relating to government buildings, FEHD would urge ArchSD to conduct the feasibility study. If the technical feasibility study yielded positive findings, FEHD would apply to the Government for funds; if the study yielded negative findings, FEHD would explore other feasible options based on the content of the report;
- (iii) At this moment he did not have information as to whether there was any market without air-conditioning system changing to one with air-conditioning system and so no example could be provided as a reference for determining when funding application could be successful. But FEHD had lodged an application according to the established procedures and hoped that the resources could be secured in 2016-2017;
- (iv) The consultant would incorporate a study on the public's concern over the ventilation system into the feasibility study;
- (v) For the time being, FEHD had no plan to redevelop the Market. Only upon completion of the feasibility study would the details be available and the plan be finalised; and
- (vi) Since the installation of air-conditioning system could not be accomplished within a short period, FEHD had deliberated with the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) on short-term improvement, such as installation of air coolers and was awaiting EMSD's study.

29. Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying believed that a study should have been conducted in early years showing that installation of air-conditioning system was feasible in terms of hardware. Yet a minority of tenants was not willing to pay the related expenses. If it was now found that it was infeasible to install the air-conditioning system owing to some hardware limitations, such as problems relating

to pipes, then FEHD should engage technical staff to solve the problems as early as possible. In case the installation of air-conditioning system led to other problems such as adversely affecting the residents in the vicinity, it was possible to find ways to improve and resolve the problems. She thus suggested that SDC write to the departments concerned urging them to expedite the process of installing air-conditioning system.

30. Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH requested FEHD to clarify whether they would engage a consultant to design and carry out works relating to the exhaust plant upon completion of the feasibility study. In terms of funding, she remarked that the situation of Tai Wai Market was comparable to that of Aberdeen Market in that installation works were being carried out and was going to take a long time. She agreed that SDC should write to ArchSD urging them to expedite the progress of the feasibility study.

31. Ms YAM Pauline said that according to the response of the FEHD representative, it seemed that it was now ArchSD's turn to take forward the issue, which was different from the information that she obtained previously. Where necessary, she would contact the various departments in writing. Moreover, she urged FEHD to provide the procedures of installing air-conditioning system and the timetables of similar projects for reference. She said that she had participated in a survey to gauge the views of the tenants of Aberdeen Market, but had not been informed of the findings, i.e. the tenant support had exceeded 80%. Neither was she informed of the news that FEHD had deliberated with EMSD on installing cooling devices and FEHD was preparing for fund application as mentioned by the FEHD representative just now. Being a District Councillor of the constituency concerned, she hoped to be informed of the relevant news in future.

32. Dr MAK TSE How-ling, MH said that she was pleased to learn that the preliminary study was underway, but was disappointed to find that no remarkable progress had been made in the four months since March. Those who requested installation of air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market had voiced various views. But FEHD had not given any response or conduct any studies on receiving these views. She suggested that prior to installing the air-conditioning system, FEHD could consider other short-term measures, such as installation of additional ventilation systems at places that were especially hot inside the Market to lower the temperature thereat. She remarked that the high customer flow and poor ventilation system in the

Market had given rise to the problem of unpleasant odour. She urged FEHD to expedite the work progress for an early solution of the problems.

33. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa remarked that according to the response of the FEHD representative, there were only two options upon completion of the preliminary study: either the air-conditioning system was to be installed or not to be installed. If it was decided that the air-conditioning system was not to be installed, FEHD should then consider other improvement measures. If it was decided that the air-conditioning system was to be installed, the whole Market might have to be closed for a period ranging from 9 months to one year, and some stalls might have to be permanently closed for the construction of the plant room or other equipment. He pointed out that currently 80% of the tenants were willing to co-operate. In case the study findings showed that it was feasible to install the air-conditioning system but then some tenants withdrew their support due to the problems mentioned above, the progress of the plan would be adversely affected. He thus suggested that FEHD should conduct another survey to secure the consensus of a sufficient number of tenants before implementing the installation plan. He enquired whether FEHD could provide any objective criteria which must be satisfied before the installation plan would be implemented, such as the percentage of tenants finally giving their consensus.

34. Mr CHAI Man-hon hoped that the findings of the feasibility study could be made available within this year. He was worried that if FEHD adopted the previous practice when conducting consultation, it was expected that the same mistakes as in 2002 would be made again. Owing to improper procedures in the consultation in 2002, some tenants held very negative views on the closure period. The discussion with FEHD on certain details was also far from satisfactory. He thus hoped that FEHD could learn from the experience and should not take the consultation too lightly. He suggested that FEHD conduct the consultation in collaboration with SDC with a view to increasing the chance of reaching agreement with the tenants and residents and avoiding the occurrence of extra complications.

35. The Chairman invited the FEHD representative to respond.

36. Mr LEE Kan-fat gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) The work for the preliminary feasibility study had commenced. It was planned to engage a consultant to conduct the study. FEHD would urge ArchSD to follow up the feasibility study as soon as possible. He

- clarified that the technical feasibility study for the installation of air-conditioning system in Tai Wai Market had not yet been completed;
- (ii) FEHD would usually report news about the market to Members and tenants at MMCC meetings. In response to Ms YAM Pauline's request for past relevant details in writing, FEHD would submit the information to Ms YAM Pauline after looking up the minutes of previous meetings;
 - (iii) The reason for the slow progress of the feasibility study was that the study on installation of air-conditioning system was rather complicated given the old age of Aberdeen Market;
 - (iv) FEHD and EMSD would study ways to achieve short-term improvement of the ventilation system, including a study on electricity consumption, and select suitable locations for installing air coolers; and
 - (v) FEHD agreed that if the technical feasibility study yielded positive findings, there was arduous follow-up work to do, because it might involve relocating or closing stalls, etc. But FEHD would not commence installation works before discussing and reaching consensus with the tenants at MMCC meetings and would solicit assistance from SDC where necessary. It was believed that in this way the best effects could be achieved by putting in less effort.

37. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa enquired whether FEHD had a clear criterion for defining "consensus" upon completion of the feasibility study. He opined that the definition of consensus was very vague and was determined by the Government. He pointed out that even a difference between 60% and 80% was large. If the tenants were to bear the charges of air-conditioning and repair and maintenance while the Government was to bear the construction cost, the Government could avoid paying the huge construction cost on the pretext that a consensus had not been reached. He thus urged the FEHD representative to provide clear information about the criterion of consensus.

38. The Chairman invited the FEHD representative to respond.

39. Mr LEE Kan-fat responded that even if the feasibility study yielded positive findings, FEHD still had to consider a number of factors, such as the project scope, technical studies, design and consultation of the stakeholders, etc. Since there was currently no information about any precedent of installing air-conditioning system in an existing FEHD market, he could not provide the criterion of consensus. But FEHD hoped to co-ordinate and deliberate with the various stakeholders at the

meetings of Aberdeen MMCC wherever possible to ensure smooth commencement of the project.

40. Ms YAM Pauline remarked that Members were gravely concerned about this issue because no information or clear reply had been provided at the last MMCC meeting. In the short term, she urged FEHD to actively follow up the issues of upgrading the ventilation system and enhancing other facilities in Aberdeen Market.

41. In concluding, the Chairman said that all Members agreed that it was necessary to install air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market as soon as possible. Some Members were worried about the impacts of the air outlet of the air-conditioning system on the residents in the vicinity. It was thus necessary to thoroughly consult the views of the residents in the vicinity. Some Members were worried that some stalls had to be closed temporarily or rehoused permanently and the tenants had to bear expensive air-conditioning charges in future and hoped that FEHD could reach a consensus with the stakeholders. SDC urged FEHD to complete the preliminary feasibility study as soon as possible, report to MMCC and SDC and consult the residents in the vicinity. After the meeting, SDC would write to ArchSD urging them to expedite the progress of feasibility study.

42. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN pointed out that SDC should write to the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) if it wished to ensure early completion of the feasibility study, because the policy bureau responsible for policies relating to this agenda item was FHB rather than ArchSD. He added that FHB had conducted a study on ways to improve the operating environment of public markets and released the report in 2015. It could be seen that the Government was proactively considering how to improve the operating environment of public markets. SDC could mention this study in its letter.

43. Mr CHAI Man-hon urged FEHD to give an account of the short-term improvement measures, such as the number of cooling devices to be installed.

44. In his final concluding note, the Chairman urged FEHD to upgrade the ventilation system in Aberdeen Market as much as possible in the short term, such as installing cooling devices or air-conditioners in toilets, and deliberate with MMCC. After the meeting, SDC would write to ArchSD and FHB urging them to expedite the progress of the feasibility study.

(Post-meeting note: SDC issued letters to ArchSD and FHB on 26 August 2016. For details, please refer to **Annex 1** and **Annex 2**.)

Agenda Item 4: Organisation of Southern District Festival
(SDC Paper No. 61/2016)
[3:53 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.]

45. The Chairman said that every term of SDC would assist in organising a district festival, in a bid to promote the features of the Southern District and enhance the identity and sense of belonging of the local residents and organisations to the community. The last term of SDC had assisted in organising the Southern District Tourism and Culture Festival in 2013. The “2013 Southern District Tourism and Culture Festival Organising Committee” (OC), comprising SDC Members, local personalities and representatives of local organisations, had been set up to organise 20 distinctive projects with a grant exceeding \$4 million from SDC funds for the implementation of community involvement (CI) projects for 2012-13 and 2013-14 as well as the funds raised by the OC, with a view to promoting the tourism resources and traditional culture of the Southern District to the Mainland and overseas visitors as well as the residents in Hong Kong. Well-received by tourists and local residents both in and outside the Southern District, these projects had helped boost the local community economy, and at the same time, enable the public to understand the unique traditional culture and arts of the district.

