

Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Southern District Council
(2016-2019)

Date : 9 May 2019
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : SDC Conference Room

Present:

Dr CHU Ching-hong, BBS, 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:

Mrs MA CHOW Pui-fun, Dorothy, JP	District Officer (Southern), Home Affairs Department	
Miss CHENG Wai-sum, Sum	Assistant District Officer (Southern), Home Affairs Department	
Mr CHEUNG Wai-chun, William	Acting Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Southern District Office, Home Affairs Department	
Ms CHAN Grace	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Southern District Office, Home Affairs Department	
Miss CHOW Suk-ye, Jessica	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Southern District Office, Home Affairs Department	
Ms HUI So-hing	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Southern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	
Mr HUNG Tak-chuen, Benjamin	Chief Leisure Manager (HKW), Leisure and Cultural Services Department	
Mr TONG Ping-tat	Senior Property Service Manager/HKI, Housing Department	
Mr MOK Ying-kit, Kenneth	Chief Transport Officer/Hong Kong Transport Department	
Ms WONG Siu-hing, Queenie	District Commander (Western District), Hong Kong Police Force	
Ms LI Ka-yan	Police Community Relations Officer (Western District), Hong Kong Police Force	
Professor Lau Chi-pang, JP	Chairman, The Advisory Committee on Built Heritage Conservation	} for agenda item 3
Mr LEE Hong-nin, Robin	Chief Assistant Secretary (Works) 2, Development Bureau	
Ms SUEN Wing-han, Cecilia	Assistant Secretary (Heritage Conservation) 1, Development Bureau	
Mr LAW Hon-fai, Lawrence	Senior School Development Officer (CWS)2, Education Bureau	} for agenda item 4
Ms CHENG Suk-man, Corinna	Senior School Development Officer (CWS)5, Education Bureau	

Mr Kelvin TAY	Principal, Singapore International School (Hong Kong)	}	for agenda item 4
Ms Eunice TAN	Vice Principal, (Administration & Finance), Singapore International School (Hong Kong)		
Ms Ada NG	Head of Department (Campus Planning & Development), Singapore International School (Hong Kong)		
Ms Myra KONG	Project Manager, Singapore International School (Hong Kong)		
Mr WONG Wai-yin, Vincent	Senior Town Planner/HK 1, Planning Department		
Mr CHEUNG Kwok-fai, Ivan	Senior Engineer/Southern, Transport Department		
Mr LEE Ming-tong, Timothy	Senior Building Surveyor/A1, Buildings Department		
Mr PANG Siu-kei	Secretary, Organising Committee for the Celebration of the National Day in the Southern District		for agenda item 6
Ms CHAN Kam-wan, Alice	Officer-in-charge (Youth Programme), Southern District Office, Home Affairs Department		for agenda item 7

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and standing government representatives to the meeting.

2. The Chairman continued 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 concisely as possible. The electronic timer would beep when it reached two minutes 30 seconds and three minutes of each speaking slot respectively. The suggested discussion time for each agenda item had been e-mailed to Members before the meeting (Reference Paper - 1). The Secretary estimated that the meeting would finish at about 6:20 p.m. If Members wished to leave early, they should inform the Secretariat staff as early as possible.

Part I – Items Discussed

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 21st SDC Meeting Held on 7 March 2019 [2:31 p.m.]

3. The Chairman said that prior to the meeting, the draft minutes of the 21st SDC meeting had been circulated to Members for comments. The Secretariat had not received any amendment proposals so far.
4. The Chairman asked Members to confirm the minutes of the 21st SDC meeting.
5. SDC confirmed the minutes of its 21st meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Matters Arising (SDC Paper No. 35/2019) [2:31 p.m. – 2:32 p.m.]

6. The Chairman asked Members to note the content of the paper.
7. Members noted the content of the paper.

(Professor LAU Chi-pang, JP, Mr LEE Hong-nin and Ms SUEN Wing-han joined the meeting at 2:32 p.m.)

Agenda Item 3: Revitalisation of Tai Tam Tuk Raw Water Pumping Station Staff Quarters Compound (SDC Paper No. 36/2019) [2:32 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.]

8. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:
 - (i) Professor LAU Chi-pang, JP, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Built Heritage Conservation (ACBHC);
 - (ii) Mr LEE Hong-nin, Chief Assistant Secretary (Works) 2, Development Bureau (DEVB); and

- (iii) Ms SUEN Wing-han, Assistant Secretary (Heritage Conservation) 1, DEVB.
9. The Chairman invited Mr LEE Hong-nin to briefly introduce the content of the paper.
10. Mr LEE Hong-nin briefed Members on the content of SDC Paper No. 36/2019.
11. The Chairman asked Members to raise comments or enquiries.
12. Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying raised the following comments and enquiries:
- (i) she supported in principle the “Revitalisation of Tai Tam Tuk Raw Water Pumping Station Staff Quarters Compound (the Staff Quarters Compound)”. As far as the physical environment was concerned, overlooking the Tai Tam Harbour, the Staff Quarters Compound was very suitable for use as a visitor centre and Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture use, e.g. a water sports centre for dinghy sailing and fishing, etc. Nevertheless, for any tourism development projects, priority should be given to traffic issues and identification of solutions, including improvement works for the road section leading to the car park of the Staff Quarters Compound;
 - (ii) she did not object to the use of the Staff Quarters Compound as a field study centre, and considered that the exhibition hall could help facilitate education development. However, situated in the vicinity of Red Hill Peninsula and Hong Kong International School, there might be certain constraints if it was to be developed into a nature-based centre for ecological learning;
 - (iii) she did not object to the development of the Staff Quarters Compound for Eating Place use either, and considered that it would become a hotspot in the district. However, priority had to be given to the adequacy of ancillary facilities, including the number of parking spaces, the availability of sewerage systems and whether commercial tenants were able to break even, etc. She also suggested revitalising the Staff Quarters Compound in the form of mixed-use development with enhanced ancillary tourism facilities, so that Tai Tam and Stanley could complement each other in driving economic development; and
 - (iv) as the development of the Staff Quarters Compound for Holiday Camp use was in line with the planning intention, application should be made to the Town Planning Board (TPB) beforehand. If the revitalised Staff Quarters Compound was to be developed into a holiday camp, consideration could also be given to the provision of a variety of water sports facilities.

13. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) he understood that DEVB did not wish to restrict the possible future land uses of the Staff Quarters Compound. In the light of the shortage of ancillary facilities for water sports in Hong Kong, the Staff Quarters Compound that was adjacent to Tai Tam Bay Pier at the coast of Tai Tam Bay was well placed for the development of water sports facilities. Hence, he suggested that when assessing the revitalisation proposals, DEVB should give priority to proposals that could enable effective use of Tai Tam Bay and public access to Tai Tam Bay Pier; and
- (ii) he pointed out that despite that all existing vehicular traffic towards Tai Tam Bay Pier had to pass the Staff Quarters Compound, Tai Tam Bay Pier had not been included in the revitalisation project. Moreover, a section of Tai Tam Reservoir Road was within the boundary of the Staff Quarters Compound. He continued to point out that most of the existing piers along the coastal area were privately owned by clubs for the exclusive use of their patrons. Therefore, many members of the public would use Tai Tam Bay Pier which was the only public pier in the vicinity. Some organisations such as Hong Kong Hobie Club had even berthed vessels at that pier. Therefore, he enquired DEVB whether members of the public would be allowed to access Tai Tam Bay Pier at any time via a section of Tai Tam Reservoir Road within the boundary of the Staff Quarters Compound, and which government department or organisation would manage the Tai Tam Bay Pier in the future.

14. Mr FUNG Se-goun raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) he expressed support for DEVB's proposal to include the Staff Quarters Compound in the Revitalisation Scheme and commended DEVB for initiating the proposal for revitalising the Staff Quarters Compound. He looked forward to its early implementation, so that the revitalised facilities could be open for public use as soon as practicable;
- (ii) he pointed out that in earlier years, some organisations had expressed interest in developing land- and water-based activities at the Staff Quarters Compound through short-term tenancy and the nearby Tai Tam Harbour. As such, he commented that DEVB should consider including Tai Tam Bay Pier in the revitalisation project to promote its usage by the public; and
- (iii) given the low accessibility of the Staff Quarters Compound that was linked by a relatively narrow road, he suggested implementing the revitalisation project in tandem with improvement works for transport support facilities in the vicinity.

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

- (i) he pointed out that the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) had declined Members' request for visits to declared monuments. He considered that the communication between AMO and the Council in the past was far from satisfactory. He hoped that the re-organised AMO could strengthen communication with the Council, establish close partnership with Members, and arrange for Members site visits at declared monuments to facilitate them in giving input to the Revitalisation Scheme;
- (ii) he suggested that before implementation of the revitalisation project concerned, apart from carrying out improvement works for the buildings selected for inclusion in the Revitalisation Scheme, DEVB should also consider devoting resources to the improvement of the surrounding environment and associated ancillary facilities such as feeder roads, as well as beautification works for the surrounding area and the compound, etc., failing which the revitalised buildings might not be compatible with the surrounding environment; and
- (iii) he pointed out that members of the public had become more aware of the importance of heritage conservation than before. In spite of the relatively high level of public participation in the revitalisation project of Old Dairy Farm Senior Staff Quarters in Pok Fu Lam in the past, there was still room for improvement. DEVB should step up efforts in engaging the public in the revitalisation project, e.g. disclosing information such as planning restrictions and the amount of flexibility allowed, etc. before tender invitation, in order to collect more public views.

16. Dr MAK TSE How-ling, MH raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) she expressed support for the revitalisation of the Staff Quarters Compound which had unique historical value. Apart from preserving and making good use of the old architectural features of Hong Kong, the revitalised Staff Quarters Compound would also become a place of interest for the public and visitors;
- (ii) she pointed out that in the light of the inefficient road network in the vicinity of the Staff Quarters Compound, the Government should increase the provision of transport support facilities accordingly before commencement of the revitalisation project. She also suggested consulting local residents on possible future land uses; and
- (iii) as the Staff Quarters Compound was located at the waterfront, consideration might be given to developing ancillary facilities for water sports, though a comprehensive assessment was necessary to determine if it was appropriate.

(Mr CHU Lap-wai left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.)

