

### (Translation)

# **Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Southern District Council (SDC)**

## **(2024-2027)**

Date : 3 July 2025  
Time : 2:30 p.m.  
Venue : SDC Conference Room

## **Present:**

Ms CHEUNG Pui-shan, Sandy, JP      Chairman  
District Officer (Southern)

Mr CHU Lap-wai, MH

Ms HO Yuen-wei

Ms LAM Yuk-chun, BBS, MH

Ms LAM Wing-yan

Ms LAM Wing-ye

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 SIU Wai-chung

Mr LAI Ka-chi

### Absent with Apologies:

Ms LI Ka-ying

Mr LAU Ngai, Victor

**Secretary:**

Ms NG Yee-mei, Ivy

Senior Executive Officer (District Council),  
Southern District Office

**In Attendance:**

Miss CHAN Tszi-ling, Samantha

Assistant District Officer (Southern)

Mr LEUNG Ying-kit

Senior Executive Officer (District Management),  
Southern District Office

Ms CHAN Grace

Senior Liaison Officer (1),  
Southern District Office

Ms CHUNG Chui-yan, Chris

Senior Liaison Officer (2),  
Southern District Office

Mr CHEUNG Fung

Chief Health Inspector (Southern) 1,  
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Ms LEE Suk-han, Yvonne

Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong West),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr YU Chi-ying

District Leisure Manager (Southern),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr NG Chi-shing

Chief Manager / Management (HKI),  
Housing Department

Ms CHU Lai-yeo, Rachel

Chief Transport Officer / Hong Kong Island,  
Transport Department

Ms IP Ka-yeo

Deputy District Commander (Western District),  
Hong Kong Police Force

Mr WAN Fu-kwan, Nelson

Police Community Relations Officer (Western  
District), Hong Kong Police Force

Mr CHAN Hing-yin, Donald

Senior Engineer / 4 (South and Sustainable  
Lantau), Civil Engineering and Development  
Department

Mr WONG Tak-shing, Tommy

Senior Engineer / West,

Drainage Services Department

Ms POON Hoi-yeo, Caryl

Engineer / W6,

Drainage Services Department

} for  
agenda  
item 2

Mr ZHOU Hengrui, Ray	Engineer / E5, Drainage Services Department	for agenda item 2
Mr HUI Shing-fat	Senior Maintenance Engineer / HES, Highways Department	
Mr CHAN Wing-kit, William	District Engineer / South, Highways Department	
Mr YEUNG Sui-sang	Divisional Commander (Hong Kong West), Fire Services Department	
Mr LEE Yui-cheung, Clarence	Station Commander Ap Lei Chau Fire Station, Fire Services Department	
Mr WU Shiu-ming, Leslie	Station Commander Chai Wan Fire Station, Fire Services Department	for agenda item 3
Dr LAU Wai-cho, Ivan	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South) 3, Environmental Protection Department	
Mr Kesson LEE, JP	Commissioner for Narcotics, Security Bureau	
Mr CHAN Chiu-hei, Kim	Assistant Secretary (Narcotics) 4, Security Bureau	
Mr WONG Ngar-lun	Acting Head of Customs Drug Investigation Bureau, Customs and Excise Department	
Mr HO Ming-wai	Assistant Superintendent of Airport Investigation Group, Customs and Excise Department	

### **Opening Remarks:**

1. The Chairman said that Director XIA Baolong had met with District Council members, the Care Teams and the representatives of “the three committees” during his inspection visit to Hong Kong at the end of June. He was well aware of and fully recognised the efforts they made in district work.
2. Director XIA even improvised a poem in appreciation for District Councils – “Amid the countless duties of the day, the District Councils serve with compassion’s ray. No task too great, no detail too small, every effort is made for the good of all”.

His commendations for district work were a remarkable recognition of the entire district governance team, encompassing the District Councils, the Care Teams and “the three committees” in 18 districts.

3. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) was deeply moved by Director XIA’s recognition of its district work. The Chairman hoped that all District Council members would work even harder to put the aspirations and spirit embodied in Director XIA’s poem into concrete actions, continue to serve the public and enhance the well-being of the people, so as to live up to Director XIA’s encouragement and the trust placed in them by the community.

#### **Congratulatory Message:**

4. The HKSAR Government had just published the Honours List on 1 July 2025, and Mr LAI Ka-chi was awarded the Chief Executive’s Commendation for Community Service in recognition of his contributions to the District. The Chairman congratulated and thanked Mr LAI for his enthusiasm and dedication to district work, encouraging him to maintain his active role in community affairs and promote more activities in the Southern District.

#### **Handling Applications for Absence:**

5. The Chairman said that applications for absence were received from Ms LI Ka-ying and Mr LAU Ngai, Victor, before the meeting. According to Section 64 of the SDC Standing Orders, the meeting would only give consent to applications for absence filed on the grounds of sickness, attendance at a meeting or an activity on behalf of the District Council, or other reasons considered reasonable by the meeting, including attendance at a meeting or an activity of the Legislative Council or an advisory body or organisation appointed by the State or the Government. As Ms LI Ka-ying and Mr LAU Ngai, Victor, had to attend a plenary session of the 14<sup>th</sup> committee of the All-China Youth Federation in Beijing, their applications for absence could be approved.

**Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> SDC Meeting held on 19 May 2025**

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6. 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.

7. The Chairman asked SDC members whether to confirm the captioned minutes.

8. The Chairman said that SDC confirmed the captioned minutes.

**Agenda Item 2: Concern over the Countermeasures and Preparatory Actions in the Southern District against Flooding, Drain Blockage and Environmental Hygiene Issues Caused by Rainstorms and Typhoons**

**(Including agenda items on “Concern over the Countermeasures and Preparatory Actions in the Southern District against Flooding Caused by Rainstorms and Typhoons” raised by Ms LAM Yuk-chun, BBS, MH, Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun, MH, and Mr PANG Siu-kei, and “Request for Enhanced Efforts in Clearing and Dredging the Drainage in the Southern District to Cope with the Risk of Flooding during Adverse Weather and the Issue of Odorous Effluent and Foam in Staunton Creek Nullah in Wong Chuk Hang” raised by Mr CHU Lap-wai, MH, Ms LI Ka-ying, Mr CHEUNG Wai-nam, Prof CHAN Yuk-kit, MH, JP, Mr WONG Choi-lap, Mr LAU Ngai Victor and Mr SIU Wai-chung)**

**(SDC Paper No. 23/2025)**

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9. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives of Government Departments to the meeting:

(i) Mr WONG Tak-shing, Tommy, Senior Engineer / W, Drainage Services

Department (DSD);

- (ii) Ms POON Hoi-yeo, Caryl, Engineer / W6, DSD;
- (iii) Mr ZHOU Hengrui, Ray, Engineer / E5, DSD;
- (iv) Mr HUI Shing-fat, Senior Maintenance Engineer / HES, Highways Department (HyD);
- (v) Mr CHAN Wing-kit, William, District Engineer / South, HyD;
- (vi) Mr CHAN Hing-yin, Donald, Senior Engineer / 4 (South and Sustainable Lantau), Civil Engineering and Development Department;
- (vii) Mr YEUNG Sui-sang, Divisional Commander (Hong Kong West), Fire Services Department (FSD);
- (viii) Mr LEE Yui-cheung, Clarence, Station Commander Ap Lei Chau Fire Station, FSD;
- (ix) Mr WU Shiu-ming, Leslie, Station Commander Chai Wan Fire Station, FSD; and
- (x) Dr LAU Wai-cho, Ivan, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional Southern) 3, Environmental Protection Department (EPD).

