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**Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Southern District Council (SDC)**  
**(2024-2027)**

Date : 11 November 2024  
Time : 2:30 p.m.  
Venue : SDC Conference Room

**Present:**

Mr CHENG Kong-chung, Francis, JP Chairman  
District Officer (Southern)  
Mr CHU Lap-wai, MH  
Ms HO Yuen-wei  
Ms LI Ka-ying  
Ms LAM Yuk-chun, BBS, MH  
Ms LAM Wing-yan  
Ms LAM Wing-yee  
Mr CHEUNG Chin-chung  
Mr CHEUNG Wai-nam  
Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun, MH  
Mr CHAN Man-chun, JP  
Professor CHAN Yuk-kit, MH, JP  
Ms CHAN Wing-yan  
Mr PANG Siu-kei  
Mr WONG Choi-lap  
Ms WONG Yu-ching, Nicole  
Mr YEUNG Sheung-chun  
Mr CHAO Howard  
Mr LAU Ngai, Victor  
Mr SIU Wai-chung  
Mr LAI Ka-chi



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| Mr FONG Tin-chuen, Victor | Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 34,<br>Leisure and Cultural Services Department | } | for agenda item 2 |
| Mr LIU Chi-ho, Chris      | Senior Project Manager 340,<br>Architectural Services Department                    |   |                   |
| Mr AU Wai-man             | Project Manager 399,<br>Architectural Services Department                           |   |                   |
| Ms CHIU Wai-kwan, Irene   | Architect 124,<br>Housing Department  |   |                   |
| Mr WONG Wai-on, Edward    | Officer-in-charge (Care and Support),<br>Southern District Office                   |   | for agenda item 4 |

**Agenda item 1: Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> SDC Meeting held on 19 September 2024**

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1. The Chairman said that the captioned minutes had been circulated to members for comments prior to the meeting. The Secretariat had not received any amendment proposals so far.
2. The Chairman asked SDC members whether to confirm the captioned minutes.
3. The Chairman said that SDC confirmed the captioned minutes.

**Agenda Item 2: Reprovisioning of Pok Fu Lam Public Library**  
**(Item raised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department)**  
**(SDC Paper No. 26/2024)**

4. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives of Government Departments to the meeting:
  - (i) Miss LAU Wing-chuk, Celine, Senior Librarian (Planning & Development) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD);
  - (ii) Ms KO Kam-ling, Senior Librarian (Southern) of LCSD;

- (iii) Mr FONG Tin-chuen, Victor, Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 34 of LCSD;
- (iv) Mr LIU Chi-ho, Chris, Senior Project Manager 340 of the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD);
- (v) Mr AU Wai-man, Project Manager 399 of ArchSD; and
- (vi) Ms CHIU Wai-kwan, Irene, Architect 124 of the Housing Department (HD).

5. The Chairman invited the LCSD representatives to briefly introduce the paper.

6. Miss LAU Wing-chuk, Celine briefly introduced the background, design concepts and latest progress of the project on reprovisioning of Pok Fu Lam Public Library (“the reprovisioning project”).

7. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise comments or enquiries.

8. Mr CHEUNG Wai-nam made the following comments:

- (i) He supported the reprovisioning project and was pleased to learn that the reprovisioned Pok Fu Lam Public Library (“the new library”) would be located on the third floor of the podium of the public housing development at Kai Lung Wan North, next to the Shek Pai Wan Road footbridge;
- (ii) As the entrance to the new library would be located where residents rarely passed by in everyday life and was uneasy to spot, it was suggested that the Departments consider extensively erecting signs for showing directions to the new library. For example, the directional signs could be set up at the shopping centre, in lifts, by escalators, on the podium and in the public areas of the proposed public housing development at Kai Lung Wan North, at various redevelopment sites of Wah Fu Estate, as well as at the neighbouring housing estates such as Chi Fu Fa Yuen, Wah Kwai Estate and Ka Loon Court; and
- (iii) He recommended that the Departments step up publicity to encourage more residents in the Southern District to give patronage to the new library. SDC would be pleased to assist in disseminating related information, such as by distributing promotional leaflets.