17. The Chairman invited the representatives of DEVB to respond.

18. Mr LEE Hong-nin gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) so far, the projects under the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme (Revitalisation Scheme) had been making good progress and were generally welcomed by the public, bringing both tangible and intangible benefits to the community. Apart from proper preservation of the vacant historic buildings, those projects could also enable members of the public to appreciate the historic buildings and their surrounding areas through guided tours and associated activities organised by the non-profit-making operating organisations;
- (ii) as a matter of fact, DEVB had not designated and would not designate the future uses of the projects under the Revitalisation Scheme. The uses of the projects under the Revitalisation Scheme were of different varieties and could help promote the development of education, culture, arts, medical care and tourism, etc., thereby stimulating local economy, revitalising the old communities and strengthening community cohesion;
- (iii) open invitations would be issued to non-profit-making organisations (NPOs) to invite revitalisation proposals which would be assessed by ACBHC. The five assessment criteria were reflection of historical value and significance of the historic buildings; technical aspects which included provision of access road and availability of transport support facilities; social value and social enterprise (SE) operation (e.g. whether or not the revitalisation of the Staff Quarters Compound into water- and land-based facilities would be beneficial to the community); financial viability; as well as management capability and other considerations;
- (iv) apart from the three declared monuments, the revitalisation project concerned also covered the surrounding area, with a view to providing space for development and enhance the development potential for the project;
- (v) under the Revitalisation Scheme, the selected NPOs would be required to operate the revitalised facilities as SEs, as well as bear the maintenance cost of the existing historic buildings and new facilities upon completion of revitalisation works. DEVB was aware of the possible challenges in operating the revitalised facilities as SEs. As such, DEVB would try to reduce the scope of maintenance responsibility of the NPOs, so as to reduce the repair and maintenance cost incurred. DEVB had decided that for the time being, the government department concerned would continue to manage Tai Tam Bay Pier having regard to the huge repair and maintenance costs involved; and

- (vi) Tai Tam Bay Pier was currently managed by the Water Supplies Department (WSD). Based on available information, the gate of the pier was open to the public within a specified period of time. DEVB would discuss with WSD on the future arrangements of Tai Tam Bay Pier.

(Mr LO Kin-hei joined the meeting at 2:56 p.m.)

19. The Chairman asked Members to raise comments or enquiries.

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

- (i) there were several piers in the vicinity of the Staff Quarters Compound in the past, but the piers had been demolished. Therefore, there would be space for further development. A section of Tai Tam Reservoir Road leading to the Staff Quarters Compound was connected to Tai Tam Tuk Reservoir Dam via Tai Tam Road. The beautiful scenery in Tai Tam had attracted many members of the public. Also, quite a number of organisations had held dragon boat races in the vicinity. The Staff Quarters Compound had considerable development potential and was conducive to the development of education, culture and arts, etc.;
- (ii) she enquired DEVB about the term of the tenancy agreement in relation to the revitalisation project, and wished to retain the distinctive external wall clad with red bricks at the Staff Quarters Compound; and
- (iii) she enquired whether the scope of the project covered the slopes or not; and if so, whether the operator was required to bear slope maintenance cost in the future.

21. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) Tai Tam Bay Pier was solely used and managed by WSD in earlier years. Given its convenient location and road network, the number of public users had increased over the years, including nearby villagers and individuals participating in water sports, e.g. patrons of the Hong Kong Hobie Club. As such, DEVB should take into account the high usage of the pier by the public when considering the revitalisation project. Instead of tasking WSD to take up the management of the pier again and merely opening the gate of the pier within a specified period of time, the pier should be converted into a public pier under the purview of the Civil Engineering and Development Department for use by the public or organisations round-the-clock, or else the public might be discontented if they were not allowed to use the pier upon revitalisation of the Staff Quarters Compound. In the view of the huge maintenance cost involved, he agreed with DEVB's proposal that relevant

government department should take up the management and operation of the pier in the future; and

- (ii) given its unique geographical location, the Staff Quarters Compound near Tai Tam Bay was very suitable for water sports development. It was suggested giving priority to proposals relating water sports development, and that this assessment criterion should be made public, so as to maximise the effectiveness of the revitalisation project.

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

- (i) he recommended retention of existing building features such as the fireplace wherever possible during the refurbishment works for revitalisation purpose, with a view to preserving the site of unique heritage value;
- (ii) in view of the low pedestrian flows at the revitalised Haw Par Mansion and Fong Yuen Study Hall because of their geographical disadvantages, he was worried that the revitalisation project concerned might face similar challenges in the future. As the inadequate transport support facilities and narrow access roads would lead to low pedestrian flow near the revitalised Staff Quarters Compound, he asked DEVB about the corresponding measures to be taken;
- (iii) he pointed out pedestrian access facilities at the subject site and its surrounding environment was far from satisfactory. The nearby areas were overgrown with weeds, and some of them had even been fenced off. He was worried that the revitalised Staff Quarters Compound was incompatible with its surrounding environment. Citing Old Tai Po Police Station and Former Lai Chi Kok Hospital as examples, he said that the related revitalisation work had been carried out in tandem with environmental improvement works in their surrounding areas, e.g. street beautification and construction of footbridges, etc. Hence, he recommended implementation of similar environmental improvement works under the revitalisation project concerned; and
- (iv) he suggested DEVB arranging a site visit at the Staff Quarters Compound so that Members could have a better understanding of details of the revitalisation project concerned, which would facilitate future discussion with potential operators.

23. Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) she expressed support for the revitalisation project; and
- (ii) as compared with other revitalisation projects, the Staff Quarters Compound was not accessible and covered a vast area. In the face of a fairly high estimated operating cost, and coupled with the fact that the Government would only provide a one-off

grant capped at \$5 million, she was worried that the above arrangements would undermine the appeal of the project. She asked whether the Government would undertake revitalisation work and hand over the revitalised facilities to recreational and sports organisations/arts groups in the district thereafter for better efficiency.

24. Dr MAK TSE How-ling, MH raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) she shared the worries of Members that insufficient transport support facilities at the Staff Quarters Compound would undermine the appeal of the project. She suggested the Government should consider undertaking revitalisation work itself and handing over the facilities to other organisations for use afterwards. Otherwise, if there were no organisations interested in the project, the Staff Quarters Compound being left vacant which would waste resources; and
- (ii) under this revitalisation project, buildings of historical value should be preserved for adaptive reuse, with a view to promoting the local economy, achieving the revitalisation objectives and ensuring value for money.

25. The Chairman invited the representatives of DEVB to respond.

26. Mr LEE Hong-nin gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) the one-off government grant at a ceiling of \$5 million was to meet the starting costs and operating deficits (if any) of the SEs in the first two years of operation. For revitalisation and renovation works (e.g. addition of barrier-free access and works to enhance the safety of slopes), they would be fully funded by the Government. To underpin the development of the revitalisation projects, the Government had in the past provided grants ranging from tens of millions of dollars to more than \$100 million per project in the past;
- (ii) the Government would enter into a tenancy agreement with the prospective operator for a fixed term of three years with an option to renew for a second three-year term. Subject to the satisfactory performance of the operator in the first three years, the Government would renew the tenancy agreement for a further period of three years, allowing ample time for the operator to make long-term planning;
- (iii) other revitalisation projects had been well-received by the public. DEVB would take into account a basket of factors in identifying suitable government-owned historic buildings for adaptive reuse under the Revitalisation Scheme, including the use of the building and its commercial potential, etc. As some of the selected historic buildings were located in relatively remote areas, in implementing the

- revitalisation projects, DEVB would seek assistance from relevant government departments to enhance the public accessibility of the revitalised facilities; and
- (iv) the relevant revitalisation works for the Haw Pau Mansion under Batch III of the Revitalisation Scheme had recently been completed. The revitalised Haw Par Music Farm had commenced operation and was used as a venue for conducting music activities. Members of the public were welcome to visit the place and participate in guided tours.

27. The Chairman invited Professor LAU Chi-pang, JP to respond.

28. Professor LAU Chi-pang, JP gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) the Revitalisation Scheme was launched more than 10 years ago and there had been six batches of projects. The Government had all along been committed to identifying suitable historic buildings for NPOs to revitalise and operate, thereby benefiting the community. Revitalisation projects were conducive to attracting visitors and enhancing public facilities in the community. For instance, the surrounding environment of Stone Nullah Lane had seen improvement upon revitalisation of the Blue House Cluster, thereby creating a better living environment. This revitalisation project had also received the Award of Excellence in the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation; and
- (ii) as for Members' concerns about identifying suitable partner organisations and their operational performances, ACBHC would consider various aspects of the revitalisation proposals during the assessment process. Overall speaking, the operational performances of the up-and-running projects under the Revitalisation Scheme, including those located in relatively remote areas, were generally satisfactory. For instance, Tai O Heritage Hotel had already emerged as a renowned tourist hotspot. The Former Lau Fau Shan Police Station would be revitalised as "Hong Kong Guide Dogs Academy", indicating that NPOs had many innovative ideas for revitalisation proposals. Given that the Staff Quarters Compound under the proposed batch of the Revitalisation Scheme covered a vast area of coastal land, it should be able to attract NPOs to submit a variety of revitalisation proposals.

29. In closing, the Chairman concluded that the Council expressed support for the "Revitalisation of Tai Tam Tuk Raw Water Pumping Station Staff Quarters Compound". The majority of Members who had spoken on the subject wished to develop facilities for land- and water-based activities at the subject site by capitalising on the geographical advantage of the Staff Quarters Compound being close to Tai Tam Harbour, as well as

making good use the adjacent Tai Tam Bay Pier. He requested DEVB to provide the aforesaid information to applicants for reference during invitation for proposals from NPOs.

30. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN stressed that apart from making good use of the adjacent Tai Tam Bay Pier, DEVB should convert Tai Tam Bay Pier into a public pier, open the gate of the pier for public access round-the-clock and improve its physical environment.

31. The Chairman invited the representatives of DEVB to respond.

32. Mr LEE Hong-nin noted Members' views, and pointed out that Tai Tam Bay Pier was currently managed by WSD. Upon discussion between DEVB and WSD, WSD had agreed to open the pier for use by relevant parties or the selected NPO in the future. Besides, upon implementation of the revitalisation project concerned, DEVB would discuss with the government departments concerned on ways to improve the transport support facilities for the pier and its vicinity, with a view to enhancing the development potential of the revitalisation project.