10. The Chairman said that prior to the meeting, the following SDC members had requested to discuss the following items at the meeting:

- (i) “Concern over the Countermeasures and Preparatory Actions in the Southern District against Flooding Caused by Rainstorms and Typhoons” (Item I) raised by Ms LAM Yuk-chun, BBS, MH, Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun, MH, and Mr PANG Siu-kei; and
- (ii) “Request for Enhanced Efforts in Clearing and Dredging the Drainage in the Southern District to Cope with the Risk of Flooding during Adverse Weather and the Issue of Odorous Effluent and Foam in Staunton Creek Nullah in Wong Chuk Hang” (Item II) raised by Mr CHU Lap-wai, MH, Ms LI Ka-ying, Mr CHEUNG Wai-nam, Professor CHAN Yuk-kit, MH, JP, Mr WONG Choi-lap, Mr LAU Ngai Victor and Mr SIU Wai-chung.

11. The Chairman said that details of the two items were respectively given in Annexes 1 and 2 to SDC Paper No. 23/2025 and the written responses from the Government Bureau and Departments were given in Annex 3.

12. The Chairman invited Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun, MH, to briefly introduce Item I.

13. Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun, MH, briefly introduced Item I and made the following comments:

- (i) Flooding caused by rainstorms and typhoons affected multiple locations in the Southern District. Following the “Black Rainstorm of the Century” in September 2023, members of the public had been deeply concerned about flood prevention measures within the District. He sincerely thanked DSD, HyD, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), FSD, Southern District Office, EPD and Office of the Communications Authority for providing extensive written responses, which clearly set forth a series of flood prevention measures and precautions, such as drainage improvement works, drainage clearance arrangements and inter-departmental drills, and adequately addressed public concerns; and
- (ii) SDC members were encouraged to provide a list of flood-prone locations after the meeting to facilitate in-depth discussions with the representatives of relevant Government Departments.

14. The Chairman invited Mr CHU Lap-wai, MH, to briefly introduce Item II.

15. Mr CHU Lap-wai, MH, briefly introduced Item II and made the following comments:

- (i) Item II could be divided into two parts. The first part was about drainage clearance and flood prevention measures, and the relevant Government Departments had already made a written response in this regard. In the past two years, tremendous efforts had been made to minimise the impact of extreme weather conditions on the public and prevent flooding and drainage blockage;
- (ii) Extreme weather conditions were hardly predictable, with torrential downpours potentially recurring within short intervals. This hindered Government Departments’ timely drain clearance to remove debris such as leaves, sand and gravel before the onset of another downpour, thereby increasing the risk of flooding; and
- (iii) The second part was about the occasional occurrence of odorous foaming effluent in Staunton Creek Nullah in Wong Chuk Hang, which had raised public concern. However, the source of odour was not identified during the site visit conducted by SDC members and representatives of Government Departments.

It was hoped that active follow up action would be taken so as to completely address the problem of odorous effluent.

16. The Chairman asked whether the representatives of the Government Departments had anything to add apart from the written reply in Annex 3.

17. The representatives of the Government Departments had nothing to add.

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

19. Mr PANG Siu-kei raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) Members of the public had complained that the effluent in Staunton Creek Nullah in Wong Chuk Hang was foamy and odorous. However, the written response from DSD stated that no such problems were found during inspection, while the written response from EPD indicated that, in addition to being affected by upstream runoff, the water quality at the location was also impacted by downstream seawater flowing back from the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter during daily high tides. He asked about the time slot when DSD conducted its on-site inspection; and
- (ii) No odour was detected in the nullah during high tide, but the silt accumulated at the bottom of the nullah would be exposed during low tide and emit odour. He enquired whether DSD could remove the silt to address the odour.