9. Ms HO Yuen-wai supported the reprovisioning project and said that she had been actively expressing views on projects regarding leisure and cultural activities, libraries, etc.

While she was pleased to learn that the new library would be substantially bigger, she wished to know the size of the new library's collection, the zoning of library materials, as well as whether there would be any additions to the collection of items about the Chinese culture, the culture of Hong Kong and the future development of the Southern District.

10. Mr SIU Wai-chung supported the reprovisioning project. Noting that many residents in the Southern District were patrons of the library study rooms, he enquired whether the seats in the study rooms of the new library would be each made more spacious to accommodate students' mobile electronic devices.

11. Mr LAU Ngai, Victor raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) He supported the reprovisioning project and were pleased to learn that the new library was enhanced in terms of size and facilities for the benefit of residents in the Southern District;
- (ii) Reflecting that some members of the public were concerned about the new library being located far from their homes, he suggested that book drops be provided in nearby housing estates such as Wah Kwai Estate for the convenience of the public; and
- (iii) He enquired whether publications on topics such as the history of the Southern District and the redevelopment history of Wah Fu Estate would be included in the new library's collection, and whether the permanent exhibition area would be utilised to display the history of the Southern District, as part of the effort to advance the initiative of "tourism is everywhere".

12. Mr WONG Choi-lap raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) The location and opening date of the new library were considered appropriate;
- (ii) As the rehousing arrangements for Phase I of Wah Fu Estate redevelopment to be commenced in 2026 happened to overlap with the construction period of the reprovisioning project, he proposed that the project be expedited towards early completion so that it would be in time for the first batch of residents moving in to enjoy the new library facilities earlier;
- (iii) Being the first library located within a public housing estate, Pok Fu Lam Public Library was of special significance. He recommended that the original architectural features

of the old library be retained in the design of the new library so that the public could reminisce about the past of Pok Fu Lam Public Library;

- (iv) He enquired about the number of seats available in the new library's study rooms and the increase;
- (v) As the new library was situated close to a carriageway and would thus be susceptible to noise nuisance, he proposed that acoustic design and equipment be adopted to ensure a quiet reading and learning environment. A reading area with an open view was also recommended;
- (vi) Additional directional signs were proposed to provide residents of Kai Lung Wan North and the redeveloped Wah Fu Estate with directions to the new library; and
- (vii) It was suggested that the collection of the new library should be more diverse.

13. Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun, MH made the following comments:

- (i) Additional directional signs for the new library were proposed to be erected in housing estates other than Kai Lung Wan North and more publicity was recommended; and
- (ii) Although the new library was approximately doubled in size compared with the old one, the space was still limited. Taking Hong Kong Central Library as an example, kindergarten students and their parents were commonly seen doing revision in the library. As such, it was proposed that adequate space and facilities be made available in the new library for the same purpose.

14. Ms LAM Wing-yan raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) She supported the reprovisioning project and was glad to learn that the new library would be substantially expanded in area and a wide range of services would be provided to benefit more members of the public;
- (ii) She enquired whether more information on the new library could be made available to the public, including the anticipated completion and opening dates of the new library, the shopping centre and recreational and sports facilities under the public housing development at Kai Lung Wan North, etc.;
- (iii) The public were concerned about the opening hours and facilities of the study rooms. In that regard, she would like to know whether there would be any socket outlets to facilitate the use of mobile electronic devices by the public; and

(iv) She hoped that the Departments would publicise the new library among residents of the housing estates such as Chi Fu Fa Yuen and Wah Kwai Estate, so as to enhance its future patronage.