33. Mr CHAI Man-hon enquired about the possibility of arranging for a site visit with Members at the Staff Quarters Compound.

34. The Chairman said that the Secretariat would follow up after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: Members would conduct a site visit at the Staff Quarters Compound on 10 July 2019.)

35. The Chairman thanked Professor LAU Chi-pang, JP, Mr LEE Hong-nin and Ms SUEN Wing-han for attending the meeting.

(Professor LAU Chi-pang, JP, Mr LEE Hong-nin, Ms SUEN Wing-han and Mr FUNG Se-goun left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.)

(Mr LAW Hon-fai, Ms CHENG Suk-man, Corinna, Mr Kelvin TAY, Ms Eunice TAN, Ms Ada NG, Ms Myra KONG, Mr WONG Wai-yin, Vincent, Mr CHEUNG Kwok-fai, Ivan and Mr LEE Ming-tong, Timothy joined the meeting at 3:20 p.m.)

Agenda Item 4: Singapore International School submits Application to the Town Planning Board for Relaxation of Building Height Restriction (SDC Paper No. 37/2019)
[3:20 p.m. – 4:38 p.m.]

36. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:
- (i) Mr LAW Hon-fai, Senior School Development Officer (CWS)2, Education Bureau (EDB);
 - (ii) Ms CHENG Suk-man, Corinna, Senior School Development Officer (CWS)5, EDB;
 - (iii) Mr Kelvin TAY, Principal, Singapore International School (Hong Kong) (SISHK);
 - (iv) Ms Eunice TAN, Vice Principal (Administration & Finance), SISHK;
 - (v) Ms Ada NG, Head of Department (Campus Planning & Development), SISHK;
 - (vi) Ms Myra KONG, Project Manager, SISHK;
 - (vii) Mr CHEUNG Kwok-fai, Ivan, Senior Engineer/Southern, Transport Department (TD);
 - (viii) Mr WONG Wai-yin, Vincent, Senior Town Planner/HK 1, Planning Department (PlanD); and
 - (ix) Mr LEE Ming-tong, Timothy, Senior Building Surveyor/A1, Buildings Department (BD).
37. The Chairman said that this agenda item had been put forward by Mr TSUI Yuen-wa, details of which were set out at Annex 1 to SDC Paper No. 37/2019, while the written replies from the government departments concerned were at Annex 2 to SDC Paper No. 37/2019.
38. The Chairman asked Mr TSUI Yuen-wa to briefly introduce the content of the agenda item.
39. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa briefed Members on the content of the agenda item as follows:
- (i) he thanked the representatives of SISHK for attending the meeting. He pointed out that SISHK had all along maintained good communication with SDC and taken the initiative to approach him for the planning application;
 - (ii) he stressed that this agenda item was not specifically targeted at SISHK. The traffic problems in the vicinity of the campus were not caused by SISHK alone, but could also be attributed to the geographical constraints and a large number of private cars picking up/dropping off students of another international school in the neighbourhood. However, he would like to draw SISHK's attention to the concerns

of the Council. After all, as SDC Member of the local constituency, he had the obligation to reflect local residents' views;

- (iii) the Council had all along expressed deep concern about the problem of traffic congestion arising from international schools in the district, namely SISHK, Canadian International School of Hong Kong and Victoria Shanghai Academy. However, since the construction of the aforesaid schools had been completed in the earlier years, the Council was unable to request the imposition of restriction clauses such as the "School Bus Only" Policy to solve the traffic problem. Therefore, he was of the view that it was opportune time to impose the condition to require teachers and students of SISHK to take school buses or public transport to school for the sake of alleviating the traffic burden on the surrounding area of Wong Chuk Hang, with reference to the practices of The Harbour School (THS) at Ap Lei Chau Estate and German Swiss International School (GSIS) in Pok Fu Lam. He thanked TD for adopting the recommendation on the implementation of the mandatory "School Bus Only" Policy when considering SISHK's planning application; and
- (iv) he pointed out that in future, Wong Chuk Hang would become the hub of the Southern District upon completion of two key development projects, including the property development above MTR Wong Chuk Hang Station comprising a large-scale shopping mall and over 10 blocks of private residential buildings as well as the Ocean Park's Water World with a capacity of around 10 000 visitors. Based on the existing road design of Wong Chuk Hang, it was envisaged that there would be heavy traffic in area upon completion of the aforesaid development projects, in particular Police School Road and Shum Wan Road leading to the Water World. To cope with the additional traffic flow in Wong Chuk Hang in the future, he considered that requiring SISHK to implement the mandatory "School Bus Only" Policy would help alleviate the problem of traffic congestion in the vicinity of Wong Chuk Hang. In addition, he enquired EDB and TD about the possible ways to request local kindergartens in the district and the remaining two international schools nearby to implement the "School Bus only" Policy.

40. The Chairman invited the representatives of EDB to briefly introduce the content of the reply.

41. Ms Corinna CHENG briefed Members on the content of the reply as follows:

- (i) SISHK had proposed to restructure learning and teaching spaces as well as operational facilities at the campus of the Preparatory Years and Primary Section at 23 Nam Long Shan Road, which included the addition of one storey for a staff office at the roof of the existing campus building, with an aim to enhancing its overall

- operational efficiency and releasing space for provision of diversified educational facilities. As the proposed works would not involve additional school places, it would not attract additional traffic to the local road network;
- (ii) all along, EDB had urged SISHK to be mindful of the traffic conditions in its vicinity, maintain liaison with parents and the local community, as well as adopt appropriate measures to mitigate traffic impact. Accordingly, SISHK had implemented a series of traffic management measures. Based on the information provided by SISHK, about 65% of its students in the Preparatory Years and Primary Section travelled to school by school buses, 10% of them used private cars, while the remaining ones travelled by public transport or went to school on foot; and
 - (iii) to alleviate the converging traffic generated by another school nearby during school start time, SISHK had shifted the reporting time to 8:20 a.m. and assigned designated security guards to assist in traffic control during school start and dismissal time. Traffic segregation measures had also been implemented, whereby the car park in the campus of the Secondary Section was opened to the Upper Primary students during arrival and dismissal. With the launch of the South Island Line (East), SISHK had also strongly encouraged students and parents to take MTR or other means of public transport. EDB would continue to monitor the traffic management measures adopted by SISHK and maintain close liaison with TD and SISHK, with a view to minimising traffic impact on the district.

42. The Chairman invited the representatives of SISHK to respond.

43. Mr Kelvin TAY briefed Members on the background and mission of SISHK, and showcased SISHK's endeavour in establishing close partnerships with all sectors of the community with a video.

44. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN raised a point of order and requested focusing on matters relating to the SISHK's planning application made to TPB for relaxation of building height (BH) restriction.

45. The Chairman reminded the representatives of SISHK to keep their briefing as concise as possible and focus on matters relating to the planning application for relaxation of BH restriction. The Chairman asked whether SISHK had anything to add.

46. Ms Myra KONG briefed Members on the SISHK's proposal to restructure on-campus learning and teaching spaces as well as operational facilities at 23 Nam Long Shan Road, including the addition of one storey for a staff office at the roof of the existing building with a BH of 86 metres above Principal Datum (mPD) in the campus of the

Preparatory Years and Primary Section, so as to consolidate the existing administration offices scattered on different floors of the campus building. The converted building would be 91 mPD high, equivalent to the existing one if its rooftop was fully enclosed.

47. The Chairman said that the SISHK's planning application made to the TPB for relaxation of BH restriction would involve the addition of a five-metre high structure at the roof of the existing building.

48. The Chairman invited the representative of TD to briefly introduce the content of the reply.

49. Mr Ivan CHEUNG briefed Members on the content of the reply as follows:

- (i) based on the information provided by SISHK, this amendment to planning permission aimed at enhancing the overall operational efficiency of SISHK and release space for providing a wider range of teaching and learning facilities. The proposed works would neither involve additional school places nor attract additional traffic to the local road network in the future. Therefore, SISHK had not submitted a traffic impact assessment (TIA) report together with the planning application concerned; and
- (ii) notwithstanding the above, observations showed that private cars and taxis, as well as school buses had picked up/dropped off students at the campuses of the Secondary and Primary Sections respectively, but some private cars had picked up/dropped off students at Nam Long Shan Road, resulting in traffic congestion in the vicinity of Nam Long Shan Road and Police School Road. TD had suggested imposing a condition in the planning application for SISHK to implement the "School Bus Only" Policy to encourage students to take school buses and public transport to and from the school in order to reduce the number of private cars in the vicinity. TD would liaise with SISHK and EDB to minimise possible school-related traffic impacts on the road network in the vicinity, and would continue to monitor traffic conditions in the neighbourhood of SISHK and assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the Policy.

50. The Chairman invited the representative of PlanD to briefly introduce the content of the reply.

51. Mr Vincent WONG briefed Members on the content of the reply as follows:

- (i) as the BH of the proposed development at SISHK would exceed that of the existing building at 86 mPD, planning permission for minor relaxation of BH restriction is required from the TPB before conducting any alteration works. Any planning application submitted under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance (TPO) would be published according to the TPO for public inspection. Under the TPO, members of the public could submit their comments on the planning application to TPB during the first three weeks of the exhibition period. The subject planning application for minor relaxation of BH restriction was published by TPB on 26 March 2019 for public inspection in accordance with the TPO; and
- (ii) the applicant had submitted justifications for the planning application. In considering the planning application, TPB would take into account the justifications submitted by the applicant and relevant planning considerations, including planning intention, technical assessments, as well as comments from relevant government departments and all stakeholders, before making a decision.

52. The Chairman asked when the SISHK's planning application for relaxation of BH restriction would be considered by TPB.

53. Mr Vincent WONG responded that under the TPO, TPB was required to make a decision within two months upon receipt of the planning application. The planning application concerned was tentatively scheduled for consideration by TPB on 17 May 2019.

54. The Chairman invited the representative of BD to briefly introduce the content of the reply.

55. Mr Timothy LEE briefed Members on the content of the reply as follows:

- (i) Pursuant to the powers under the Buildings Ordinance (BO), BD was responsible for the enforcement of the standards for the planning, design and construction of buildings and associated works on private land to ensure public safety; and
- (ii) prior to carrying out alteration and addition works, SISHK was required to submit building plans to BD for approval, which would be circulated to relevant government departments for comments. Afterwards, the plans would be assessed to check whether the design and construction standards prescribed under the BO had been met. The alteration and addition works could be carried out after the plans had been approved.

