

**Summary of Minutes of the 13th Meeting of
the Commerce, Industry and Housing Committee (2012-2013)**

Meeting

The Commerce, Industry and Housing Committee (“CIHC”) held its 13th meeting on 2 December 2013.

Repeated Request for The Link to Install a Lift in Siu Hei Commercial Centre

2. CIHC noted that The Link Management Limited (“The Link”) had, in response to the request of Members, installed flashing indicators on the ramp of Siu Hei Commercial Centre to facilitate the access of people in need. It hoped that The Link would consider the installation of lift near the footbridge as well as examine other facilities in the Commercial Centre with a view to exploring measures to facilitate the access of people in need. A Member urged the The Link to improve the ventilation of the staircase connecting the market of Siu Hei Commercial Centre and the Ocean Walk.

Request for the Details of the "RenoSafe Scheme"

3. CIHC hoped that the “RenoSafe Scheme” could provide specific assistance to minor owners facing building management problems. Members generally opined that proactive intervention by the Authority in handling irregularities relating to building management and maintenance was required.

Request for the Provision of Rest and Support Facilities for Government's Outsourced Staff

4. CIHC noted that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) would convert a storage space at the ground level of Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool to a temporary rest room for outsourced staff. LCSD would also discuss the formulation of unified standards on rest facilities for outsourced staff with the Government Property Agency (“GPA”). CIHC opined that GPA should formulate standards on provision of rest and support facilities for outsourced staff for the adoption by all government departments.

Proposed Organisation of the Summit for the Owners' Corporations of Tuen Mun

5. CIHC endorsed that arrangements for organizing the Summit for Owners' Corporation of Tuen Mun would be considered by the Working Group on Building Management.

Reports by Working Groups under the Commerce, Industry and Housing Committee

(a) Working Group on Occupational Safety and Health

6. Members noted the contents of the report of the Working Group.

(b) Working Group on Economic Development in Tuen Mun

7. CIHC discussed issues relating to the printing of the Study Report on the Future Directions of Industry and Commerce in Tuen Mun. With the agreement of the Chairman, a Member tabled and distributed a paper on the issues at the meeting. Some Members opined that amendments should be made to the report before printing while others thought that the printing could be commenced after the report was supplemented with appropriate information. CIHC voted on two options: Option (1) to commence the printing after the report was supplemented with appropriate information; and Option (2) to defer the printing until the report was amended. 17 Members voted in favour of Option (1) while six Members voted for Option (2) and the number of abstention votes was zero. CIHC endorsed that the printing should be commenced after the report was supplemented with appropriate information.

(c) Working Group on Building Management

8. Members noted the contents of the report of the Working Group.

Work Report on Private Building Management in the Tuen Mun District

9. Members noted the contents of the report of Tuen Mun District Office.

Report by the Buildings Department

10. A Member suggested that the Buildings Department should recruit more professional grade staff. The Member was also concerned that Home Ownership Scheme (“HOS”) buildings received more pre-notification letters than private buildings did, and that the Authority had not issued any statutory notices to HOS buildings. Moreover, the Member opined that fire safety inspection and immediate prosecution were very important and urged the department to step up the work of inspection and prosecution.

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