20. The Chairman invited the representatives of DSD to respond.

21. Mr WONG Tak-shing, Tommy, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) DSD staff had inspected the site at different time slots including high and low tides. Records showed that the drainage conditions in Staunton Creek Nullah in Wong Chuk Hang were normal and no odour was detected;
- (ii) The nullah was a drainage channel where sand and gravels were washed into during rainfall. It was also affected by tidal fluctuations, which resulted in sedimentation at the bottom of the nullah. DSD had inspected the condition of Staunton Creek Nullah at low tide and no strong odour was detected despite the presence of sediment; and

(iii) DSD would monitor the condition of the nullah from time to time and implement improvement measures as appropriate.

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

23. Ms CHAN Wing-yan said that the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions had proposed that the Invigorating Island South Office could construct boardwalks along Staunton Creek Nullah in Wong Chuk Hang. She opined that DSD could draw upon the concepts and approaches employed in the Kai Tak River Improvement Works for application to the boardwalk project. She also hoped that the nullah could be renamed as Staunton Creek River in the future.

24. The Chairman invited the representatives of DSD to respond.

25. Mr WONG Tak-shing, Tommy, responded that DSD had noted the comments made by SDC members and he would relay the suggestions to the project teams for follow-up after the meeting.

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

27. No SDC members raised any comments or enquiries.

28. In conclusion, the Chairman said that with the rainy season approaching, it was hoped that the Government Departments would maintain close liaison with SDC members to work collaboratively and effectively on precautions against flooding.

**Agenda 3:** **Concern about the Harmful Effects of the “Space Oil Drug” and THC and Urge for Early Preventive Education and Publicity Efforts**  
**(Item raised by Ms HO Yuen-wei and Ms WONG Yu-ching, Nicole)**  
**(SDC Paper No. 24/2025)**

29. The Chairman welcomed the following Government Bureau / Department representatives to the meeting:

- (i) Mr Kesson LEE, JP, Commissioner for Narcotics of the Security Bureau (SB);
- (ii) Mr Kim CHAN, Assistant Secretary (Narcotics) 4 of SB;
- (iii) Mr WONG Ngar-lun, Acting Head of Customs Drug Investigation Bureau of the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED); and
- (iv) Mr HO Ming-wai, Assistant Superintendent of Airport Investigation Group of C&ED.

30. The Chairman said that prior to the meeting, Ms HO Yuen-wei and Ms WONG Yu-ching, Nicole had made a request to discuss the captioned matter at the meeting. The details were given in Annex 1 and the written responses from the Bureau and the Department were given in Annex 2.

31. The Chairman invited Ms HO Yuen-wei to briefly introduce the agenda item.

32. Ms HO Yuen-wei, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, briefly introduced the agenda item with the main points as follows:

- (i) She recommended that the Government adopt a multi-pronged approach to the promotion of anti-drug messages and proper values among the community through various channels. For instance, talks for parents, workshops and interactive educational activities could be organised on a regular basis. Furthermore, law enforcement agencies and drug rehabilitees could be invited to deliver talks and share their experiences in schools to raise public vigilance against drugs;
- (ii) To commemorate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Action Committee Against Narcotics (ACAN) organised a series of major events, including the large-scale anti-drug variety show “ACAN 60A presents: Let’s Stand Firm. Knock Drugs Out!”, to publicise anti-drug messages;
- (iii) In her capacity as a member of ACAN, she facilitated a roving exhibition at THE SOUTHSIDE shopping mall in collaboration with MTR Corporation Limited. The exhibition was meant to recount the history of anti-drug efforts

and disseminate anti-drug messages by means of electronic display panels, remote-controlled robots, Virtual Reality experiences, photo booths and interactive games; and

(iv) The Anti-Drug Promotion Truck was being invited to visit the Southern District in November 2025. Thanks were extended to SB for its support for the activity. On the Truck were replicas of all kinds of drugs, such as cocaine, cannabis, ketamine, heroin and “Space Oil Drug”, for the public to learn how to distinguish drugs by their scents. Once finalised, details of the activity would be announced in due course.