56. The Chairman asked Members to raise comments or enquiries on the subject.
57. Dr MAK TSE How-ling, MH raised the following comments and enquiries:
- (i) given the increasingly diversified curriculum, on-campus facilities should also keep abreast with the times. The SISHK's planning application did not involve additional school places, but aimed to enhance its overall operational efficiency and release space for provision of a wider range of teaching and learning facilities. She considered that it could enhance the working environment for the teaching staff and was conducive to the long-term development of SISHK. Given that SISHK had a long-standing reputation, she hoped that it could further support the personal development of students through community services; and
 - (ii) she was of the view that the planning application had come at an opportune time for SISHK to implement the mandatory "School Bus Only" Policy, so as to require approximately 10% of its students who travelled to school by private cars at present to switch to school buses or other public transport means. This would also set an example for other international schools nearby to encourage their students to take school buses or public transport to school, with a view to relieving the traffic burden of the surrounding area.
58. Mr AU Lap-sing, MH raised the following comments and enquiries:
- (i) he thanked SISHK for taking the initiative to approach Mr TSUI Yuen-wa and himself for giving a detailed account of the planning application made to TPB for relaxation of BH restriction. As the Chairman of The Incorporated Owners of Grandview Garden, he did not object to the proposal. Nevertheless, the nearby residents had expressed grave dissatisfaction at private car drivers honking their horns when bringing their children to school every morning. There were worries about the possibility of an increase in private car traffic as a result of additional student intake by SISHK upon completion of addition works, thereby aggravating the problem. SISHK could make reference to past practices to proactively communicate with the residents to address their concerns; and
 - (ii) he pointed out that given the persistent traffic congestion in the vicinity of Nam Long Shan Road, some annoyed drivers had honked their horns indiscriminately, causing nuisance to nearby residents. SISHK should squarely deal with the issue by discouraging students from making use of private cars for commuting to school.

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

- (i) he concurred with Mr TSUI Yuen-wa on the agenda item put forward for discussion at the SDC meeting. Also, he thanked SISHK for sending representatives to attend the meeting and appreciated the SISHK's commitment to achieving its mission;
- (ii) he did not object to the SISHK's planning application, and considered that it was conducive to the long-term development of SISHK. However, SISHK needed to take proactive measures to alleviate the traffic burden on the surrounding area. He pointed out that in the past, the Council had strongly requested THS to implement a mandatory "School Bus Only" Policy, so as to address possible school-related traffic problems brought to Ap Lei Chau Estate and South Horizons, failing which the Council would object to the establishment of THS at Ap Lei Chau Estate. Eventually, THS had acceded to the proposal to avoid overburdening the local road network. In addition, he had recently discussed with several kindergartens in South Horizons, including a newly-established international kindergarten, on feasible measures to alleviate the traffic burden on the surrounding areas. As such, he requested SISHK to make reference to the practices of THS and GSIS to encourage its students or even make it mandatory for them (except those with special needs) to take school buses or public transport means to school, with a view to alleviating the traffic burden on the neighbourhood of Wong Chuk Hang. It could not only actively address the aspirations of SDC but also help establish supportive neighbourhood network in the community; and
- (iii) he thanked TD for the proposal to impose a condition for SISHK to implement the mandatory "School Bus Only" Policy when considering the planning application.

(Mr AU Nok-hin joined the meeting at 4:00 p.m.)

60. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) he thanked TD for the proposal to impose a condition for SISHK to implement the mandatory "School Bus Only" Policy when considering the planning application, so as to cope with future development needs of Wong Chuk Hang. He pointed out that other international schools had also adopted similar practices. For instance, Hong Kong International School in Repulse Bay had already requested its students to switch from private cars to school buses for commuting to school;
- (ii) he understood that the implementation of the "School Bus Only" Policy might arouse objections from parents, yet it was by no means impracticable. He invited SISHK to implement the Policy as soon as possible to address the aspirations of SDC;

- (iii) he expressed disappointment at EDB's response, and opined that EDB had failed to request SISHK to implement the "School Bus Only" Policy when considering its planning application. He suggested EDB to request other schools to follow suit in order to discourage students from taking private cars for commuting to school so as to alleviate the traffic burden arising from district development, the continuous rise in the number of private cars, an increase in cross-boundary traffic and the development of the Greater Bay Area; and
- (iv) he requested SISHK to confirm whether the "School Bus Only" Policy would be implemented as soon as possible, and called on the Council to unanimously request SISHK to implement the Policy.

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

- (i) he called on the Council to unanimously request SISHK to implement the "School Bus Only" Policy and reflect the aspiration of SDC to TPB as well. Given that TD had already requested to impose a condition in the planning application for SISHK to implement the mandatory "School Bus Only" Policy, he enquired SISHK whether relevant measures would be put in place;
- (ii) in case TPB did not accept TD's proposal on the implementation of the mandatory "School Bus Only" Policy by SISHK, he enquired TD if the proposal would be pursued further. If TD could still request SISHK to do so, it could not only improve traffic conditions in the district but also set a precedent for other schools on how traffic arrangements could be improved;
- (iii) he expressed disappointment at the response of EDB. Given that EDB was aware of the traffic impacts created by international schools, they should proactively consult the Council or relevant committees upon receipt of the planning application from SISHK and propose specific traffic improvement measures accordingly, instead of addressing the aspiration of SDC only when he had put forward an agenda item for discussion at the Full Council meeting after he had learnt that the planning application would be considered by TPB on 17 May 2019. He suggested EDB to take the initiative to consult the Council and actively listen to its views based on previous experiences and the lessons learnt from this case; and
- (iv) in case TPB did not accept TD's proposal on the implementation of the mandatory "School Bus Only" Policy by SISHK, he asked whether PlanD would support the planning application concerned.

62. Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying considered that given that the SISHK's planning application aimed at restructuring learning and teaching spaces as well as operational facilities at the school premises instead of creating additional school places, the proposed

works were conducive to improving on-campus facilities. Therefore, the Council should support the planning application.

63. Mr CHAI Man-hon criticised the EDB's practice of dealing with planning applications made by international schools as being far from satisfactory. As a matter of fact, members of the public had all along expressed much concern about traffic problems arising from international schools. It was suggested that EDB should, upon receipt of applications, remind international schools of the need to implement suitable traffic arrangements, so as to forestall public dissatisfaction about the Government and the applicants. Besides, apart from informing the public of the applications made by international schools via the Council, EDB might also take the initiative to unveil details through direct mailing and banners, etc., with a view to addressing public concerns.

64. The Chairman invited the representatives of SISHK to respond.

65. Ms Eunice TAN gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) she thanked Members for their comments. SISHK had been making proactive efforts in liaising with relevant stakeholders. It was considered that traffic congestion in the vicinity of the campus had affected not only local residents but also SISHK. Though the problem of traffic congestion was not mainly caused by SISHK, it was willing to take complementary measures to tackle this problem, with a view to reducing the impact on residents;
- (ii) she pointed out that SISHK had discussed traffic management measures in detail with the officers from EDB and TD. SISHK supported the measures and was willing to implement the "School Bus Only" Policy proposed by TD, but needed to work out the detailed arrangements owing to implementation difficulties. She said that at present, there were no surplus parking spaces at the layby for school buses at Nam Long Shan Road, but it was necessary to increase the number of school buses upon implementation of the "School Bus Only" Policy. As such, SISHK had to come up with some ways to avoid causing traffic congestion when increasing the number of school buses; and
- (iii) as the planning application concerned did not involve additional school places, it should neither attract additional traffic nor have adverse impact on the Southern District.

66. The Chairman invited the representatives of EDB to respond.

67. Ms Corinna CHENG responded that as SISHK had accepted the recommendation of implementing the “School Bus Only” Policy, EDB would continue to maintain close liaison with SISHK and TD to follow up on the implementation of the traffic management measures. It was expected that SISHK could proactively work out the Policy as recommended by TD and put it in place to improve traffic conditions.

68. The Chairman invited the representative of TD to respond.

69. Mr Ivan CHEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) noting that SISHK had responded positively to the “School Bus Only” Policy, but it took time to work out the detailed arrangements, TD would advise SISHK on traffic management matters to facilitate the implementation of the Policy; and
- (ii) TD would maintain close co-operation with the departments concerned on the “School Bus Only” Policy to reduce private car traffic in the vicinity of SISHK, thereby alleviating the traffic problem in the area, including taking action against annoyed drivers who honked their horns indiscriminately, so as to reduce the nuisance caused to nearby residents.

70. The Chairman invited the representative of PlanD to respond.

71. Mr Vincent WONG responded that PlanD would maintain close liaison with TD and EDB on the SISHK’s planning application, and would collect their comments as soon as possible, including the “School Bus Only” Policy proposed by TD, which would then be forwarded to TPB for deliberation.

72. The Chairman asked Members to raise comments or enquiries.

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

- (i) he pointed out that given the long standing problem of traffic congestion at Nam Long Shan Road, and coupled with the fact that this was not the first-time for SISHK to apply for addition works, local residents were worried that SISHK would make similar applications in the future, causing traffic impact on the surrounding area. Therefore, the Council and the public expressed much concern about the planning application concerned;
- (ii) during the discussion on the conversion project for the SISHK campus at 2 Police School Road at a SDC meeting in 2009, the representative of SISHK said that having regard to the recommendations contained in the TIA report, arrangements

would be made for private cars and taxis to pick up/drop off passengers and park at the campus of the Secondary Section, whereas small and large buses were allowed to pick up/drop off passengers and park at the campus of the Primary section. However, since the former management of SISHK had failed to actively implement the related arrangements, and that EDB did not have adequate monitoring capabilities, SISHK had not implemented the aforesaid traffic diversion measures over the past years. It was learnt that the current management of SISHK had no knowledge about the related arrangements. Therefore, he urged EDB to actively follow up with SISHK on the implementation of the mandatory “School Bus Only” Policy, so that the proposal would not degenerate into empty rhetoric again. He also requested SISHK to provide details of the implementation of the aforesaid traffic diversions;

- (iii) given that Wong Chuk Hang had undergone significant transformation as a result of continuous development in the last 10 years, active consideration should be given to the implementation of feasible traffic improvement measures, e.g. converting the coach parking spaces underneath MTR Wong Chuk Hang Station and the minibus parking spaces near SISHK into school bus parking spaces, designating a “silent zone” at Nam Long Shan Road to prohibit drivers from honking their horns unnecessarily, etc. He hoped that SISHK and TD would consider the above suggestions and actively address public aspirations; and
- (iv) the findings of his questionnaire survey on the SISHK’s planning application revealed that over 70% of the respondents had expressed objection, while some of them were worried that the additions to the existing building would create negative visual impact on the surrounding area.

74. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) according to the planning application in question, SISHK intended to construct a pitched roof over the flat roof of the existing campus building. The new roof would consist of rooftop structures. He urged PlanD to explain what rooftop structures were always permitted and enquired about the possibility of increasing the BH by adding a roof onto the existing building; and
- (ii) the airspace above properties was public space. The SISHK’s proposed construction of a pitched roof over the existing building was tantamount to the occupation of public space. When dealing with the application, EDB should, in the public interest, require SISHK to implement traffic improvement measures, instead of merely stating the positive implications of the converted building for SISHK. He urged EDB to clearly understand its role and put forward feasible and practicable proposals.

75. Mr LO Kin-hei raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) he considered that EDB's performance on school management was far from satisfactory. The Council and residents had grave concern over the traffic problems arising from international schools in the district. Despite that the related matters had been repeatedly discussed at SDC meetings, EDB had failed to proactively respond to and follow up the aspirations and comments of SDC. Instead, EDB would merely collect views from the Council when it wished to enlist the support of SDC for certain applications. He was disappointed about EDB's response, and pointed out that EDB had failed to propose measures to tackle the problem of traffic congestion arising from international schools by, for example, imposing relevant conditions;
- (ii) there were several buildings in the existing campus of SISHK. Nevertheless, SISHK had selected the highest building for additions. If other relatively low-rise buildings were selected for such a purpose, it would obviate the need for application for relaxation of BH restriction and forestall the problem of obstruction of views. As such, he asked SISHK the reason for selecting the higher building for additions; and
- (iii) he expressed support for TD's proposal to impose a condition in the planning application for SISHK to implement the mandatory "School Bus Only" Policy. It was hoped that the Southern District Office (SDO) would reflect to TPB the strong aspiration of SDC for the implementation of the "School Bus Only" Policy by SISHK and that SISHK had acceded to the request. SDO should ensure that Members of TPB would take note of that.

(Post-meeting note: SDO relayed Members' views to TPB on 16 May 2019.)

76. Mr CHAI Man-hon said that the representatives of EDB present at this meeting were from the Regional Education Office (REO) under EDB, and its vision statement stated that "REO positions itself to take a lead in education development in its region. It is responsible for, and responsive to, the needs of students, teachers, schools and other stakeholders it serves." Given that SDC was a representative of the public, EDB should maintain close liaison with the Council. Therefore, he suggested establishing a mechanism, whereby EDB would take the initiative to consult the Council upon receipt of any planning applications from schools in the Southern District, and to inform the public of the possible impacts and propose specific solutions, e.g. whether campus addition works would involve additional school places and the introduction of the "School Bus Only" Policy, etc., so as to address the concerns of the public and the Council.

77. The Chairman invited the representatives of SISHK to respond.

78. Ms Myra KONG responded that the planning application involved the addition of one storey at the roof of the existing building. Prior to the commencement of addition works, it was necessary to carry out an assessment of the building to ensure that its foundation and structure had adequate structural capability for supporting the weight and structural loads of the additional floor. SISHK had conducted the above assessment for the existing campus buildings, and the outcome showed that neither the foundation nor the structure of the lower buildings could support an additional floor. If the additional floor was to be constructed at the roof of a lower building, it was necessary to modify its existing foundation and structure. Given the long lead-time, such construction works would have an even more significant impact on the school operation and residents in the vicinity. Following assessment, it was found that the selected building had spare capacity for additions, and the works on that building would cause the least impact on SISHK and the environment.

79. Mr Kelvin TAY responded that the planning application in question primarily involved the addition of one storey for a staff office at the roof of the existing campus building so as to release space for student activities. Given that the rooftop of the campus building was a deck, if it was used to conduct student activities, the noise produced would cause nuisance to residents in the vicinity. On the contrary, as compared with an open-air venue for student activities, the proposed staff office as a fully-enclosed structure could reduce the nuisance and impact caused to residents nearby. Therefore, upon careful consideration, SISHK preferred to provide the staff office on the rooftop.

80. The Chairman invited the representatives of EDB to respond.

81. Ms Corinna CHENG responded that EDB had all along maintained close liaison to exchange views with SISHK upon receipt of the planning application. She thanked SISHK for its willingness to implement the “School Bus Only” Policy, and pointed out that EDB would continue to take follow-up actions. Besides, EDB noted the suggestions on the arrangements with respect to similar applications.

82. The Chairman invited the representative of PlanD to respond.

83. Mr Vincent WONG responded that the planning application concerned involved the addition of one storey for staff office use at the roof of the existing campus building. The staff office was ancillary to the permitted school use. As the proposed BH of 91 mPD had exceeded the BH restriction specified in the Approved Aberdeen & Ap Lei Chau Outline

Zoning Plan (i.e. 80 mPD), under the TPO, SISHK was required to seek approval from TPB for relaxation of BH restriction before carrying out the related addition works.

84. The Chairman invited the representative of TD to respond.

85. Mr Ivan CHEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) TD would consider the Member's proposal to convert the existing minibus parking spaces near SISHK into school bus parking spaces; and
- (ii) according to relevant guidelines, TD would only designate a "silent zone" in special areas such as the vicinity of hospitals to ban honking. Therefore, for the time being, TD would not consider designating a "silent zone" in the vicinity of SISHK. However, TD would continue to explore other feasible traffic measures to alleviate traffic congestion in the vicinity of SISHK and to reduce unnecessary honking.

86. The Chairman invited the representative of BD to respond.

87. Mr Timothy LEE responded that though the planning application concerned did not involve addition of school places, it would result in an increase in total gross floor area. When scrutinising the submitted plans, BD would ensure that the plot ratio and development density standards prescribed under the BO would be met.

88. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa requested SISHK to provide details on the implementation of traffic diversion measures proposed in the TIA report issued in 2009.

89. The Chairman invited the representatives of SISHK to respond.

90. Ms Ada NG responded that as a matter of fact, SISHK had implemented several measures proposed in the TIA report issued in 2009, e.g. rescheduling the school start time and implementing traffic diversion measures. In regard to traffic diversions, SISHK had already instructed private cars to pick up/drop off primary 4 to 6 students and park at the campus of the Secondary Section. Also, SISHK had required all private cars be diverted to the campus of the Secondary Section when school buses entered and departed from the campus of the Primary Section. For safety reasons, private cars could only pick up/drop off Preparatory Years to primary 3 students and park at the campus of the Primary Section before the arrival of school buses at about 7:00 a.m. As the road conditions in the vicinity of SISHK had undergone significant changes since 2009, SISHK had been closely monitoring traffic conditions in its vicinity and would progressively implement relevant measures having regard to the latest road conditions.

91. The Chairman concluded as follows:

- (i) Members who had spoken on the subject did not object to the SISHK's planning application. The Council understood that SISHK wished to conduct addition works for the purpose of providing more teaching and learning facilities which were conducive to the development of a diversified curriculum; and
- (ii) with the successive completion of many large-scale development projects in the district, e.g. the property development above MTR Wong Chuk Hang Station comprising residential buildings and a shopping mall as well as the Ocean Park's Water World, there would be a significant increase in traffic flow in the vicinity of Wong Chuk Hang in the future. That being the case, the Council requested TPB to impose a condition for SISHK to implement the mandatory "School Bus Only" Policy when considering the planning application concerned, with a view to minimising the traffic impact on its surrounding area. The Council also hoped that EDB would squarely address the traffic impacts brought about by international schools in the district.

92. The Chairman thanked the representatives of SISHK and the departments concerned for attending the meeting.

(Mr LAW Hon-fai, Ms Corinna CHENG, Mr Kelvin TAY, Ms Eunice TAN, Ms Ada NG, Ms Myra KONG, Mr Ivan CHEUNG, Mr Vincent WONG and Mr Timothy LEE left the meeting at 4:38 p.m.)

**Agenda Item 5: Revised Allocation of SDC Community Involvement Project Fund for 2019-20
(SDC Paper No. 38/2019)
[4:38 p.m. – 4:58 p.m.]**

93. The Chairman said that he was the Consultant of Hong Kong Southern District Orchestra under the Southern District Arts and Culture Association (SDACA). Since the post was nominal, he could still take part in the discussion and decision-making and would continue to preside over the meeting according to the Mechanism of Declaration of Interests in Vetting Fund Applications. He asked Members whether they consented to the arrangement.

94. Members had no objection.

95. The Chairman said that the details of declaration of interests collected by the Secretariat before the meeting had been uploaded onto the SDC website, i.e. Reference Paper-2.

96. The Chairman asked Members whether they had further updates or addition to make. If so, they should raise their hands and complete a declaration form accordingly.

97. Members had no further update of or addition to the declaration of interests.

(Details of the declaration of interests are at Annex.)

98. The Chairman said that in the light of the “Declaration of Interests Before the Meeting” at Reference Paper-2, Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying, Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH, Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH and Dr MAK TSE How-ling, MH had to withdraw from the meeting during discussion and decision-making under the agenda item, while other Members could continue to participate in discussions and decision-making. The Chairman asked the aforesaid four Members to withdraw from the meeting until the end of the agenda item.

(Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying, Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH, Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH and Dr MAK TSE How-ling, MH withdrew from the meeting at 4:40 p.m.)

99. The Chairman invited the Secretary to briefly introduce the proposed revisions to the allocation of SDC funds in respect of the community involvement (CI) projects for 2019-20.