15. Miss LAU Wing-chuk, Celine gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) Pok Fu Lam Public Library had a collection of about 80 000 items at the time. It was expected that some of those collection items would be transferred to the new library, and in addition to the new collection items to be specifically acquired for it, the new library would boast an even larger total collection;
- (ii) Pok Fu Lam Public Library at Wah Chun House in Wah Fu Estate had a long history. LCSD would consider providing collection items about its history in the new library. In addition, the new library would feature a book display zone, where thematic exhibitions on the history of the Southern District and Pok Fu Lam and the Chinese culture could be held;
- (iii) The number of seats in the study rooms of the new library would be increased from the existing 72 to about 100. Each seat would be equipped with a socket outlet to facilitate the use of mobile electronic devices. Partitions would be fitted between seats to enhance privacy;
- (iv) As regards publicity and signage for the new library, LCSD would discuss with HD on the plan to install, upon completion of the new library, additional directional signs in the public housing development area at Kai Lung Wan North to show the location of the new library; and
- (v) LCSD would provide various reading areas and facilities, including children's reading area and parent-child reading area, according to the different needs of readers.

16. Ms CHIU Wai-kwan, Irene said that the new library was expected to be completed in 2031-32, and so would be the associated ancillary facilities such as the shopping centre and recreational facilities of the public housing development at Kai Lung Wan North. HD would take into account SDC members' views, including the provision of signage at the reception estate for the Wah Fu Estate redevelopment, on the podium of the Kai Lung Wan North public housing development (where the new library would be located) and at other locations in the neighbouring estates for showing the way to the new library.

17. The Chairman asked SDC members whether they had further enquiries.

18. Ms LAM Yuk-chun, BBS, MH supported the reprovisioning project and was pleased to learn that a baby care room would be provided in the new library. She said that there was a shortage of exhibition venues in the Southern District and suggested that the Extension Activities Room in the new library be used to hold small-scale exhibitions.

19. Mr CHEUNG Wai-nam raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) He wished to know when the new library would come into service and whether there would be seamless transition of services from the old to the new library so that the public could enjoy uninterrupted library facilities;
- (ii) He enquired whether LCSD would formulate contingency measures for such scenarios as early completion or delay of works; and
- (iii) To his understanding, common space would be provided on all floors of the shopping centre of the public housing development at Kai Lung Wan North. Such common space was to be shared among tenants of the same floor. In that connection, he would like to know whether LCSD would consider making use of the public space on the floor, where the new library was located, to hold library extension activities or book exhibitions.

20. Mr PANG Siu-kei hoped that the new library with its brand-new look would come as an amazement to residents in the Southern District. He said that he had visited a good number of libraries in the Mainland and found that some libraries, though small, were well-equipped with facilities and had a comfortable reading environment. He considered that the design and planning of those libraries were worthy of reference by the Departments.

21. Mr CHEUNG Chin-chung said that in recent years, students often had to do group work and group discussions. He therefore suggested that the new library be modelled on Hong Kong Central Library to provide discussion rooms or conference rooms for students and residents.

22. Miss LAU Wing-chuk, Celine gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) LCSD would discuss with ArchSD and consider reserving space in the new library for holding small-scale exhibitions;
- (ii) In planning the new library, LCSD had referred to the design of the libraries in the Mainland and overseas, including their functional orientation, layout plan, interior design, facilities and services. LCSD would work with ArchSD to render the new library a brand-new look to the amazement of residents in the Southern District;
- (iii) LCSD would strive for seamless transition and would work proactively with HD to draw up the works schedule. The library at Wah Chun House in Wah Fu Estate would not be closed until the new library had officially come into service, so as to guarantee uninterrupted library services for the public; and
- (iv) LCSD had taken note of SDC members' suggestion about setting up discussion rooms in the new library and would take it into consideration at the design stage in conjunction with other suggestions.

23. The Chairman asked SDC members whether they had further enquiries.

24. No SDC members had further enquiries.

25. The Chairman extended his thanks to SDC members for their suggestions and to the representatives of Government Departments for their responses.

**Agenda Item 3: Pandas Everywhere 2.0 in Southern District**  
**(SDC Paper No. 27/2024)**

26. The Chairman said that at its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting on 19 September, SDC had discussed a series of activities to promote the local economy and characteristic tourism of the Southern District, including the “Discovering the Southern District : Pandas Everywhere” event series. The Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (WGBLE) under SDC was gearing up for the second round of the event series (i.e. “Pandas Everywhere 2.0 in Southern District”), details of which were set out in SDC Paper No. 27/2024.