33. The Chairman asked whether the Government Bureau / Department representatives had anything to add apart from the written reply in Annex 2.

34. Mr Kesson LEE, JP added the following:

(i) SDC members' attention to drug-related issues was appreciated. To cope with the issue of “Space Oil Drug”, the Government had enacted legislation and was taking stringent enforcement measures to crack down on and interdict the flow of “Space Oil Drug” into the market. An array of publicity and educational initiatives would be implemented, including organising roving exhibitions and planning territory-wide campaigns, with the aim of boosting public anti-drug awareness;

(ii) SB would continue to promote anti-drug messages in schools in the Southern District during the new academic year and hoped for their voluntary participation in the Healthy School Programme (the Programme), which came with a drug testing component. The Programme had at the time five types of drugs on the testing list, which was going to be extended to cover etomidate; and

(iii) Approximately half the schools across Hong Kong had participated in the Programme, but the participation rate of the schools in the Southern District fell short of 50%. Meanwhile, since the launch of the Programme in 2011, SB had not received any reports from schools about being labelled as a result of participation. It was hoped that SDC members could help alleviate schools' worries about the Programme itself and its potential labelling effect, encourage

more active participation from schools, and help students strengthen their resolve against drugs.

35. Ms IP Ka-yeo briefly introduced the written reply and added the following:

- (i) In the first quarter of 2025, there were no “Space Oil Drug”-related cases in the Southern District as recorded by the Western Police District. Anti-drug work remained a top priority for the Police. Every Commissioner of Police had consistently upheld a zero-tolerance stance against drugs and had made relentless efforts to eradicate them;
- (ii) The two sets of teaching materials were respectively about the harms of “Space Oil Drug” and a true account of an 18-year-old prisoner, who was sentenced to 12 years and 6 months’ imprisonment for drug manufacturing;
- (iii) In 2024, Aberdeen Division and Stanley Sub-Dvision of the Police jointly organised a total of nine thematic seminars for multiple primary and secondary schools; and
- (iv) Effective anti-drug efforts could never be achieved by the Police alone. Collaboration with teachers, parents, students and all sectors of the society was essential to the creation of a drug-free future for the next generation.

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

37. Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun, MH raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) He extended gratitude to the Commissioner for Narcotics and the Police representatives for attending the meeting. According to Annex 1, the Southern District had the most drug abusers aged under 21 in Hong Kong. Given the expensiveness of conventional drugs, it was anticipated that many young drug abusers might turn to cheaper alternatives such as “Space Oil Drug” or other etomidate-containing drugs. However, according to the Police’s written reply, no “Space Oil Drug”-related cases were recorded in the Southern District in the first quarter of 2025. That appeared disproportionate to the number of young drug abusers in the District. He wished to understand whether such discrepancy in figures was due to novel drugs being more difficult

to detect than conventional ones. Furthermore, he would like to know how the Police detected novel drugs;

(ii) He enquired about the details of the Programme, including its content, the implementation method, the list of participating schools in the Southern District, and the projected number of additional schools to be recruited. Should all schools across Hong Kong participate uniformly, the labelling effect would naturally dissipate; and

(iii) As young people were particularly concerned about their personal image, it was suggested that for enhanced deterrence, anti-drug publicity and educational videos should incorporate online footage showing abusers' ugly and disgusting behaviour after taking drugs.