46. The Chairman continued that the upcoming Southern District Festival was planned for launch in 2017. In the light of the fact that tourism development had been playing an important role in shaping the Southern District which was characterised by its all-embracing arts forms and century-old traditions, it was proposed that the “Tourism and Culture Festival” should continue to be adopted as the main theme. With reference to the experience in implementing the previous district festivals, it was now proposed that SDC and the Southern District Office (SDO) would be tasked to invite local organisations to co-organise the 2017 Southern District Festival, and the SDC funds for 2016-17 and 2017-18 be utilised to finance the various projects under the district festival.

47. The Chairman asked the Secretary to brief Members on the proposed financial arrangements.

48. The Secretary said that according to the Home Affairs Department’s allocation for the implementation of CI projects in 2016-17 and the fund allocation

approved by SDC, it was proposed that an allocation of \$550,000 (i.e. the provisions of \$200,000 and \$350,000 originally reserved for “Promotion of ‘Southern District Literary Trail’ and “Public Arts Project for the Promotion of ‘Southern District Literary Trail’ respectively) be set aside in 2016-17 and around \$1.5 million be earmarked for the Southern District Festival in 2017-18. The actual amount of the allocation would depend on details of the programme plan and the related estimated expenditure, pending further discussion and consideration at the future SDC meetings.

49. The Chairman said that subject to Members’ approval of the above arrangements, SDO would issue letters to invite SDC Members, local personalities and representatives of organisations to form an independent OC for organising projects. The OC might accept sponsorships. The Chairperson and other principal officers of the OC would be elected amongst its members at the first meeting. Afterwards, the OC might proceed to prepare programme details and budget estimates, as well as raising funds. The OC might also invite representatives of local organisations and local personalities to join its working groups on a needed basis.

50. The Chairman asked Members to raise their comments or enquiries.

51. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN said that the district festival should be named as “Southern District Festival” instead of “Tourism and Culture Festival”. He held a different view on the adoption of “tourism and culture” as the main theme of the 2017 Southern District Festival, and considered that if possible, the district festival might adopt the theme of “sea, land, air” and the related projects be organised accordingly (e.g. kite-flying, sailing, dragon boat racing, hiking and fishermen-related activities). He believed that as compared with those projects carrying the theme of “tourism and culture”, such projects would be more appealing to the public.

52. Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying said that despite that the organisation of the district festival required the commitment of considerable resources, its successful implementation would help further promote the Southern District as well as Hong Kong. Hence, she strongly supported the organisation of the district festival.

53. Ms YAM Pauline said that the bays were a unique feature of the Southern District. Hence, she suggested that apart from adopting the theme of “tourism and culture” for the 2017 Southern District Festival, consideration might be made to the adoption of the “bays” as the main theme, in a bid to increase public awareness of the conservation of bays.

54. Mr CHAN Fu-ming, MH said that it seemed rather vague to name the district festival as “Southern District Festival”. As a matter of fact, the above Member’s view bore relevance to “tourism and culture”. In this regard, he suggested that “tourism and culture” should still be adopted as the main theme of the 2017 Southern District Festival.

55. The Chairman shared Mr CHAN Fu-ming, MH’s view that the above Member’s view actually bore relevance to “tourism and culture”. Later on, he would suggest the OC to consider incorporating relevant elements in devising the projects under the Southern District Festival. The Chairman asked Members whether they supported the following proposals:

- (i) the upcoming Southern District Festival was scheduled for launch in 2017, and the theme of “Tourism and Culture Festival” would continue to be adopted;
- (ii) SDC and SDO would be tasked to invite local organisations to jointly organise the 2017 Southern District Festival;
- (iii) the SDC funds for 2016-17 and 2017-18 would be utilised to sponsor various projects under the district festival. Details of the fund allocation were given in paragraph 6 of SDC Paper No. 61/2016; and
- (iv) the proposed arrangement as given in paragraph 7 of SDC Paper No. 61/2016.

56. Regarding the proposal on the invitation of local organisations for joint presentation of the 2017 Southern District Festival as set out in the paper, Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN considered that other than those local organisations, there were quite a number of organisations or persons in Hong Kong possessing experience in organising projects, and suggested that consideration might be given to the organisation of the projects under the Southern District Festival in collaboration with such organisations/persons, and it was not necessary to confine the joint presentation of projects to local organisations.

57. The Chairman responded that the “local organisations” as stated in the paper referred to an independent “OC” formed by SDC Members, local personalities and representatives of organisations. The OC would undertake the coordination and organisation of projects under the Southern District Festival, as well as the raising of funds.

58. Mr CHAI Man-hon wished to enhance the diversity of the projects under the Southern District Festival and that relatively innovative projects should be organised. For instance, having regard to the improved traffic condition in the Southern District in connection with the commissioning of the SIL(E), the special features of the Southern District could be highlighted with the incorporation of relevant elements in the publicity campaign, thus enhancing the publicity effect.

59. Ms YAM Pauline asked whether the theme of “tourism and culture” had been adopted in the previous Southern District Festivals. She reiterated that the bays were the unique feature of the Southern District, and proposed that consideration should be made to the adoption of the “bays” as the main theme of the 2017 Southern District Festival.

60. The Chairman responded that the theme of “tourism and culture” had been adopted in both Southern District Festivals in the past. With the inclusion of the bays element, the projects implemented were well-received.

61. In closing, the Chairman concluded that as Members had no further comments, SDC endorsed the proposals as set out in paragraphs 4 to 7 of SDC Paper No. 61/2016. The above Members’ views would also be relayed to the OC for consideration in due course.

(Ms CHAN Kam-wan joined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.)

Agenda Item 5: Application for SDC Fund: Festive Lightings for 2016-17
(SDC Paper No. 62/2016)
[4:10 p.m. – 4:24 p.m.]

62. The Chairman welcomed Ms CHAN Kam-wan, Officer-in-charge (Community Building) of SDO, to the meeting.

63. The Chairman said that every year, SDC would put up lighting decorations in the Southern District during the period between Christmas and Lunar New Year for the enjoyment of local residents. At its 4th meeting on 19 May 2016, SDC endorsed that an allocation of \$800,000 be earmarked for the installation of festive lighting decorations in 2016-17.

64. The Chairman asked Ms CHAN Kam-wan to brief Members on the proposed formats and locations for installing festive lighting decorations in 2016-17.

65. Ms CHAN Kam-wan said that as in previous years, lighting decorations and festive Chinese flower plaques would be installed in the district during the period between Christmas and Lunar New Year (i.e. from December 2016 to February 2017). The proposed locations included the Aberdeen Promenade, Ap Lei Chau, the flower bed outside the Chinese Cuisine Training Institute at Pok Fu Lam, the front of SDC landmark at the junction of Wong Chuk Hang Road and Ocean Park Road as well as Stanley. The grant would be utilised to cover the expenses incurred with respect to the design, installation, dismantling, electricity supply, routine maintenance and inspection, as well as taking out insurance for the lighting decorations and festive Chinese flower plaques. Subject to Members' approval of the funding application concerned, SDO would issue letters to invite Members to join the preparatory meetings and raise opinion in respect of the activities in the meetings.

66. The Chairman asked whether the locations for putting up festive lighting decorations were the same as those of 2015-16.

67. Ms CHAN Kam-wan responded that the proposed locations for putting up festive lighting decorations in 2016-17 were the same as those of previous years.

68. The Chairman asked Members to raise their comments or enquiries.

69. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN said that given that SIL(E) would be commissioned shortly, it was suggested that consideration might be given to the introduction of festive lighting decorations at selected locations along the railway line of SIL(E).

70. Mr CHAI Man-hon supported Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN's proposal, and suggested that SDC might engage in liaison with MTR Corporation Limited (MTRC) on the installation of festive lighting decorations at suitable locations along the railway line of SIL(E) and the sponsorship of part of the cost. Besides, he said that the previous installation formats of festive lighting decorations were rather desirable, but still had room for improvement. For instance, residents had reflected that in the past, the lighting decoctions on the trees in front of the information pavilion in the Aberdeen Promenade during Christmas had made a romantic impression; nevertheless, people

got strange feelings about these trees being converted into money-spinning trees during Lunar New Year. He suggested that the related details would be deliberated in the preparatory meetings to be held later on.

71. Mr AU Nok-hin said that the installation format of festive lighting decorations in 2015-16 still had room for improvement. For instance, the festive lighting decorations installed above the information kiosk at the Aberdeen Promenade were not able to cover the entire rooftop. He said that owing to resources constraint, it was proposed that the installation of festive lighting decorations on the rooftop of the information kiosk was not required in 2016-17.

72. Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying said that the festive lighting decorations for 2015-16 were visually appealing and warmly received by members of the public and tourists. She thanked the staff for their strenuous efforts. However, she suggested that this year's lighting decorations should be switched on as early as practicable and throughout the whole period from Christmas to Lunar New Year as well, in a bid to enhance the festive atmosphere.