27. The Chairman invited Mr CHEUNG Chin-chung and Mr CHEUNG Wai-nam to briefly introduce the agenda item.

28. Mr CHEUNG Chin-chung and Mr CHEUNG Wai-nam, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, took turns to introduce the agenda item as follows:

- (i) “Pandas Everywhere 2.0 in Southern District” aimed to implement the policy initiative put forward in 2024 Policy Address by making good use of the rich and unique resources to promote panda tourism in the Southern District, so as to achieve the concept of “Tourism is everywhere in Hong Kong”;
- (ii) The first round of the “Discovering the Southern District: Pandas Everywhere” series commenced in September. Taking into account the latest policy development, the enthusiastic response from the public and the latest updates about the four new giant pandas, WGBLE was now working closely with the Southern District Office (SDO), the District Services and Community Care Teams (“Care Teams”) in the Southern District, the Ocean Park Corporation (“Ocean Park”) as well as a number of local organisations to discuss the details of “Pandas Everywhere 2.0 in Southern District”;
- (iii) The “Pandas Everywhere 2.0 in Southern District” event series would be divided into three main directions – “Embracing a Joyful Atmosphere”, “Engaging the Community”, and “Enjoying Experiential Learning”, comprising activities such as Panda Fun Fest, 3D Panda-themed Optical Illusions, Original Panda Dance, Panda-shaped Treats and Delicacies, Panda Minibuses, Street Name Plates with Panda Decorations, Panda-themed Manhole Covers, Panda Art Installations, Film Appreciation Session for *My Dearest Fu Bao*, Panda Meet-and-Greet, and a Youth Study Tour to Sichuan Panda Sites. The above event series was expected to attract about 800 000 visitors and participants, thereby boosting the local economy and supporting the development of characteristic tourism, as well as enhancing the public’s sense of belonging to the Country and their understanding of conservation;
- (iv) Publicity channels for the activities were set out in the discussion paper; and
- (v) SDC members were invited to comment on the above activities.

29. The Chairman said that although Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun, MH was a member of the Board of Ocean Park, this agenda item had no connection with the personal interests of Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun, MH, hence he could still take part in the discussion of this agenda item.

30. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise comments or enquiries.

31. Mr CHAN Man-chun, JP said that Sichuan was the primary habitat of pandas and suggested that the panda-themed street decorations be focused on Chengtu Road.

32. Mr PANG Siu-kei said that “Discovering the Southern District : Pandas Everywhere” event series had been successful in engaging the community, businesses and local organisations. The “Pandas Everywhere 2.0 in Southern District” comprised a wide variety of activities and would boost the local economy. He looked forward to the incorporation of panda elements into local specialities and suggested introducing a hot and sour Sichuan flavour of sampan noodles so as to provide visitors with a unique tasting experience. He also hoped that there would be “Pandas Everywhere 3.0 in Southern District” in the future.

33. The Chairman said that the suggestion was worth considering and looked forward to the launch of panda-inspired food, such as Sichuan-styled sampan noodles with bamboo shoots.

34. In closing, the Chairman said that “Discovering the Southern District : Pandas Everywhere” was well received and was pleased to hear that WGBLE would further launch “Pandas Everywhere 2.0 in Southern District”.

35. The Chairman added that SDC should decide whether it would agree to be a supporting organisation of “Pandas Everywhere 2.0 in Southern District” and give consent to the organiser to use the SDC logo in the publicity activities and materials.

36. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise comments or enquiries.

37. No SDC members raised any comments or enquiries.

38. The Chairman was pleased that SDC members agreed that SDC would be a supporting organisation of “Pandas Everywhere 2.0 in Southern District” and gave consent to the organiser to use the SDC logo in the publicity activities and materials. He hoped that all stakeholders would continue their proactive efforts in boosting the local economy as well as keeping the panda-mania rolling, so as to bring joy to members of the public.

**Agenda Item 4: Get Ready for the Lunar New Year: Southern District Community Care Campaign**  
**(SDC Paper No. 28/2024)**

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39. The Chairman invited Mr WONG Wai-on, Edward, Officer-in-charge (Care & Support) of the SDO, to briefly introduce the paper.