100. The Secretary briefed Members on the content of the paper as follows:

- (i) At its 18th meeting on 6 September 2018, SDC endorsed a provisional allocation for the implementation of CI projects in 2019-20. The allocation concerned was drawn up based on the provision from the Home Affairs Department (HAD) for 2018-19;
- (ii) Subsequently, at its 20th meeting on 10 January 2019 and 21st meeting on 7 March 2019, SDC revised the provisional allocations for “Annual Programmes of Leisure and Cultural Services Department” and “Employment of Contract Staff for the SDC Secretariat”. Currently, the amount of over-spending was estimated to be \$4,335,640, representing 22.9% of the provision;
- (iii) Earlier on, HAD announced the allocation of fund to SDC for 2019-20. SDC had been allocated \$18.92 million for the implementation of CI projects, including \$1.8 million for the dedicated fund to promote arts and cultural activities in the district. The amount of the allocation was the same as 2018-19;

- (iv) In view of the latest allocation, it was proposed that the allocation for CI projects in 2019-20 should be revised as follows:
- (a) The “Winter Fiesta” had been organised by the Joint Committee of Southern District Youth & Community Service (the Joint Committee). The Joint Committee had reviewed the programme in the light of the community’s response to the event and the needs of the community, and would like to propose the organisation of a series of activities that could be more effective in encouraging residents, young people in particular, to actively participate in community activities and to develop social networks in the Southern District. It was therefore suggested that the project “Winter Fiesta” be renamed as “CI Project organised by the Joint Committee”. The Joint Committee was developing the details of the programme for the purpose of preparing funding submissions to the SDC later in 2019;
 - (b) In view of the latest reimbursement of expenses for the projects in 2018-19, it was proposed that the allocation for the “Reserve for unsettled items for CI projects” should be revised from \$100,000 to \$300,000;
 - (c) In view of the actual expenses of the “Planning and Development Study of the Waterfront Area of Ap Lei Chau and Other Related Areas”, it was proposed that the allocation for “District work of SDC (Consultancy Study)” be revised from \$1,000,000 to \$567,800; and
- (v) Subject to Members’ endorsement of the above proposal for revising the allocation of funds, the estimated over-commitment stood at \$4,103,440 under the CI projects of SDC, accounting for 21.7% of the allocation. Nevertheless, the actual over-commitment might be subject to change, depending on the actual expenses of various projects. The proposed revisions to funding allocation were detailed at Annex to the SDC Paper No. 38/2019.

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

102. Mr CHAI Man-hon said that there were quite a lot of youngsters among the participants in the previous Winter Fiestas which had also enhanced the festive ambience in the district. As such, he would like to know the future arrangement for that programme, for example, whether the event would continue to be held in the form of lunar new year fair before the Lunar New Year, or whether it would be replaced by other format of activity. If in the latter case, he was worried that the activity would be similar to other CI projects in nature. If the programme was divided into several projects, the amount of funding for each project would not be significant. The activities might become a mere formality and fail to achieve the expected results.

103. Mr LO Kin-hei shared the view of Mr CHAI Man-hon and said that as the Southern District did not have lunar new year fair, Winter Fiesta could serve a similar purpose of a lunar new year fair. If Winter Fiesta was to cease or change in its format or timing, the residents would find it hard to get used to it. Furthermore, he received comments that Winter Fiesta had been constrained by tight resources and many restrictions. He thus wished to know the reason for such a change and hoped that the Joint Committee could continue to organise the Winter Fiesta.

104. The Chairman invited the District Officer (Southern) to respond.

105. Mrs Dorothy MA, JP gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) Winter Fiesta had all along been organised by the Joint Committee, and SDO had communication with the Joint Committee about the future direction of the programme. According to the advice of the Joint Committee, Winter Fiesta had been organised to encourage participation of young people in community activities, and the event had been able to achieve the desired results in the past years. However, as time went by, the Joint Committee found that the youngsters had become less enthusiastic to such activities, and hence the recent Winter Fiestas did not meet the expected outcome. In this connection, the Joint Committee was exploring other forms of activities that could attract participation of young people and encourage their engagement in community activities, while facilitating better use of fund. The Joint Committee was developing a programme theme so that its organisations could roll out activities in accordance with the theme. Details of the programme were being drawn up and Members would be consulted on the programme details in due course;
- (ii) Concerning Members' worries as to whether the programme would become a formality or be similar to other CI projects, the Joint Committee had noted Members' concerns and would try to avoid organising activities of similar format and nature as far as possible; and
- (iii) If necessary, SDO would discuss with Members and relevant organisations the possibility of holding a lunar new year fair or a similar event in order to enhance festive ambience in the district. The format of the fair could be different from that of Winter Fiesta.

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

107. Mr LO Kin-hei understood the idea of the Joint Committee and asked whether SDC would set aside funding to cover the expenses if a lunar new year fair would continue to be

held in future.

108. The Chairman invited the District Officer (Southern) to respond.

109. Mrs Dorothy MA, JP responded that if a lunar new year fair was to be held in future, it would be necessary to ascertain whether SDC fund was required to the event, and to identify organisations that were interested in holding a lunar new year fair. Members were welcome to give their views on the format of the event.

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

- (i) He pointed out that an amount of \$450,000 had been set aside under the “CI Project organised by the Joint Committee”. If the organisations of the Joint Committee were to hold several activities separately, each of the projects would end up with small allocations and the activities would turn out to be a mere formality; and
- (ii) If these projects were to be implemented by the organisations of the Joint Committee with different themes such as environmental protection, tribute to the elderly and national education, the outcome would unlikely to be satisfactory. The allocation reserved under the item would also deviate from its original purpose. On the contrary, the existing Winter Fiesta was a single event which allowed young people to take part in some community activities, to interact with a wide spectrum of people and to gain more experience in the run up to the Chinese New Year. If the programme in future was similar to Winter Fiesta in nature and continued to allow participation of youngsters, he would have no objection. He hoped to know the details of the new programme, including the nature and content of the programme as well as the use of fund. He believed that the Joint Committee would be willing to explain the details to Members.

111. Mr CHAN Fu-ming, MH said that according to his knowledge, Winter Fiesta had attracted over 100 000 participants every year. He commented that it would be a pity to stop organising Winter Fiesta and hoped that a similar type of lunar new year fair like Winter Fiesta could continue to be organised. He asked whether there would be other funding scheme to cover the expenses in support of the event if there were organisations interested in organising a lunar new year fair.

112. The Chairman invited the District Officer (Southern) to respond whether other funding schemes would be available to support holding of a lunar new year fair in future.

113. Mrs Dorothy MA, JP gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) The amount shown on Annex to the SDC Paper No. 38/2019 was just the allocation reserved under the item. Relevant information such as Joint Committee's submission of fund applications and programme theme were still being developed. The Joint Committee would submit funding applications to the SDC in due course to seek Members' comments on the activity details; and
- (ii) The Government had been encouraging the setting up of bazaars. SDO would contact non-governmental organisations in the district to check if they had the intention to organise a lunar new year fair in the form of a bazaar, and whether SDC funding support was required. According to the experience in other districts, organising a bazaar might not require a large amount of funding support, and hence it might not be necessary to seek additional resources from SDC.

114. The Chairman said that Mr CHAI Man-hon's comments were noted.

115. The Chairman asked Members whether they endorsed the proposed revisions of the allocation of funds as given in paragraph 4 of SDC Paper No. 38/2019 as well as the proposed allocation of SDC funds in respect of CI projects for 2019-20 at Annex.

116. Members had no objection.

117. SDC endorsed the proposed revisions of the allocation of funds as given in paragraph 4 of SDC Paper No. 38/2019 as well as the proposed allocation of SDC funds in respect of CI projects for 2019-20 at Annex.

(Mr PANG Siu-kei joined the meeting at 4:58 p.m.)

(Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying, Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH, Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH and Dr MAK TSE How-ling, MH returned to the meeting at 4:58 p.m.)

Agenda Item 6: Application for SDC Funds: Gala Evening in Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China in the Southern District
(SDC Paper No. 39/2019)
[4:58 p.m. – 5:02 p.m.]

118. The Chairman said that he was the Honorary Advisor of the Organising Committee for the Celebration of National Day in the Southern District (OCND). Considering the nominal nature of the position under the Mechanism of Declaration of Interests in Vetting Fund Applications, he could still take part in the discussion and decision-making of this agenda item. Also, he could continue to chair the meeting. The Chairman asked whether Members agreed with the said arrangements.

119. Members had no objection.

120. The Chairman said that the details of declaration of interests collected by the Secretariat prior to the meeting had already been uploaded onto SDC’s website, i.e. Reference Paper-2.

121. The Chairman asked whether Members needed to update or supplement their respective declaration of interests. If yes, they should raise their hands and complete the Declaration of Interests for Project Financed by Southern District Council Funds.

122. Members made no updates or supplements to the declaration of interests.

(Details of the declaration of interests are given at **Annex.**)

123. The Chairman said that in the light of the Declaration of Interest Before the Meeting given at Reference Paper-2, Mr CHAN Fu-ming, MH, Mr AU Lap-sing, MH, Ms CHAN Judy Kapui, Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying, Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH, Mr CHU Lap-wai, Mr FUNG Se-goun, Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH, Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH, Dr MAK TSE How-ling, MH and Ms YAM Pauline could continue to take part in the discussion and decision-making.

124. The Chairman invited Mr PANG Siu-kei, Secretary of OCND to brief Members on the funding application for the “Gala Evening in Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China in the Southern District” (the Gala Evening).

125. Mr PANG Siu-kei said that OCND planned to organise the Gala Evening on 7 September 2019 in Ocean Park Applause Pavilion. The programme of the event included a large-scale variety show as well as performances by local organisations and singers. The relevant details, including the application for exemption from competitive quotations on the rental of venue and purchase of light meals for the helpers, were given on the application form at Annex to SDC Paper No. 39/2019.

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

127. Members raised no comments or enquiries.

128. The Chairman thanked Mr PANG Siu-kei for attending the meeting.

(Mr PANG Siu-kei left the meeting at 5:01 p.m.)

129. The Chairman asked whether Members endorsed the funding application with an advance payment of half of the allocation, and the relevant matters detailed at Annex to SDC Paper No. 39/2019, and whether Members agreed that SDC would accept OCND's invitation to be a supporting organisation of the Gala Evening.

130. Members had no objection.

131. SDC endorsed an allocation of \$700,000 with an advance payment of half of the allocation (i.e. \$350,000) to OCND for organising the Gala Evening and the relevant matters, as well as acceptance of OCND's invitation to be a supporting organisation of the event.