73. Mr FUNG Se-goun pledged his support for the funding application with respect to this project, and agreed with Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN's proposal. Besides, he suggested illuminating the Southern District with an array of multi-discipline installations projected across the district's iconic landmarks with reference to the "Lumieres Hong Kong" event to be launched at the end of 2016 in Central.

74. Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH pledged her support for the funding application with respect to this project, and wished that more funding be reserved for this purpose in 2017. Besides, she pointed out that in 2015, quite many people had travelled to the Southern District to specifically appreciate the festive lighting decorations at the Aberdeen Promenade, and the Chinese festive flower plaques were well-received too. She thanked the SDO staff for their strenuous efforts.

75. Dr MAK TSE How-ling, MH pledged her support for the funding application with respect to this project, and suggested increasing the quantity of peach flower tree lights at the Aberdeen Promenade.

76. Mr LO Kin-hei said that regarding the above Members' proposals, owing to resources constraint, Members were obliged to utilise public money prudently in order to achieve the best results. He supported the funding application with respect to

this project, and suggested that sponsorship of part of the electricity fee be sought from Hongkong Electric Company Limited. The money saved on the electricity bill might be used for the implementation of some abovementioned proposals raised by Members.

77. Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying said that with the commissioning of SIL(E) shortly, she expected that the festive lighting decorations for 2016-17 would be different from those of previous years.

78. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN said that if additional funding would not be made available in 2016-17, the installation of festive lighting decorations should focus on the waterfronts; if additional funding was available, more locations should be designated for installing festive lighting decorations. He considered that festive lighting decorations should continue to be installed at the Aberdeen Promenade, and consideration should be made on the measures to be taken to enhance such lighting decorations in order to boost their attractiveness.

79. The Chairman responded that the funding reserved for this project was \$800,000 only.

80. The Chairman asked Ms CHAN Kam-wan to respond.

81. Ms CHAN Kam-wan thanked Members for their valuable views. Accordingly, SDO would follow up on the above views in the preparatory meetings to be held shortly.

82. The Chairman thanked Ms CHAN Kam-wan for joining the discussion of this agenda item.

(Ms CHAN Kam-wan withdrew from the meeting at 4:22 p.m.)

83. The Chairman asked Members whether approval would be given to the funding application with respect to this project as well as the proposals provided in paragraph 3 of SDC Paper No. 62/2016.

84. In closing, the Chairman concluded that SDC endorsed the allocation of \$800,000 for putting up lighting decorations in the district during the period between December 2016 and February 2017 and supported the proposals as set out in paragraph 3 of SDC Paper No. 62/2016.

(Ms Miranda WONG and Mr LAU Ming-chu joined the meeting at 4:24 p.m.)

Agenda Item 6: Application for SDC Fund: Winter Fiesta 2017
(SDC Paper No. 63/2016)
[4:24 p.m. – 4:28 p.m.]

85. The Chairman asked Members whether there was a need to declare their interests in this project; if yes, they should raise their hands and complete the “Declaration of Interests for Project Financed by SDC Funds”. There were no declarations of interests made by Members.

86. The Chairman welcomed Ms Miranda WONG, Chairlady of The Joint Committee of Southern District Youth & Community Service, and Mr LAU Ming-chu, Liaison Officer (Tin Wan) of SDO, to the meeting.

87. The Chairman said that at its 4th meeting on 19 May 2016, SDC endorsed that an allocation of \$250,000 be earmarked for organising the “Winter Fiesta 2017”.

88. The Chairman invited Ms Miranda WONG to brief Members on the contents and budget of the project concerned.

89. Ms Miranda WONG said that co-organised by The Joint Committee of Southern District Youth & Community Service and SDO, the “Winter Fiesta 2017”, would, as usual, take place at the Aberdeen Promenade between the Twenty-eighth Day and the Thirtieth Day of the Twelfth Month of the Lunar Year (i.e. from 25 to 27 January 2017). The project aimed to enable local residents in the Southern District to realise their start-up ideas. Moreover, different local schools or organisations/groups would be invited to perform in the event, in a bid to demonstrate their creativity. The estimated attendance was about 130 000. The event would be divided into two parts, namely year-end flea market and art fair. The total expenses incurred were estimated to be \$295,000. After deducting the rental income from letting out stalls in the flea market, the Joint Committee would like to apply for a grant of \$250,000 for organising the “Winter Fiesta 2017”.

90. The Chairman asked Members to raise their comments or enquiries.

91. Members did not raise any comments or enquiries.

92. The Chairman thanked Ms Miranda WONG and Mr LAU Ming-chu for joining this meeting.

(Ms Miranda WONG and Mr LAU Ming-chu left the meeting at 4:26 p.m.)

93. The Chairman asked Members whether approval would be given to the funding application as given in Annex to SDC Paper No. 63/2016 and an advance payment of half of the allocation to The Joint Committee of Southern District Youth & Community Service.

94. Members did not raise any objections.

95. In closing, the Chairman concluded that SDC endorsed an allocation of \$250,000 and an advance payment of half of the allocation to The Joint Committee of Southern District Youth & Community Service for organising the “Winter Fiesta 2017”.

96. The Chairman announced a five-minute break.

(Ms CHAN Kam-wan returned to the meeting at 4:40 p.m.)

**Agenda Item 7: Application for SDC Fund: Glass Recycling Programme for the Southern District
(SDC Paper No. 64/2016)
[4:40 p.m. – 4:44 p.m.]**

97. The Chairman again welcomed Ms CHAN Kam-wan, Officer-in-charge (Community Building) of SDO, to the meeting for joining the discussion of this agenda item.

98. The Chairman asked Members whether there was a need to declare their interests in this project; if yes, they should raise their hands; and keep their silence or withdraw from the meeting, whichever was appropriate, during the discussion on this project in accordance with the SDC’s mechanism of declaration of interests. The Chairman continued that at its 4th meeting on 19 May 2016, SDC endorsed that an

allocation of \$311,000 be earmarked for organising the “Activities to Promote Environmental Protection and Hygiene” for 2016-17.

99. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa said that he was the Chairman of the Working Group on Environmental Protection and Hygiene (WGEPH), and asked whether he was required to declare his interests in this project and withdraw from the meeting.

100. The Chairman responded that as this project was co-organised by Hong Kong Dumper Truck Drivers Association and WGEPH under SDC, Mr TSUI Yuen-wa was not required to declare his interests in this project and withdraw from the meeting.

(The details of the Declaration of Interests were at **Annex 3**.)

101. The Chairman asked Ms CHAN Kam-wan to brief Members on the funding application concerned.

102. Ms CHAN Kam-wan said that Hong Kong Dumper Truck Drivers Association and WGEPH under SDC had co-organised the “Glass Recycling Island” Scheme for the last two years, during which used glass bottles were collected from various locations such as the private residential estates at Ap Lei Chau and the Aberdeen Market, and then delivered to recycling plants for the manufacturing of construction materials, with a view to raising the community’s environmental awareness and promoting sustainable development. In the light of the promising results, the Association would like to apply for a grant of \$311,000 for organising the “Glass Recycling Programme for the Southern District”.

103. The Chairman asked Members to raise their comments or enquiries.

104. Members did not raise any comments or enquiries.

105. The Chairman thanked Ms CHAN Kam-wan for joining the discussion of this agenda item.

(Ms CHAN Kam-wan left the meeting at 4:42 p.m.)

106. The Chairman asked Members whether approval would be given to the funding application as given in Annex to SDC Paper No. 64/2016 and an advance payment of half of the allocation to Hong Kong Dumper Truck Drivers Association.

107. Members did not raise any objections.

108. In closing, the Chairman concluded that SDC endorsed an allocation of \$311,000 and an advance payment of half of the allocation to Hong Kong Dumper Truck Drivers Association for organising the “Glass Recycling Programme for the Southern District”.

**Agenda Item 8: Application for SDC Fund: Production of Calendars for 2017 and Promotional Items for Lunar New Year
(SDC Paper No. 65/2016)
[4:44 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.]**

109. The Chairman said that at its 4th meeting on 19 May 2016, SDC endorsed that an allocation of \$300,000 be earmarked for the production of 2017 festive publicity items of SDC (including calendars, couplets and *lai see* packets) for sharing the festive joy of New Year with the local residents. It was proposed that with reference to the arrangements made in non-election years between 2012 and 2014 in the last term of SDC, the SDC calendars should be distributed first at district councillor offices and SDO at the end of this year, while the couplets and *lai see* packets be subsequently distributed early next year. Also, Members’ information would appear in the telephone directory printed on the inside back cover of the calendar.

110. The Chairman asked Members to give their views.

111. Dr MAK TSE How-ling, MH said that some local residents reflected that the yellow *lai see* packets produced in 2015 had failed to use a conventional colour scheme. She hoped that reference could be made to the above view in the production of this year’s *lai see* packets. She asked whether a working group would be set up to discuss matters relating to production.

112. Mr AU Lap-sing, MH said that he had also received views mentioned by Dr MAK TSE How-ling, MH. It was suggested that golden and red *lai see* packets should be produced this year. Besides, he commented that the omission of the name and logo of SDC from some *lai see* packets had happened in the past.