38. The Chairman invited the SB representatives to respond.

39. Mr Kesson LEE, JP responded as follows:

(i) Among the 24 secondary schools in the Southern District, eight had participated in the Programme, mostly government-aided schools. The list of participating schools had been uploaded onto the SB website. SB believed that non-participating schools might still have hesitation about the voluntary testing arrangements and thus remained hesitant;

(ii) SB also ran the “Beat Drugs with Sports” programme, which did not include voluntary testing . It aimed to foster positive lifestyles among students through sports-related activities. Five schools in the Southern District had participated in that programme. The Narcotics Division would continue its promotion efforts, striving to extend the programme to cover all schools in the Southern District so as to eliminate the labelling effect;

(iii) SB had consulted frontline social workers and realised that most young people were concerned about their personal image. They feared that their ugly behaviour after taking “Space Oil Drug” might be captured and circulated on social media, causing them a disgrace. SB would consider SDC members’ advice to introduce such aspects when designing the next round of publicity videos; and

(iv) Since 18 January 2025, frontline police officers on patrol had been equipped

with Etomidate Rapid Test Kits for on-the-spot testing of e-cigarette cartridges for the presence of “Space Oil Drug”.

40. Ms IP Ka-yeo further noted that according to Narcotics Division’s statistics, 85 reported drug abusers in the Southern District were aged 21 or above while 55 were aged under 21. In other words, a total of 140 individuals were reported as drug abusers in the District. Meanwhile, the Police’s statistics indicated no recorded arrests for “Space Oil Drug”-related offences in the Southern District in the first quarter of 2025. Such difference between the Police’s and the Narcotics Division’s figures was due to their differing statistical targets. The Police’s statistics reflected the number of arrests made, whereas the Narcotics Division recorded the number of reported drug abusers.

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

42. Ms CHAN Wing-yan proposed that the Government follow the example of the Hong Kong Housing Authority to introduce a scheme similar to the “Report Public Housing Abuse Award”. Such a scheme could offer financial rewards as an incentive to encourage members of the public to report drug users, thereby allowing the identification of hidden drug abusers as well as combating the prevalence of drug abuse.

43. Ms WONG Yu-ching, Nicole believed that young people were susceptible to peer and family influences. She would like to know, other than preventive education within schools, whether the Police held publicity talks, workshops, parent-child activities, etc. in the community for parents’ information about novel drugs. Such efforts could enable parents’ early identification of any drug abuse behaviour or inclinations among their children.

44. Mr WONG Choi-lap said that according to Annex 1, the Southern District ranked among the top three districts in Hong Kong for the number of drug abusers aged 21 or above, and even ranked first for the number of those aged under 21. Although the Police had clarified that the figures only reflected the number of reported cases rather than actual arrests made, no drug abuse should be spared. He suggested that the Government should provide more annotation to the published figures to avoid

misinterpretation, which could lead to the public's negative perception of the Southern District.

45. Mr LAI Ka-chi said that preventive education and drug interdiction at source were equally important in the fight against drugs. The key raw material for producing "Space Oil Drug" was etomidate. He would like to know whether C&ED had collected intelligence for interdicting "Space Oil Drug" from entering Hong Kong before it was further manufactured into drugs for supply in the market.

46. Mr CHU Lap-wai, MH said that more and more young people were abusing "Space Oil Drug". He found the situation unsatisfactory as only eight secondary schools in the Southern District had participated in the Programme so far. He understood that schools had worries, such as the labelling effect, when deciding whether to join the Programme. However, he stressed that schools could turn into hotbeds of students' drug abuse. He proposed that the Government make it mandatory for all schools in Hong Kong to join the Programme, arguing that it would not only eliminate the labelling effect, but also allow early identification of hidden drug abusers and thus provision of appropriate assistance to them. As for enforcement, the Police could intervene in a timely manner to track down and curb drug trafficking at source.