40. Mr WONG Wai-on, Edward, briefly introduced the paper as follows:

- (i) Before the Lunar New Year in 2024, the Care Teams launched the “Southern District Community Care Campaign”, visiting more than 1 700 households in need and providing simple home cleaning and repair services for 170 households in need. The campaign was widely supported by the local community. He thanked all 20 SDC members for their dedication and participation in the activities under the “Southern District Community Care Campaign”;
- (ii) To foster the spirit of caring, the Care Teams were planning to launch the “Get Ready for the Lunar New Year: Southern District Community Care Campaign” in December 2024. With full support from the Hongkong Electric Company, Limited, including the participation of its volunteers and the supply of materials for home visits, this two-month campaign would be a concerted effort by the Government, the business sector and the community;
- (iii) The campaign would include home visits to over 2 000 households in need across the 17 sub-districts in the Southern District before the Lunar New Year in 2025 and the distribution of gift packs (containing items such as foodstuffs and daily necessities) during the visits. Simple home cleaning and repair services would also be provided for 200 households in need; and
- (iv) The Care Teams would write letters to SDC members inviting them to join the campaign.

41. The Chairman said that as was the case with past agenda items relating to the Care Teams, SDC members who were also members of the Care Teams were not required to declare interests because no additional resources or pecuniary interests were involved in this agenda item.

42. The Chairman said that SDC should decide whether it would agree to be a supporting organisation of the “Get Ready for the Lunar New Year: Southern District Community Care Campaign” and give consent to the Care Teams to use the SDC logo in the publicity activities and materials.

43. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise comments or enquiries.

44. No SDC members raised any comments or enquiries.

45. In closing, the Chairman said that the Southern District Community Care Campaign, which was launched before the Lunar New Year in 2024, had been a concerted effort by the Care Teams and SDC, with the enthusiastic participation of all 20 SDC members in the home visits and other activities, demonstrating the spirit of caring in the Southern District. He was pleased that SDC members agreed that SDC would be a supporting organisation of the “Get Ready for the Lunar New Year: Southern District Community Care Campaign” and gave consent to the Care Teams to use the SDC logo in the publicity activities and materials.

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**Agenda Item 5: Any Other Business**

**Invitation to SDC to Co-organise “Spring Reception 2025” and Seeking SDC’s Consent for the Use of the SDC logo in the Publicity Activities and Materials**

46. The Chairman invited Ms CHAN Grace, Senior Liaison Officer (1) of SDO, to briefly introduce the agenda item relating to the “Spring Reception 2025” (Spring Reception).

47. Ms CHAN Grace briefly introduced the agenda item as follows:

- (i) The Spring Reception was held by SDO on an annual basis with the aim of strengthening the bonds between district personalities, district organisations and Government Departments;
- (ii) The Spring Reception was tentatively scheduled for either 5 February 2025 (the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the first month of the lunar calendar) or 7 February 2025 (the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the first

month of the lunar calendar). It would be held in a hall managed by a non-governmental organisation in the Southern District; and

(iii) She invited SDC to co-organise the Spring Reception and sought SDC's consent for the use of the SDC logo in the publicity activities and materials.

48. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise comments or enquiries.

49. No SDC members raised any comments or enquiries.

50. The Chairman was pleased that SDC members agreed that SDC would co-organise the Spring Reception with SDO and gave consent to SDO to use the SDC logo in the publicity activities and materials.

51. The Chairman asked SDC members whether they had any other items to raise.

52. No other business was raised at the meeting.

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**Agenda Item 6: Meeting Schedule of SDC and its Committees in 2025**  
**(SDC Paper No. 29/2024)**

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53. The Chairman invited SDC members to note the meeting schedule of SDC and its Committees in 2025, which was set out in SDC Paper No. 29/2024.

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**Agenda Item 7: Date of Next Meeting**

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54. The Chairman advised that the seventh SDC meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 7 January 2025 (Tuesday).

55. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:22 p.m.

Secretariat, Southern District Council  
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