113. The Chairman responded that previously, no working group had been set up

for the production of calendars and Lunar New Year publicity items; instead, the Chairlady and Vice-Chairman of the Community Affairs and Tourism Development Committee (CATC) had been authorised to make a final decision on the formats and other related arrangements.

114. The Chairman continued to ask whether Members approved an allocation of \$300,000 for the production of the 2017 *fook* calendars, couplets and *lai see* packets; if yes, whether they agreed to place orders for the production of Lunar New Year publicity items in accordance with their respective dimensions and paper qualities adopted in the previous year, and Members' information would be printed on the telephone directory on the inside back cover of the calendar; and whether the Chairlady and Vice-Chairlady of CATC would be authorised to make a final decision on the formats and other related arrangements.

115. Mr LO Kin-hei enquired about the printing of Members' information on the telephone directory on the inside back cover of the calendar. The Secretary showed a specimen of the 2014 calendar for the attendees' reference.

116. Members did not raise any objections.

117. In closing, the Chairman concluded that SDC endorsed an allocation of \$300,000 for the production of the 2017 *fook* calendars, couplets and *lai see* packets. Accordingly, the Secretariat would proceed with the related procurement procedure and follow up on the above comments.

(Mr LO Kin-hei and Ms CHAN Yee-lai left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.)

(Mr LEUNG Tak-kuen, Mr CHAN Chun-ping, Mr Jimmy POON, Mr Bernard WONG, Mr Alex NG and Ms Samantha SIU joined the meeting at 4:50 p.m.)

**Agenda Item 9: Progress Report of the South Island Line (East) Scheme
(SDC Paper No. 66/2016)
[4:50 p.m. – 7:04 p.m.]**

118. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives of the relevant government departments and MTRC to the meeting;

- (i) Mr Anka LEUNG, Senior Engineer/SIL (1), Highways Department (HyD);
- (ii) Mr Johnny CHAN, Senior Engineer/Priority Railway 3, Transport Department (TD);
- (iii) Mr Jimmy POON, Construction Manager – SIL, MTRC;
- (iv) Mr Bernard WONG, Project Coordination Manager, MTRC;
- (v) Mr Alex NG, Engineering Manager – Signalling, MTRC; and
- (vi) Ms Samantha SIU, Public Relations Manager – Projects & Property, MTRC.

119. The Chairman invited the representatives of MTRC to report the latest progress of the project.

120. With the aid of PowerPoint presentation (PowerPoint 1), Mr Bernard WONG briefed Members on the works progress. He said that the overall works for the SIL(E) were 96.8% completed, which was slightly behind the scheduled progress, i.e. 97.3%. The critical works progressed as scheduled. The commissioning date was still targeted at the end of this year. But he said that as it was now less than half a year before the target commissioning date, there were still challenges to be met if SIL(E) was to be commissioned as scheduled, including making effective arrangements to allow multiple workers to work on site at the same time within limited space.

121. With the aid of PowerPoint presentation (PowerPoint 1), Mr Alex NG briefed Members on the pre-operational work and railway system test. He said that the advanced technology of Fully Automatic Operation would be adopted for SIL(E) with a view to providing rail service that was more stable, reliable and flexible.

122. With the aid of PowerPoint presentation (PowerPoint 1), Ms Samantha SIU briefed Members on the temporary traffic management scheme and community liaison activities. She said that the junction of Lee Nam Road and Yi Nam Road would be closed in August 2016 to facilitate road re-surfacing. Moreover, MTRC sponsored and participated in races of the Aberdeen Dragon Boat Race in June 2016, and convened Community Liaison Group (CLG) meetings in June and July 2016. She added that the commissioning date of SIL(E) was still targeted at the end of this year. The exact commissioning date mainly depended on the progress of works at Admiralty Station, the associated E&M and fitting-out works and the subsequent statutory inspections. But MTRC would continue to make every effort to complete the remaining work with a target to open SIL(E) at the end of this year.

123. Mr Bernard WONG said that in response to Members' concern about the naming of the new footpath leading from Kwun Hoi Path to Wong Chuk Hang Station at the last SDC meeting, he said that the tentative Chinese name was “香葉徑” while the English name was “Heung Yip Path”. MTRC had submitted the names to the relevant government department for approval.

124. The Chairman invited Members to raise comments or enquiries.

125. Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) He reported that the works at the exits of South Horizons Station had caused rodent problem which was especially serious at Exit A adjacent to the market of Marina Square East Centre, where the goods of market stall operators were gnawed by rodents. He requested MTRC to resolve the rodent problem before the completion of the project;
- (ii) He heard that MTRC would reduce the number of trees to be re-planted between the roof and stone wall of Yuk Kwai Shan End Plant Building from over 100 (originally planned) to 80-odd. He pointed out that MTRC had undertaken not to reduce the number of re-planted trees. He requested MTRC to fulfil its undertaking, refrain from reducing the number of trees to be planted and expedite the related work;
- (iii) In respect of the future noise problem caused by Yuk Kwai Shan End Plant Building, he suggested that MTRC should inspect the situation in conjunction with members of the South Horizons owners' committee upon completion of the works; and
- (iv) Given that the construction works for the three exits of the South Horizons Station would soon be completed, he urged MTRC to arrange visit by members of the South Horizons owners' committee as soon as possible.

126. Mr AU Nok-hin raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) According to information, MTRC planned to scale down the scope of works for Lei Tung Station in the third quarter of this year to facilitate the addition of a bus route at Lei Tung Old Bus Terminus. He enquired about the exact date of the scaling down and whether it had been decided which bus route was to revert to Lei Tung Old Bus Terminus. Being the District

Councillor of the constituency concerned, he was gravely concerned about this issue and hoped to participate in the discussion;

- (ii) A netizen pointed out in a Facebook page titled “MTRiders” that DFLiSongMedium font rather than MTRSong font was used for the Chinese characters of “South Horizons” inside the South Horizons Station. He requested MTRC to explain the principle of the use of fonts;
- (iii) He enquired about the tenancy arrangements of the shops inside SIL(E) stations;
- (iv) MTRC had failed to fulfil its promise of constructing a roof cover between Exit B of Lei Tung Station and Lei Tung Commercial Centre. He wished to follow up the issue with MTRC; and
- (v) The lines painted on a wall at the exit of Lei Tung Station were untidy. He enquired whether the works of that wall had been completed.

(Mr CHU Lap-wai left the meeting at 5:08 p.m.)

127. Mr CHAI Man-hon raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) Ever since MTR started operation, MRTSong font had all along been used for the station names. He opined that the use of different fonts in SIL(E) would give an impression of untidiness and inconsistency. He suggested changing the fonts used in SIL(E) stations. The practice of using different fonts in different stations like that of Taipei Metro should be avoided; and
- (ii) When inspecting Wong Chuk Hang Station early this year, he had proposed to MTRC staff that customer service staff should be arranged to be stationed at SIL(E) stations to provide immediate customer services. But now a brand new customer service mode had been adopted under which no customer service staff would be stationed at the stations. He urged MTRC to clarify whether they would eventually arrange customer service staff to be stationed at the stations. He pointed out that no immediate customer services could be provided without customer service staff stationed at the stations. Chaos would even occur if more than one customer asked for help at the same time.

128. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa said that the design of the pedestrian crossings off Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market induced jaywalking by many pedestrians. He added that there used to be a zebra-crossing at that location. But now the pedestrians had to go to Tai Wong Ye Temple in order to cross the road. Residents who wished to

go to Heung Yip Road and Wong Chuk Hang Road from Nam Long Shan Road would choose jaywalking instead of using the footbridge as expected by TD or HyD. He said that the existing road design allowed vehicles heading towards Aberdeen to turn left at Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market. Although providing convenience to drivers, it had given rise to the problem of jaywalking. He was worried about the potential risk and had been receiving complaints from residents. It was hoped that the department concerned would arrange re-provisioning of the zebra-crossing at the original location.

129. Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) She enquired about the exact opening date of the pet garden underneath Ap Lei Chau Bridge;
- (ii) She relayed the residents' aspiration for early opening of the lift at Exit A of Lei Tung Station for public use before the commissioning of SIL(E) and urged MTRC to give an account of the exact opening date;
- (iii) The glass cover of Exit A of Lei Tung Station was too narrow. Pedestrians might get wet on rainy days. She urged MTRC to widen the cover; and
- (iv) Upon completion of works for Lei Tung Station, she hoped that MTRC would invite SDC Members, Area Committee Members, members of owners' corporations and CLG members to visit the exits and other facilities for publicity purpose and identification of any room for improvement.