47. Mr Kesson LEE, JP gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) SB would continue to persuade and encourage schools to join the Programme, but did not rule out the possibility of considering compulsory participation by all schools in Hong Kong in the future. However, for the privacy of participating schools and their students, even if a student of a participating school tested positive, details of the school concerned would not be disclosed. Only the school principal would be informed of the student's particulars for necessary follow-up action;
- (ii) SB had collaborated with the Federations of Parent-Teacher Associations in all 18 districts in Hong Kong to jointly organise activities in promotion of anti-drug education. In addition to providing drug rehabilitation services, all the 11 Counselling Centres for Psychotropic Substance Abusers in Hong Kong and the two sub-centres under the Centre for Drug Counselling would assist in

promoting anti-drug messages in the community. For example, they would organise anti-drug talks for parents in the future. The District Fight Crime Committees under respective District Offices also joined hands with local groups to organise anti-drug publicity activities. Moreover, SB also teamed up with District Services and Community Care Teams in the Southern District to visit families and distribute anti-drug publicity materials, in a bid to spread anti-drug messages throughout the community;

- (iii) To combat “Space Oil Drug”, the Police was considering setting up a hotline for members of the public to report suspected drug abusers; and
- (iv) Compared with the overall drug abuse figures of the 18 districts in Hong Kong, the drug abuse situation in the Southern District was not serious. The Government had all along upheld a zero-tolerance stance against drugs and would remain vigilant. Law enforcement agencies, such as the Police and C&ED, and the Narcotics Division would not overlook the Southern District in their anti-drug education and enforcement efforts.

48. The Chairman invited the C&ED representatives to respond.
49. Mr WONG Ngar-lun gave a consolidated response as follows:
  - (i) C&ED adopted a multi-dimensional anti-drug strategy to curb the importation and local circulation of drugs both vertically and horizontally;
  - (ii) Vertically, C&ED exercised drug interdiction at three levels, namely sea, land and air. Through an intelligence-led approach with strengthened intelligence analysis, C&ED interdicted drugs from entering the local market at boundary control points by conducting targeted checking of high-risk cargoes and travellers’ belongings, as well as closely monitoring the cargo clearance process.
  - (iii) Horizontally, by targeting local drug distribution networks, C&ED vigorously cracked down on associated illegal activities such as drug storage and distribution, so as to eliminate any further circulation of drugs in the local market;
  - (iv) Following the Government’s legislative amendment to include etomidate in the First Schedule to the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Cap. 134) for control, C&ED had successfully cracked down on multiple “Space Oil Drug”-related activities.

In the first quarter of 2025, C&ED solved a total of 34 “Space Oil Drug”-related cases, with approximately 18.1 kg of suspected etomidate powder, 2.5 kg of suspected etomidate liquid and 120 e-cigarette cartridges seized and 32 persons arrested; and

- (v) Apart from enforcement actions, C&ED would also step up publicity in the community and schools. C&ED had proactively reached out to 24 secondary schools in the Southern District to offer them talks and workshops.

50. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise comments and enquiries.

51. Professor CHAN Yuk-kit, MH, JP said that the purpose of ACAN’s Beat Drugs Fund (the Fund) was to promote and support worthwhile anti-drug programmes which could help address the problem of drug abuse. The Fund accepted students’ applications in respect of their self-designed anti-drug publicity programmes and approved programmes would be allocated with funding for organising related activities. He considered such programmes effective in boosting students’ anti-drug awareness. He called on SDC members to actively promote the Fund to schools and encourage them to apply for funding for organising more anti-drug activities.

52. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise comments and enquiries.

53. No SDC members raised any comments or enquiries.

54. The Chairman asked whether the Government Bureau / Department representatives had anything to add.

55. No Government Bureau / Department representatives had anything to add.

56. The Chairman thanked the representatives of Government Departments for attending the meeting and providing anti-drug information to facilitate SDC members’ promotion of anti-drug initiatives. Furthermore, she hoped that during their visits to schools in the Southern District, SDC members could encourage schools to participate more actively in various anti-drug programmes.

**Agenda Item 4: Any Other Business**

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57. The Chairman asked SDC members whether they had any other items to raise.
58. No other business was raised at the meeting.

**Agenda Item 5: Date of Next Meeting**

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59. The Chairman advised that the 11<sup>th</sup> SDC meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 18 September 2025 (Thursday).
60. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:17 p.m.

Secretariat, Southern District Council  
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