(Ms CHAN Kam-wan joined the meeting at 5:02 p.m.)

Agenda Item 7: Application for SDC Fund: Festive Lightings for 2019-20
(SDC Paper No. 40/2019)
[5:02 p.m. - 5:13 p.m.]

132. The Chairman welcomed Ms Alice CHAN, Officer-in-charge (Youth Programme) of SDO, to the meeting.

133. The Chairman said that SDC had been putting up festive lighting decorations in the Southern District during Christmas and the Lunar New Year every year for the enjoyment of local residents. During discussion of agenda item 5 at the meeting, SDC endorsed the reservation of \$1.4 million for the festive lightings in 2019-20.

134. The Chairman invited Ms Alice CHAN to brief Members on the proposed design and locations of festive lightings in 2019-20.

135. Ms Alice CHAN said it was proposed that lighting decorations be put up at seven locations in the Southern District, including Aberdeen Promenade, Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower Park and its waterfront, the flower bed outside the Chinese Cuisine Training Institute at Pok Fu Lam, in front of SDC landmark at the junction of Wong Chuk Hang Road and Ocean Park Road, the open space outside Tai Wong Ye Temple at Wong Chuk Hang, Stanley Waterfront Mart and “Bar” Street, and the flower bed at the Southern District Literary Trail Landmark for Cai Yuanpei at Tin Wan and / or other suitable locations for the period between November 2019 and February 2020. SDC’s endorsement of an allocation of \$1.4 million was being sought to cover expenses relating to the design, installation, demolition, electricity supply, routine repair, maintenance and inspection, as well as insurance of the lighting decorations / and festive Chinese flower plaques.

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

137. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa proposed that festive lighting decorations be added to the railings along Heung Yip Path to connect with the lighting decorations put up along Aberdeen Promenade and the open space outside Tai Wong Ye Temple at Wong Chuk Hang so as to enhance the festive joy with better lighting effect.

138. The Chairman suggested Mr TSUI Yuen-wa to give his views on locations for putting up lighting decorations at the festive lighting workshop.

139. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa responded that he had earlier on raised the comment to the relevant officer of SDO.

140. The Chairman invited Ms Alice CHAN to respond.

141. Ms Alice CHAN responded that Members would be invited by SDO to attend the festive lighting workshop and give their comments on festive lightings. The above comment of Mr TSUI Yuen-wa would be discussed at the workshop. When considering the above proposal, the impact on the railings and the technical feasibility of the proposal

would have to be taken into account.

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

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

- (i) He considered that connecting the lighting decorations of Aberdeen Promenade with that of the open space outside Tai Wong Ye Temple at Wong Chuk Hang might encounter difficulties, such as the availability of electricity supply. Any additional costs incurred should also be taken into account;
- (ii) He suggested that unique illuminated signs be provided in the district, say installing illuminated directional signs along the way from the vicinity of Wong Chuk Hang MTR Station to Aberdeen Promenade, with a view to enhancing connectivity of the lighting decorations;
- (iii) Where circumstances permitted, he suggested putting up additional lighting decorations at the open space outside Tai Wong Ye Temple at Wong Chuk Hang to create more unique local attractions; and
- (iv) He suggested that various locations be installed with different lighting decorations in order to provide diverse experiences for the public.

144. Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH supported the funding application, and thanked SDO staff for their efforts. She continued that the festive lighting decorations at Ap Lei Chau in 2018-19 had been quite scattered without a focus, and hoped that improvement could be made for the lighting decorations in the coming year.

145. Ms YAM Pauline supported the funding application, and thanked SDO staff for their efforts. She pointed out that the festive lightings in the Southern District had been well received by the public. Besides, she agreed to enhance the connectivity of the lighting decorations in the local district, and suggested adding some SDC elements to strengthen the sense of belonging among the residents.

146. Mr CHAI Man-hon thanked SDO staff for their efforts. He pointed out that the festive lightings in the Southern District had been well received by the public, and other districts also started to follow the example of Southern District in the display of festive lightings. He thus suggested stepping up publicity work to promote the festive lightings.

147. Ms YAM Pauline said that the quality of festive lightings in the Southern District had been satisfactory, and the Southern District festive lightings had also been chosen by Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) for location filming in the background for a video on its

website. She suggested that the relevant matter be included in the compilation for the “2016-2019 SDC Work Report” (the Work Report).

148. The Chairman noted the view of Ms YAM Pauline.

149. The Chairman invited Ms Alice CHAN to respond.

150. Ms Alice CHAN noted Members’ views. She said that arrangement would be made to discuss the relevant views at the festive lighting workshop.

151. The Chairman said that the festive lightings in the Southern District had received positive response from the public. He thanked the staff of SDO for their assistance and efforts.

152. The Chairman thanked Ms Alice CHAN for attending the meeting.

(Ms Alice CHAN left the meeting at 5:12 p.m.)

153. The Chairman asked whether Members endorsed the funding application and the proposals in paragraph 4 of SDC Paper No. 40/2019.

154. Members had no objection.

155. SDC endorsed an allocation of \$1.4 million for putting up festive lighting decorations in the Southern District for the period between November 2019 and February 2020, and consented to the proposals in paragraph 4 of SDC Paper No. 40/2019.

Agenda Item 8: Application for SDC Fund: Production of Calendars for 2020 and Promotional Items for Lunar New Year (SDC Paper No. 41/2019) [5:13 p.m. – 5:18 p.m.]

156. The Chairman said it was suggested that an allocation of \$350,000 be endorsed for the production of 2020 SDC calendars and promotional items for the Lunar New Year so as to share the festive joy of Lunar Year with the local residents. The Chairman invited the Secretary to brief Members on the paper.

157. The Secretary briefed Members on the paper as follows:

(i) The SDC held a workshop on 17 April 2019 to discuss the production of 2020 calendars and promotional items for the Lunar New Year. At the workshop, Members gave their views on the subject matter and agreed on the following proposals:

(I) Quantity and Funding Allocation:

- (a) Concerning the production of calendars and *fai chun*, Members believed that having regard to the previous distribution, the quantity of calendars should remain unchanged, i.e. 13 000 single-sided printed calendars; whereas the quantities of *fai chun* should be reduced to 10 000 pieces of square-shaped *fai chun* inscribed with “fook” character and 10 000 sets of rectangular-shaped vertical *fai chun* in two styles (representing a reduction of 50% as compared with last year);
- (b) As regards the production of *lai see* packets, Members believed that the distribution of *lai see* packets during the Lunar New Year was a traditional Chinese custom. SDC had been producing and distributing *lai see* packets every year to the public to share the festive joy of Lunar New Year with the residents in response to public demand. Furthermore, the SDC’s *lai see* packets did not bear cartoon pattern or Chinese zodiac animals and was not sealed by adhesive. They could be closed by inserting a flap into a slit. Such features allowed the public to recycle the products. For those reasons, Members considered it necessary and worthy to continue to produce *lai see* packets. As regards the quantity, Members remarked that the *lai see* packets produced previously had all been given out and the quantity of *lai see* packets for 2019 had been reduced by 30% to 980 000 pieces. In this connection, Members considered that the quantity of *lai see* packets for 2020 should remain the same as that for 2019; and
- (c) Members agreed to allocate \$350,000 for the production of 13 000 single-sided printed calendars, 10 000 pieces of square-shaped *fai chun* inscribed with “fook” character and 10 000 sets of rectangular-shaped vertical *fai chun* in two styles, and 980 000 pieces of *lai see* packets (one style).

(II) Distribution Arrangement and Other Matters:

- (a) Due to the District Council (DC) election, the DC operation would be suspended from the commencement of the nomination period until the end of the current DC term based on the previous arrangement. Meanwhile, all the activities and programmes organised or co-organised by DCs and their

Committees and Working Groups would cease. Members agreed that the SDC Secretariat should arrange for the distribution of the SDC calendars, *fai chun* and *lai see* packets after the DC election (i.e. after 24 November 2019);

- (b) For distribution of calendars, Members agreed that each of the interested Members (including the current term and new term) might be allotted with not more than 600 calendars for distribution during the specified period. The SDC Secretariat would arrange for the remaining calendars to be distributed through the distribution points of SDO;
- (c) For distribution of *fai chun* and *lai see* packets, Members agreed that it should be taken up by Members of the new term SDC. Since the printing of *fai chun* will be reduced by 50%, the quantities allotted to each Member and the SDO's distribution points would be reduced by 50% as compared to 2019. The distribution arrangement of *lai see* packets in 2019 should continue; and
- (d) Members agreed to authorise the Chairlady and Vice-Chairlady of the Community Affairs and Tourism Development Committee to follow up and decide on the related matters.

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

159. Members raised no comments or enquiries.

160. The Chairman asked whether Members endorsed the proposals set out in paragraph 3 of SDC Paper No. 41/2019.

161. Members had no objection.

162. SDC endorsed the allocation of \$350,000 for the production of 2020 calendars and promotional items for the Lunar New Year, including 13 000 single-sided printed calendars, 10 000 pieces of square-shaped *fai chun* inscribed with “fook” character, 10 000 sets of rectangular-shaped vertical *fai chun* in two styles, and 980 000 pieces of *lai see* packets (one style), as well as the distribution arrangement and other related matters. The Secretariat would proceed with the relevant work (including during the suspension of the DC operation), such as procurement and arrangement for delivery services. Where necessary, SDC's views and consent would be sought.

Agenda Item 9: Application for SDC Fund: Production of 2016-2019 SDC Work Report
(SDC Paper No. 42/2019)
[5:18 p.m. – 5:35 p.m.]

163. The Chairman said it was suggested that the SDC endorse earmarking \$200,000 for the production of the Work Report. The Chairman invited the Secretary to brief Members on the paper.

164. The Secretary said that the SDC held a workshop on 17 April 2019 to discuss the production of the Work Report and its related matters. At the workshop, Members agreed on the following:

- (i) an allocation of \$200,000 for the production of the Work Report, including production of 650 Reports in print (500 copies of Chinese version and 150 copies of English version), production of the electronic version in bilingual text, payment for translation service and postage as well as other related expenses; and
- (ii) to collect Members' views on the content outline of the Work Report, and then consult the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the respective Committees on the content of the relevant parts of report and consult the SDC Chairman and Vice Chairman on the remaining parts of the report.