130. The Chairman invited the MTRC representatives to respond.

131. Mr Bernard WONG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) To tackle the rodent problem, MTRC had placed rodenticides in the works sites. It would further deliberate with the department concerned such as FEHD on measures to be adopted, such as carrying out a large-scale anti-rodent operation;
- (ii) Regarding the number of trees to be re-planted between the roof and stone wall of Yuk Kwai Shan End Plant Building, he said that given the area of the site, only 80-odd trees could be planted according to the Government's standard. A detailed account of the reason could be given to Members after the meeting;

- (iii) Re-surfacing works were being carried out by workers outside Lei Tung Station. It was anticipated that the works would be completed between the third quarter and the fourth quarter this year;
- (iv) The route arrangements for Lei Tung Old Bus Terminus had been explained to Members as early as 2012. In view of the increased number of bus routes, MTRC would deliberate with TD and then give an account of the final arrangements to Members;
- (v) The marketing department of MTRC had confirmed that the shops inside SIL(E) stations had been rented out. The shops were of the types commonly seen in MTR stations, such as banks, bakeries, convenience shops, etc. Given the small areas of SIL(E) stations, there were only three to four shops in each station;
- (vi) The font used in the stations belonged to the scope of work of the marketing department. He had no information about this for the moment. But to his knowledge, the marketing department did have a set of criteria for determining the font to be used in stations. He would provide the information after the meeting;
- (vii) He had carried out a site inspection with Mr TSUI Yuen-wa to look into the problem of jaywalking caused by the design of the pedestrian crossings off Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market. He opined that the pedestrians might have got used to crossing the road there. Since SIL(E) was not yet commissioned and Wong Chuk Hang Station Public Transport Interchange (PTI) had not commenced operation, he was not able to estimate the ultimate condition of the pedestrian crossings for the moment. He expected that the current situation would only remain for a short period. But for safety reasons, MTRC would consider follow-up measures to be taken;
- (viii) The construction works for the pet garden underneath Ap Lei Chau Bridge and Heung Yip Path (tentative name) had entered the final inspection stage with a small portion of uncompleted work. MTRC aimed to complete the remaining work within this week and then hand over the pet garden underneath Ap Lei Chau Bridge to the department concerned. Conceivably the pet garden could be opened for public use very soon;
- (ix) Regarding the request for early opening of the lift at Exit A of Lei Tung Station, it was inappropriate to open the lift ahead of schedule because a number of tests and pre-operational exercises had to be carried out in Lei Tung Station. But MTRC could consider arranging visits; and
- (x) The glass cover at Exit A of Lei Tung Station had reached the boundary of

the MTRC land and could not be extended outside the pavement. The purpose of the glass cover was to provide the public with a certain extent of shelter. MTRC did not hope to see frequent appearance of large number of pedestrians staying under the glass cover from an operational and safety point of view.

132. Ms Samantha SIU gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) As the construction of a roof cover between Exit B of Lei Tung Station and Lei Tung Commercial Centre involved the land rights possessed by MTRC, the Government and other organisations, MTRC considered it inappropriate to deal with this complicated issue at this stage lest it should cause a delay to the commissioning of SIL(E). She said the issue was suggested to be followed up after the commissioning of SIL(E);
- (ii) A brand new customer service mode would be adopted in some of the SIL(E) stations where modern self-service points would be installed to provide ticketing services including sale of tickets and add-value service. The self-service points were also equipped with a contact function which enabled passengers to directly contact staff members in the station control room in Admiralty Station for assistance;
- (iii) There were no customer service centres in Wong Chuk Hang Station, Lei Tung Station and South Horizons Station. But staff members would be arranged to be stationed at and patrol the stations. Help Lines would also be made available in these stations. Owing to the small area of these stations, staff members could easily identify needy passengers and provide help; and
- (iv) MTRC planned to invite SDC Members to visit Lei Tung Station and South Horizons Station upon completion of the statutory inspections around August and September 2016. MTRC would also hold an open day sometime near the commissioning date to allow visits by other parties, including owners' corporations.

133. The Chairman requested Mr Bernard WONG to reply to the enquiry about the font used and the request for early opening of the lift at Exit A of Lei Tung Station and the pet garden underneath Ap Lei Chau Bridge after the meeting.

134. Mr Bernard WONG responded that it was inappropriate to open the lift at Exit A of Lei Tung Station ahead of schedule because a number of tests and

pre-operational exercises had to be carried out in Lei Tung Station. But MTRC would consider arranging a briefing session on the station facilities or trial run of the lift. Besides, since the pet garden underneath Ap Lei Chau Bridge adjoined Heung Yip Path (tentative name), their exact opening dates had to be aligned with each other. MTRC hoped to complete the remaining work next week and open the facilities for public use in July.

(Post-meeting note: MTRC's reply in respect of the font used in the station and the opening of the pet garden underneath Ap Lei Chau Bridge is at Reference Paper-2 for the 6th SDC meeting held on 22 September 2016.)

135. Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH pointed out that regarding the number of trees to be re-planted between the roof and stone wall of Yuk Kwai Shan End Plant Building, the MTRC representatives said at the meeting of the South Horizons Section CLG held on 13 July 2016 that they would consider planting some smaller-sized trees to make up the difference falling short of the number of trees planned to be planted previously. She requested MTRC to provide the relevant information for reference. Moreover, she requested MTRC to clear up the refuse, weeds and moss around the section of Ap Lei Chau Bridge Road near Hong Kong Police Force Aberdeen Divisional Station in order to improve the landscape.

136. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN supported the naming of "Heung Yip Path". But he pointed out that the MTRC representatives had not responded to the comments relating to Wong Chuk Hang Station PTI such as its overall design in their reports made just now.

137. The Chairman responded that comments relating to Wong Chuk Hang Station PTI could be raised at a later stage when the follow-up items in Reference Paper-2 were being discussed.

138. Ms CHAN Judy Kapui believed that all residents in the Southern District were gravely concerned about the arrangements of Fare Saver discounts. As it was only five months or so before the target commissioning date of SIL(E), she enquired whether MTRC would only provide information about the Fare Saver discounts two to three months before the commissioning date. She remarked that the overall works for the project were currently 96.8% completed, which marked only a 1.4% rise as compared with 95.4% in May 2016. She enquired whether MTRC could estimate the

possibility of delay in the commissioning of SIL(E) based on this percentage rise.

139. Mr AU Nok-hin raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) He opined that the land rights issue involved in the construction of a roof cover between Exit B of Lei Tung Station and Lei Tung Commercial Centre was solvable. He enquired whether MTRC would surely handle the issue after the commissioning of SIL(E);
- (ii) Residents held different views on the resumption of bus routes at Lei Tung Old Bus Terminus. For example, some residents suggested reversion of route no. 97 while others suggested reversion of route no. 99. He earnestly requested MTRC to consult Members' views; and
- (iii) He enquired whether there were banks in the SIL(E) stations, and if yes, which bank it was; and if no, whether automatic teller machines would be installed.

140. Mr CHAI Man-hon raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) The communication between MTRC and SDC was getting weak. There was also room for improvement in HyD's performance. He pointed out that some questions had been discussed at previous meetings but there were no definite replies. He cited the following example. At the SDC meetings held last year and 17 March 2016, he enquired about shops inside SIL(E) stations and received no replies from MTRC. But now MTRC said that they had rented out the shops inside the stations. He queried whether MTRC had gone against its role as a community railway by disallowing renting of shops inside the stations by small shop tenants and giving people the impression of creating monopoly. He said that he would surely hold MTRC and HyD to account and lodge a complaint to the Office of The Ombudsman, or even request an audit on HyD after the commissioning of SIL(E);
- (ii) The font used in SIL(E) stations could not enable passengers to see the name of the station clearly from a distance. He requested MTRC to explain the reason for using a different font for SIL(E); and
- (iii) He enquired whether the brand new customer service mode adopted in some SIL(E) stations could serve passengers during the whole period of time when the railway was in service. He could not accept the mobile customer service mode with no fixed station attendants working at a fixed

place which MTRC planned to adopt. He was dissatisfied with MTRC's attitude in handling issues relating to SIL(E). MTRC always concealed the truth or refrained from giving replies. Now that the commissioning date was drawing near, Members had no alternative but could only accept all arrangements made by MTRC. He reiterated that he could not accept the fact that there were no customer service centres in some stations. He enquired about the views of HyD, the government department monitoring the construction of SIL(E), on the brand new customer service mode.

141. Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) At the SDC meeting held in May 2016, the MTRC representatives said that they would deliberate with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) on the exact opening date of the pet garden underneath Ap Lei Chau Bridge. But the MTRC representative just now said that the exact opening date had to be aligned with that of Heung Yip Path (tentative name). She urged MTRC to tell the truth;
- (ii) The operation of the lift at Exit A of Lei Tung Station was unrelated to the works at Lei Tung Station. She strongly requested MTRC to open the lift for public use by October 2016. Otherwise further actions would be taken; and
- (iii) In early years MTRC felled trees for constructing the Ocean Park Station. Later it re-planted trees at the waterfront of Ap Lei Chau at its own discretion without consulting SDC. She had requested MTRC to remove those trees. But MTRC said that the contract had expired and it had handed over the land to the Lands Department (LandsD). She requested removal of the trees at the waterfront of Ap Lei Chau to Yuk Kwai Shan.

142. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) MTRC had been very cooperative initially when it requested to construct SIL(E). It was hoped that MTRC would not become uncooperative now that the project was about to be completed;
- (ii) He agreed that the safety problem of jaywalking at the pedestrian crossings off Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market was related to the pedestrians' habit of crossing roads. But he pointed out that the existing design of pedestrian crossings had not balanced the safety and needs of pedestrians and drivers. Being too much inclined towards the

- convenience of drivers and having neglected the convenience of pedestrians, it had given rise to jaywalking and safety problem;
- (iii) He requested MTRC to provide an initial option of the concessionary measures such as Fare Saver discounts as soon as possible to allow enough time for deliberation between SDC and MTRC; and
 - (iv) Regarding the naming of the pet garden underneath Ap Lei Chau Bridge and Heung Yip Path (tentative name), SDC had earlier on agreed that the name of the pet garden underneath Ap Lei Chau Bridge should be in line with the name of the path. He thus requested LCSD to follow up the issue of officially naming the garden as “Heung Yip Path Pet Garden”.
143. The Chairman invited the MTRC representatives to respond.
144. Mr Bernard WONG gave a consolidated response as follows:
- (i) MTRC was willing to cooperate with SDC and would not change its attitude just because the project was about to be completed. He hoped that Members could understand that the problems encountered now were related to implementation and were different from problems encountered during the design stage;
 - (ii) Since the area between the roof and stone wall of Yuk Kwai Shan End Plant Building was not sufficient for planting over 100 trees, an alternative option was to plant smaller trees. MTRC would further discuss with the department concerned;
 - (iii) Depending on the exact commissioning date of SIL(E), arrangements would be made to clear up the refuse, weeds and moss around the section of Ap Lei Chau Bridge Road near Hong Kong Police Force Aberdeen Divisional Station where necessary;
 - (iv) In response to the request of constructing a roof cover between Exit B of Lei Tung Station and Lei Tung Commercial Centre, he said that MTRC had been following up every measure that was beneficial to the public. It would discuss the issue with Link Asset Management Limited and the Incorporated Owners in due course;
 - (v) As MTRC had no right to conduct any consultation on the resumption of bus routes at Lei Tung Old Bus Terminus now, the issue would be followed up by TD, which would deliberate with the bus operators;
 - (vi) All shops inside SIL(E) stations were rented out through the Corporation’s set leasing procedures. The types of shops included bank services,

convenience shops, bakeries and shops that were commonly regarded in customer surveys as providing convenience to the public;

- (vii) Upon completion of inspections in the third quarter this year, pre-operational work would be carried out in Lei Tung Station. Since the operation of the lift at Exit A of Lei Tung Station would be affected during that period, MTRC had tentatively decided not to open the lift for public use ahead of schedule; and
- (viii) MTRC had invited TD to conduct a site inspection on the pedestrian crossings off Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market and would discuss improvement options in due course.

145. Ms Samantha SIU gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) Staff members would be deployed to provide assistance in each SIL(E) station including the concourse and platform. The station control room would deploy sufficient manpower to assist the passengers. During the initial stage after the commissioning, additional manpower would also be deployed to help passengers become familiarised with the operation of the stations. The self-service points would be equipped with the function of contacting the station control room in Admiralty Station to enable passengers to immediately contact staff members when using the self-service points; and
- (ii) MTRC had considered the locations of providing Fare Saver discounts based on the recommendations made by Members earlier on, taking into consideration such factors as the distance between the recommended locations and the stations and electricity supply, etc. The relevant information was not available at the present stage. The MTRC representatives would continue to follow up and submit the relevant information for Members' reference as soon as possible.

146. The Chairman said that from now onwards until the commissioning date of SIL(E), only two SDC meetings would be held. If MTRC did not report the arrangements of Fare Saver discounts and tree-planting in Yuk Kwai Shan until the SDC meeting held in November, there would not be enough time for Members' discussion. He thus urged MTRC to give an account of the relevant arrangements at the SDC meeting held in September.

147. Ms Samantha SIU responded that usually fare arrangements would be

finalised when it was close to the commissioning date. MTRC also had to deliberate on Fare Saver discounts with the organisation concerned. But it would try to submit the information to SDC as early as possible.

(Post-meeting note: MTRC's reply in respect of the fare arrangements and Fare Saver discounts is at Reference Paper-2 for the 6th SDC meeting held on 22 September 2016.)

148. Mr CHAI Man-hon raised an enquiry on the rules of order and urged the HyD representative to actively participate in the discussion and give responses. He also enquired of the MTRC representatives whether one could seek help from staff members in a SIL(E) station if he/she wished to buy souvenirs in the station.

149. Mr AU Nok-hin raised an enquiry on the rules of order and urged the TD representatives to respond to the above-mentioned issues related to TD.

150. The Chairman invited the HyD representative to respond.

151. Mr Anka LEUNG responded that HyD mainly monitored the works progress of MTRC's SIL(E) project, while TD was responsible for the train service arrangements and service performance requirements in respect of SIL(E).

(Mr FUNG Se-goun left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.)

152. The Chairman invited the TD representatives to respond.

153. Mr CHIU Hak-pui responded that TD had formed a task force to take care of the public transport re-organisation plan and the ancillary facilities after the commissioning of SIL(E). He would refer the enquiries including the resumption of bus routes at Lei Tung Old Bus Terminus to the task force for follow-up. He invited Mr Johnny CHAN, Senior Engineer/Priority Railway 3, representative of TD, to respond as to TD's monitoring work of the service standard after the commissioning of SIL(E).

154. Mr Johnny CHAN responded that TD had set up a number of task forces to monitor different issues after the commissioning of SIL(E). He would provide the supplementary information after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: TD's reply is at Reference Paper-2 for the 6th SDC meeting held on 22 September 2016.)

155. Mr CHEUNG Wing-keung responded that LCSD had inspected facilities in the pet garden underneath Ap Lei Chau Bridge and expected MTRC would complete the remedial works of the major facilities within next week. The departments concerned were circulating the arrangements and engineering conditions of land allocation and giving comments on the details. Upon completion of the remedial works and arrangements of land allocation by the department concerned, the pet garden underneath Ap Lei Chau Bridge would be opened for public use as soon as possible.

156. The Chairman asked Members to discuss the follow-up items according to their sequence appeared in Reference Paper-2, and they should raise their comments or enquiries on follow-up items no. 1 to 8 first.

157. Mr CHAI Man-hon thanked the SDO for their assistance in coordinating and arranging a follow-up meeting for the departments concerned and MTRC to discuss item no. 2(c) "Heung Yip Road bus stop all-weather covered accesses". He requested HyD to respond whether they would consider providing the covered accesses only after the commissioning of SIL(E). He opined that HyD should consider this suggestion as soon as possible rather than wait until the commissioning date. Regarding items no. 2(e) "Locations and quantities of route information display panels and waiting seats available at the PTI" and (f) "Areas and locations of the regulator kiosks and staff common room", he said that according to experience, to achieve a satisfactory effect, there must be a consistent standard for these items. It was thus necessary to maintain a good coordination with different bus companies and public transport operators. He hoped that SDC or SDO could strengthen its leading role and assist with the coordination where necessary.

158. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN urged HyD to be responsible for the work relating to item no. 2(c).

159. Mr Bernard WONG said that MTRC was deliberating with LCSD on planting climbers along the central divider at Wong Chuk Hang Station PTI. He confirmed that arrangements could be made to apply dark paint to the ceiling of Wong Chuk Hang Station PTI.

160. Mr Anka LEUNG responded that HyD noted Members' aspiration for

providing an all-weather covered shelter for the walkway along Heung Yip Road bus stop and said that this item could be considered as a new project. Since a new public works project involved a number of procedural activities including feasibility study, public consultation, funding application, detailed design and tendering, etc., there would be little chance of commencing the construction works within this year.

161. Mr CHAI Man-hon reiterated the importance of SDC or SDO coordinating the work relating to items no. 2(e) and (f). He opined that the departments concerned could assist in discussing the details with the contractors, while MTRC and HyD, which played the monitoring role, should also lend assistance. Moreover, he commended LCSD for taking up the responsibility of planting creepers along the central divider at Wong Chuk Hang Station PTI and condemned MTRC and HyD for their inadequacies in handling the issue.

162. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN said that he was pleased to learn that LCSD assisted to follow up the issue of planting creepers along the central divider at Wong Chuk Hang Station PTI in item no. 2(a). But he said that Wong Chuk Hang was to be developed into a district with a lot of hotels and visiting tourists in future. It was unaesthetic if dark paint was applied to the ceiling of Wong Chuk Hang Station PTI. He hoped that MTRC and the future above-station property developer would finance the improvement of the facilities at Wong Chuk Hang Station PTI and take up the management of the PTI. He suggested writing to MTRC, HyD and the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) urging them to proactively consider the above suggestion.

163. While concurring with Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN's suggestion, Mr TSUI Yuen-wa said that if MTRC was to finance the improvement of the facilities at Wong Chuk Hang Station PTI now, MTRC might worry that it had to be responsible for the future repair and maintenance of the facilities. Since there would be above-station property at Wong Chuk Hang Station in future, the developer might refrain from beautifying the ambient environment and enhancing the PTI until the construction of the shopping arcades and residential flats was completed. In view of the existence of property above the PTI at Wong Chuk Hang Station, he enquired whether MTRC had any experience of cooperating with the department concerned like HyD in enhancing the PTI and beautifying the ambient environment in other projects.

164. Mr Johnny CHAN responded that TD would provide relevant information to HyD for the funding application and design of the all-weather covered accesses at Heung Yip Road bus stop.

165. Ms Samantha SIU responded that MTRC noted Members' request that the future above-station developer of Wong Chung Hang Station should take up the responsibility of improving the PTI facilities and management of the PTI. But since the site had not been officially granted to MTRC for property development, MTRC would discuss this issue with the developer after the tendering exercise.

166. In respect of item no. 2(d) "Pick-up/drop-off locations of bus/minibus stops", Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN said that the staff resting kiosk and seats of the bus company were made of plastic. They were very ugly and had room for improvement. Besides, in respect of MTRC representatives' statement that they could discuss with the future above-station developer of Wong Chung Hang Station on improving the PTI facilities and taking up the management of the PTI, he suggested SDC write to MTRC and THB to elaborate the above arrangements.

167. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) A lot of items under discussion were related to operation after the commissioning of SIL(E). But at present only MTRC staff members responsible for the construction project attended the SDC meeting. He suggested inviting MTRC staff members responsible for property development and ticketing issue to attend the future SDC meetings to reply to the enquiries; and
- (ii) With regard to item no. 4 "Installing anti-glare film on the entire viaduct section in the vicinity of Wong Chuk Hang Hospital", he was pleased to learn that MTRC had installed anti-glare films on a section of noise barriers of the viaduct near Wong Chuk Hang Hospital. But since the reflection problem also existed on another section of noise barriers of the viaduct near Hong Kong Police College, he enquired whether MTRC would install anti-glare films on that section.

168. Mr Bernard WONG responded that MTRC had installed anti-glare films with a total length of over 100 m on the viaduct section between St. Paul's Co-educational College Primary School and the Ocean Park Station. MTRC was aware of the reflection problem on a part of Wong Chuk Hang Hospital near Hong Kong Police College. But according to the assessment of a consultancy report, the impact on that part was relatively slight. MTRC thus considered it unnecessary to install anti-glare films on that section of viaduct. He cited the following example.

The physiotherapy room of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Jockey Club Rehabilitation Centre in Wong Chuk Hang also had the reflection problem earlier on. But the impact was relatively slight. After consideration, MTRC eventually affixed light filter films on the windows of the Centre. Finally, Mr Bernard WONG said that MTRC was willing to do the same for Wong Chuk Hang Hospital with a view to abating the impact on the Hospital.

169. Ms Samantha SIU responded that after discussing with Wong Chuk Hang Hospital, MTRC would affix light filter films on some of the windows of the Hospital on a trial basis.

170. In concluding the discussion on items no. 1 to 8, the Chairman said that SDC was dissatisfied with the facilities and design of Wong Chuk Hang Station PTI and urged the Government to consider requesting MTRC and the future above-station property developer to finance the improvement of the facilities at the PTI and take up the future management of the PTI. SDC would write to MTRC and THB to relay Members' views.

(Post-meeting note: SDC wrote to MTRC and THB on 31 August 2016. The details are at Annex 4 and Annex 5 respectively.)

171. The Chairman asked Members to raise their comments or enquiries on follow-up items no. 9 to 16.

172. In respect of item no. 11 "Enquiry on the follow-up arrangements for the works site at the ex-Harbour Mission School, Ap Lei Chau and upon the completion of road surfacing works", Dr MAK TSE How-ling, MH enquired about the follow-up work and current progress of Social Welfare Department (SWD) after obtaining the drawing of the site.

173. The Chairman said that since there were no SWD and LandsD representatives attending this meeting, he requested the Secretariat to follow up the issue and suggested inviting SWD and LandsD to send representatives to attend the next SDC meeting. At least one of the departments should attend the meeting to reply to Members' enquiries.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat has relayed Council's invitation to SWD and LandsD for sending representatives to attend the next SDC

meeting.)

174. In respect of item no. 13 “Enquiry on the progress of the reinstatement works at Telegraph Bay and the future follow-up arrangements”, Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN opined that the commencement of the works concerned need not await the completion of the plant upgrading works in mid-2017. He enquired about the feasibility of constructing the new pedestrian walkway in stages.

175. Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) Regarding item no. 14 “Operation of feeder minibuses for carrying residents at Stanley to and from the MTR stations”, TD had so far provided only one GMB feeder route plying between Stanley and a MTR station. The residents’ waiting time sometimes was as long as 20 to 30 minutes. She enquired whether TD could increase the frequency of service;
- (ii) She enquired whether there were any medical posts or police posts in SIL(E) stations; and
- (iii) She hoped that MTRC could lower the ticket fares of SIL(E). Otherwise, the public could hardly afford the transport fees.

176. In respect of item no. 13 “Enquiry on the progress of the reinstatement works at Telegraph Bay and the future follow-up arrangements”, Mr Anka LEUNG responded that after a joint site inspection, TD, HyD and the Drainage Services Department (DSD) agreed in principle to construct a section of the new pedestrian walkway linking with Cyberport Road by making use of part of the existing carriageway within the Cyberport Sewage Treatment Works (STW). Since works vehicles would still use the carriageway during the upgrading works of STW, the construction of the new walkway could not be carried out at the same time. Even if the section of walkway on Government Land along the waterfront was constructed first, the whole section of walkway could not be opened for public use until the works for the section linking the STW and Cyberport Road was completed. HyD thus planned to commence the construction of the new pedestrian walkway after DSD had completed the upgrading works of the STW.

177. Mr CHIU Hak-pui noted Members’ concern that the provision of only one GMB feeder route plying between Stanley and a MTR station was inadequate to meet the needs and would refer Members’ concern to the responsible person of TD for follow-up.

(Post-meeting note: TD's reply in respect of the GMB feeder route plying between Stanley and a MTR station is at Reference Paper-2 for the 6th SDC meeting held on 22 September 2016.)

178. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN enquired whether parking and pick-up/drop-off facilities for disabled persons would be provided in the vicinity of Wong Chuk Hang Station and whether any pedestrian crossing facilities would be provided between Ocean Park Road and Aberdeen Sports Ground.

179. Mr Bernard WONG responded that Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN would be provided with the information about parking and pick-up/drop-off facilities for disabled persons at Wong Chuk Hang Station after the meeting.

180. Mr Johnny CHAN responded that he had earlier on liaised with the Urban Regional Office of TD on the issue of providing pedestrian crossing facilities between Ocean Park Road and Aberdeen Sports Ground. The Urban Regional Office said that signages would be installed to indicate the position of the existing pedestrian crossing.

181. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN said that the existing pedestrian crossing was located in a remote position, which caused much inconvenience to pedestrians who had to walk there in order to cross the road. He hoped that this issue could be added to the list of follow-up items for further follow-up at the next SDC meeting.

182. Mr CHAI Man-hon raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) In respect of item no. 15 "Publicity plan for the pre-commissioning of the railway", he enquired whether MTRC would have other means of publicity such as placing advertisements and arranging visits to SIL(E) by the local community, in addition to making use of channels like SDC meetings, CLG meetings, publications and website; and
- (ii) TD should provide information about the addition and removal of road signs due to the construction of SIL(E).

183. The Chairman urged TD and MTRC to provide information about the addition and removal of road signs. Regarding item no. 15 "Publicity plan for the pre-commissioning of the railway", the Chairman said that since the commissioning date of SIL(E) was close to the Southern District Festival as well as the 40th

Anniversary of the Ocean Park, he suggested that MTRC could consider launching a joint publicity campaign for the events.

(Post-meeting note: The replies of TD and MTRC are at Reference Paper-2 for the 6th SDC meeting held on 22 September 2016.)

184. Ms YAM Pauline reported that some road signs in the vicinity of One Island South were kept out of sight by traffic lights and suggested moving the road signs to suitable locations.

185. The Chairman said that the meeting would proceed to deal with the land use arrangements upon MTRC's surrender of works sites. The latest status of five sites followed up by the Full Council was provided in Reference Paper-3.

186. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa said that the lift at Wong Chuk Hang Footbridge was often out of order and urged the department concerned to make improvement. Besides, he pointed out that a lot of refuse was accumulated on the footbridge and urged HyD to increase the cleansing frequency.

187. Dr MAK TSE How-ling, MH said that MTRC had undertaken to arrange for a caretaker to manage Kellett Bay waterfront when building the waterfront. But the caretaker was often absent. She remarked that the lighting system there was often defective. The waterfront was also unclean in that dog excreta was found on the jogging trail. She urged MTRC to follow up.

188. Mr Anka LEUNG responded that he would relay the problem of the lift at Wong Chuk Hang Footbridge and the associated cleansing issue to the maintenance section of HyD.

189. Mr Bernard WONG responded that MTRC would deliberate with the management contractor on solutions to the problems found in Kellett Bay waterfront. He said that the lighting system was defective because of damage of a cable. He anticipated that the works for replacing the cable and repairing the lighting system could be completed by July 2016. MTRC would also urge the cleansing contractor to step up cleansing.

190. The Chairman said that as sites no. 1 and 3 to 5 in Reference Paper-3 had been handed over to the managing departments or organisations concerned, while site

no. 2 would be maintained by MTRC until 2021, SDC had finished following up the use of these five sites. Thus, there was no need for SDC to follow up the sites in Reference Paper-3 item by item. In case Members wished to raise any new follow-up items in respect of SIL(E), they could incorporate the items into Reference Paper-2 for discussion.

191. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa raised an enquiry on the rules of order and said that most enquiries raised at the meeting were about future property development and operation. He requested the property and operation departments of MTRC to send representatives to attend the forthcoming SDC meetings.

192. The Chairman said that as there were only two SDC meetings before the commissioning of SIL(E), he hoped that MTRC staff members responsible for property development, ticketing and fare concession would attend the coming two SDC meetings.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat has relayed Council's invitation to MTRC for sending representatives responsible for property development, ticketing and fare concession to attend the next two SDC meetings.)

193. Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH said that as SIL(E) was about to be commissioned, there were still a lot of items to be discussed. She suggested increasing the frequency of CLG meetings, say at least every two months.

194. Ms Samantha SIU responded that CLG would hold a meeting before the commissioning of SIL(E) and would consider whether to hold additional meetings depending on the works progress.

195. Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH cited as an example the case of the South Horizons section, which still had a lot of items to be discussed. She opined that it would save the meeting time of SDC if these items could be discussed at CLG meetings.

196. The Chairman said that the Full Council was intended to be a platform for MTRC to report the works progress rather than discuss trivial issues. He suggested that Members refer further enquiries to Ms Samantha SIU to be discussed at CLG meetings.

197. The Chairman thanked the representatives of government departments and MTRC for attending the meeting.

(Mr Anka LEUNG, Mr Johnny CHAN, Mr Jimmy POON, Mr Bernard WONG, Mr Alex NG and Ms Samantha SIU left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.)

Agenda Item 10: Any Other Business
[7:04 p.m.]

198. The Chairman asked whether Members had any other matter to raise.

199. Members did not raise any other matter.

Part II – Items for Information

200. The Chairman invited Members to note the following documents:

- (i) Report from the Area Committees (SDC Paper No. 52/2016);
- (ii) Report of the 3rd Meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (SDC Paper No. 53/2016);
- (iii) Report of the 3rd Meeting of the Community Affairs and Tourism Development Committee (SDC Paper No. 54/2016);
- (iv) Report of the 3rd Meeting of the District Development and Housing Committee (SDC Paper No. 55/2016);
- (v) Report of the 3rd Meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee (SDC Paper No. 56/2016);
- (vi) Report of the 191st Meeting of the Southern District Management Committee (SDC Paper No. 57/2016);
- (vii) Financial Statement in respect of SDC Funds (as at 4.7.2016) (SDC Paper No. 58/2016).

Date of Next Meeting

201. The Chairman informed the meeting that the 6th SDC meeting would be held on 22 September 2016 (Thursday) at 2:30 p.m.

202. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Secretariat, Southern District Council
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(Summary Translation)

Letter to the Architectural Services Department (26.8.2016)

Installation of Air-conditioning System in Aberdeen Market

At its 5th meeting held on 14 July 2016, the Southern District Council (SDC) discussed the issue of “Installation of Air-conditioning System in Aberdeen Market” proposed by Mr CHAI Man-hon and Ms YAM Pauline.

No air-conditioning system has been installed in Aberdeen Market. To improve the hygiene condition, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) is considering installing air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market and SDC is gravely concerned about the progress of this issue.

At the meeting, Members learned that the survey of tenants’ views on the installation of air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market had been completed in December 2015 and the tenant support had passed the 80% threshold. According to the FEHD representative, the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) has commenced certain preliminary work for the technical feasibility study and FEHD will apply for resources and follow up the study after inspecting the relevant information. But ArchSD is not able to estimate the completion time of the study.

The issue of installing air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market has been discussed and studied years ago but has yet to be implemented. The way forward depends on the findings of the technical feasibility study. If the findings are positive, FEHD will apply for funds. Otherwise, FEHD will explore other feasible options based on the content of the report. Members have pointed out that it is very stuffy in the Market when the weather is humid and hot. Hot temperature will also give rise to rancid food and bacteria growth and affect public health. Therefore, the installation plan can brook no delay.

Members hope that ArchSD can have sympathy for the tenants' and customers' plight by expediting the progress of technical feasibility study and providing the relevant timetable. Members also hope that ArchSD will take into consideration the impacts of the air-conditioning system on different people, including residents in the vicinity, when conducting the study.

It is hoped that ArchSD will provide the timetable for the technical feasibility study before the next SDC meeting to be held on 22 September 2016 for Members' reference.

(Summary Translation)

Letter to the Food and Health Bureau (26.8.2016)

Installation of Air-conditioning System in Aberdeen Market

At its 5th meeting held on 14 July 2016, the Southern District Council (SDC) discussed the issue of “Installation of Air-conditioning System in Aberdeen Market” proposed by Mr CHAI Man-hon and Ms YAM Pauline.

No air-conditioning system has been installed in Aberdeen Market. To improve the hygiene condition, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) is considering installing air-conditioning system in Aberdeen Market and SDC is gravely concerned about the progress of this issue.

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SDC is aware that the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) is proactively considering how to improve the operating environment of public markets and has released the relevant consultancy report in 2015. Members hope that FHB can have sympathy for the tenants' and customers' plight by urging the department concerned to expedite the progress of technical feasibility study. Regarding short term measures, SDC hopes that FEHD can upgrade the ventilation system in Aberdeen Market as much as possible, such as installing cooling devices or air-conditioners in toilets, and deliberate with Aberdeen Market Management Consultative Committee as soon as possible.

**5th Meeting of Southern District Council (2016-2019)
Declaration of Interest**

Members of Working Group on Vetting who have already declared interests at the meeting on 27.6.2016 did not have to declare interests again at this SDC meeting.

(Extract of declaration of interest of the captioned Working Group on Vetting Meeting is at Reference Paper-4)

Agenda	Project Title	Organiser/ Co-organisers	Member	Capacity in the Applicant Organisation	Being an executor of the project
6	Winter Fiesta 2017	Organiser: The Joint Committee of Southern District Youth & Community Service	-	-	-
		Co-organiser: Southern District Office	-	-	-
7	Glass Recycling Programme for the Southern District	Organiser: Hong Kong Dumper Truck Drivers Association	-	-	-
		Co-organiser: SDC Working Group on Environmental Protection and Hygiene	Mr CHAN Fu-ming, MH	Member	-
			Mr CHU Lap-wai	Member	-
			Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH	Member	-
			Mr TSUI Yuen-wa	Chairman	-
		Assisting-organiser: Southside Glass Recycling Volunteer Initiative	-	-	-
		Assisting-organiser: Canadian International School	-	-	-
Assisting-organiser: HKUGA College	-	-	-		

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		Assisting-organiser: Aberdeen Baptist Lui Ming Choi College	-	-	-
		Assisting-organiser: Ap Lei Chau Good Neighbour Community	-	-	-
		Assisting-organiser: Shek O Green Group	-	-	-

(Summary Translation)

Letter to the MTR Corporation Limited (31.8.2016)

**Wong Chuk Hang Station Public Transport Interchange,
South Island Line (East)**

At the 5th meeting held on 14 July 2016, the Southern District Council (SDC) had discussion with the representatives of MTR Corporation Limited (MTRC) on the agenda “Progress Report of the South Island Line (East) Scheme”. The subject matter was put forward accordingly.

Background

Residents of the Southern District have been relying on Aberdeen Tunnel, Pok Fu Lam Road and Tai Tam Road as the main routes for outbound traffic. The South Island Line (East) (SIL(E)) railway project is therefore long-awaited by residents. The works on SIL(E) have commenced since mid-2011.

To tie in with the SIL(E), MTRC has undertaken to carry out the relevant major works on infrastructure, such as the construction and improvement of pedestrian link facilities for convenience of the public in gaining access to MTR stations. These major infrastructure works, including the Public Transport Interchange (PTI) beneath Wong Chuk Hang Station, should be carried out in conjunction with the railway project so as to facilitate interchange of the railway with other means of public transport.

Discussion

Since the third term District Councils (2008-2011), SDC has been closely following up the SIL(E) project, such as the progress of construction works, the temporary traffic management schemes, landscape and station facilities, design of the PTI and surrender of the works sites.

The works Wong Chuk Hang Station PTI includes the construction of associated road, drainage, street lighting, electrical and mechanical (E&M) and landscaping works, apart from the provision of various bus and green minibus bays, taxi stand and a general loading/unloading bay.

As Wong Chuk Hang is expected to be developed into a business zone with a lot of hotels in future, there will be booming commercial and tourism activities, rendering it a new centre area in the Southern District. Hence, Members have reflected great aspirations for the design of the Wong Chuk Hang Station PTI. In the numerous discussions with the MTRC representatives during the previous SDC meetings, Members have repeatedly requested for a detailed design of the PTI, such as the interior design, tones of colour, lighting system and other decoration in order to facilitate discussion and comments as early as possible; Members have also repeatedly conveyed to MTRC that the PTI design is very ugly and urged for beautification of the PTI design, e.g. enhanced greening and improvement to the entire concept of the design.

In MTRC's reply of March 2016, it was mentioned that the design of roads, bus stops, drainage, lighting, and E&M facilities were constructed according to the relevant Government standards. At the SDC meeting held on 14 July 2016, the MTRC representatives noted Members' request that the future above-station developer of Wong Chung Hang Station should take up the responsibility of improving the PTI facilities and management of the PTI. But since the site had not been officially granted to MTRC for property development, MTRC would discuss this issue with the developer after the tendering exercise.

Improvement of facilities and enhancing aesthetics of design

In view of the fact that the design of PTI is not sufficient to tie in with the development of Wong Chuk Hang into a business zone, Members have expressed their concerns and dissatisfaction. To this end, this Council hopes that MTRC and the future above-station property developer would finance the improvement of the facilities at Wong Chuk Hang Station PTI and take up the management of the PTI. MTRC is also required to discuss with SDC the matters requiring further improvement, with a view to accommodating the needs of the new Wong Chuk Hang in future and taking forward the development of the Southern District together.

(Summary Translation)

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