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

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

- (i) He did not object to the production of the Work Report and suggested wide distribution of the Work Report, such as to libraries, etc. The number of copies distributed to other DCs and departments should be minimised so as to promote SDC's work to the public more effectively and on a wider scale; and
- (ii) He suggested adopting a theme-based approach to highlight the main achievements of the current-term SDC in the past four years, such as the Southern District's Signature Projects Scheme (SPS), festive lightings and district minor works, etc. in the form of advertisements, pamphlets or posters before the end of the current term, so that the public could learn about the work of the current-term SDC before the publication of the Work Report.

167. Ms YAM Pauline raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) As the festive lightings in the Southern District were of high quality and were well received by the public, she suggested including them in the Work Report;
- (ii) She said that according to her experience of producing printed materials, the production of 650 Reports should not cost over \$200,000; and
- (iii) She enquired about the time schedule for the production of the Work Report and the expected date for distributing the Work Report.

168. The Chairman invited the Secretary to respond.

169. The Secretary gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) She said that the Secretariat would draft the content of the Work Report first and then consult the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the respective Committees, to be followed by translation work. It was expected that the Work Report would be produced in late 2019 or early 2020; and
- (ii) The proposed allocation of \$200,000 for producing the Work Report was only an earmarked allocation. The Secretariat would proceed with the procurement procedure. The actual expenditure had yet to be known, but it was estimated that the actual expenditure would not exceed \$200,000.

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

171. Mr LO Kin-hei said that according to past experience and workload of the Secretariat, it was expected that the Work Report could only be completed at the beginning of 2020 at the earliest. Since not many members of the public would collect a copy of the Work Report, he suggested reducing the number of printed copies to reduce costs and avoid adding to the workload of the Secretariat.

172. Mr CHAI Man-hon suggested adopting a theme-based approach to publish the materials. Reference could be made to SDC/Committee papers, etc. for some materials so as to save the drafting time. He also suggested completing the drafting of the Work Report before the end of the current SDC term wherever possible to avoid adding to the workload of the Secretariat.

173. The Chairman stated the following:

- (i) The purpose of the Work Report was to summarise the work of the current-term

SDC and could be used for future reference and documentation purpose. It was thus necessary to produce the Work Report. He understood that it took time to prepare the Work Report and expected the relevant work to be completed by mid-2020. If Members had different views on the production of the Work Report, he suggested taking a vote; and

- (ii) He said that SDC's major work such as SPS and festive lightings might be covered in the Southern District News so that the public could learn about the issues as early as possible. After the meeting, the public relations agency could be asked to report the latest progress of SPS in the Southern District News, such as the registration dates, etc. As for the reporting of the latest progress of festive lightings in Southern District News, he suggested discussing the issue at the future workshop on festive lightings.

174. Mr LO Kin-hei said that as the production of *lai see* packets by DCs had been reported as being environmentally unfriendly in the media, SDC decided to reduce the quantity of *lai see* packets to be produced. But, at the same time, it was suggested that an allocation be earmarked for the production of the Work Report. As not many people would collect the Work Report, he objected to the production of the Work Report.

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

- (i) The festive lightings in the Southern District had always be of high quality and were well received by the public even if they had not been given wide publicity. As for the latest progress of SPS, she agreed that the promotional work should be strengthened so that more residents could learn about the relevant information and use the services;
- (ii) Although the production of *lai see* packets by DCs had been reported as being environmentally unfriendly by the media, the distribution of *lai see* packets was a traditional Chinese custom during the Lunar New Year. Since the *lai see* packets produced previously had all been consumed, SDC should determine the quantity to be produced according to the actual demand; and
- (iii) She said that when visiting other organisations or regions, such as the duty visit to Singapore in June 2018, SDC had given out the 2012-2015 SDC Report to give the relevant organisations a better understanding of SDC's work. She thus considered it necessary to produce the Work Report.

176. Mr CHAN Fu-ming, MH considered it necessary to produce the Work Report.

177. The Chairman said that when visiting other organisations or regions, SDC had given out the Work Report to give the relevant organisations a better understanding of SDC's work. He thus considered it necessary to produce the Work Report. If Members had different views on the production of the Work Report, he suggested putting it to a vote.

178. Ms YAM Pauline raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) Supporting the production of the Work Report, she opined that the Work Report could summarise the work of the current-term SDC and serve as a reference in future. She suggested that the production of the Work Report be completed as early as possible, and be made available for distribution, say in 2020 or earlier; and
- (ii) Regarding the issue of whether the production of *lai see* packets was environmentally unfriendly, she said that Members might determine the quantity of *lai see* packets to be distributed in their respective constituencies according to the actual needs.

179. Mr CHAI Man-hon suggested changing the format of the Work Report, or else he would object to the production of the Work Report.

180. The Chairman advised Mr CHAI Man-hon to proactively take part in the discussion of the production of the Work Report in future if necessary.

181. The Chairman asked whether Members endorsed the allocation of \$200,000 for the production of the Work Report.

182. The allocation was endorsed with nine votes in favour, four against and one abstention.

183. SDC endorsed the allocation of \$200,000 for the production of the Work Report. The Secretariat would proceed with the procurement procedure.

Agenda Item 10: Any Other Business

[5:35 p.m. – 5:37 p.m.]

Nomination of Representative for Appointment to Selection Panel for Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme of the Buildings Department

184. The Chairman stated the following:

- (i) Under the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS), BD would select a certain number of target private buildings every year for carrying out the prescribed inspection and prescribed repair under the MBIS and MWIS;
- (ii) To enhance transparency and to promote community participation in the selection process of target buildings, BD established a Selection Panel (SP) in 2012 comprising representatives from BD, relevant professional bodies and DC members to advise BD on the selection of target buildings. The details were set out at Reference-Paper 3;
- (iii) Mr AU Nok-hin had served as a member at the 1st and 2nd tenure of SP. The 2nd tenure of appointment of SP members would end on 31 May 2019. In this connection, BD would like to invite SDC to nominate one Member to join the 3rd tenure of SP for a three-year term starting from 1 June 2019 to 31 May 2022; and
- (iv) Mr AU Nok-hin would have served as a SP member for six years when the current tenure expired on 31 May 2019. According to BD, reference should be made to the guidelines and principles for appointment to advisory and statutory bodies established by HAB - the “Six-year Rule”, i.e. not appointing a non-official member to serve on the same body in the same capacity for more than six years to ensure a healthy turnover of members of advisory and statutory bodies. Hence, BD hoped that SDC would nominate another Member to join the 3rd tenure of SP as a newly appointed member.

185. The Chairman enquired whether Members agreed to accept the invitation. If yes, he asked Members to nominate one representative.

186. Mr AU Lap-sing, MH nominated Ms CHAN Judy Kapui to serve as a member of the new tenure of SP.

187. Ms CHAN Judy Kapui said she accepted the nomination.

188. The Chairman asked whether Members had further nominations. If not, SDC would nominate Ms CHAN Judy Kapui to serve as a member of the new tenure of SP.

189. Members had no objection.

190. SDC agreed to accept the invitation and nominated Ms CHAN Judy Kapui to serve as a member of the new tenure of SP, with the tenure of office starting from 1 June 2019.

Part II - Items for Information

191. The Chairman asked Members to note the following papers:

- (i) Report from the Area Committees (SDC Paper No. 27/2019);
- (ii) Report of the 20th Meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (SDC Paper No. 28/2019);
- (iii) Report of the 20th Meeting of the Community Affairs and Tourism Development Committee (SDC Paper No. 29/2019);
- (iv) Report of the 20th Meeting of the District Development and Housing Committee (SDC Paper No. 30/2019);
- (v) Report of the 20th Meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee (SDC Paper No. 31/2019);
- (vi) Report of the 8th Meeting of the Focus Group on Southern District Signature Projects (SDC Paper No. 32/2019);
- (vii) Report of the 205th Meeting of the Southern District Management Committee (SDC Paper No. 33/2019); and
- (viii) Financial Statement in respect of SDC Funds (as at 26.4.2019) (SDC Paper No. 34/2019).

Date of Next Meeting

192. The Chairman informed the meeting that the 23rd SDC meeting would be held on 4 July 2019 (Thursday) at 2:30 p.m.

193. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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Declaration of Interest

Members of Working Group on Vetting who have already declared interests at the meeting on 29.4.2019 did not have to declare interests again at this SDC meeting.

(The declaration of interest made before the meeting, including the extract of declaration of interest of the captioned Working Group on Vetting Meeting is at Reference Paper-2)

Agenda	Project Title	Organiser/ Co-organiser/ Assisting organiser/ Organisation Concerned	Member	Capacity in the Organiser/ Co-organiser/ Assisting organiser / Organisation concerned and/or other declaration of interests	Being an executor of the project
5	Revised Allocation of SDC Community Involvement Project Fund for 2019-20	Organisation Concerned: Southern District Arts and Culture Association	Dr CHU Ching-hong, BBS, JP	Consultant of Orchestra	-
			Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying	Vice-president	-
			Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH	Chairlady	-
			Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH	Director of Orchestra	-
		Organisation Concerned: Southern District Recreation and Sports Association	Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying	President	-
			Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH	Vice-chairlady	-
		Organisation Concerned: Southern District Joint Schools Conference	Dr MAK TSE How-ling, Ada, MH	Chairlady	-

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6	Application for SDC Funds: Gala Evening in Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China in the Southern District	Organiser: Organising Committee for the Celebration of National Day in the Southern District	Dr CHU Ching-hong, BBS, JP	Honorary Advisor	-
			Mr CHAN Fu-ming, MH	Honorary Advisor	-
			Mr AU Lap-sing, MH	Honorary Advisor	-
			Ms CHAN Judy Kapui	Honorary Advisor	-
			Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying	Honorary Advisor	-
			Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, MH	Honorary Advisor	-
			Mr CHU Lap-wai	Honorary Advisor	-
			Mr FUNG Se-goun, Fergus	Honorary Advisor	-
			Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH	Honorary Advisor	-
			Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH	Honorary Advisor	-
			Dr MAK TSE How-ling, Ada, MH	Honorary Advisor	-
			Ms YAM Pauline	Honorary Advisor	-