

**Summary of Minutes of the 10th Meeting of
the District Facilities Management Committee (2012-2013)**

Meeting

The District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”) held its tenth meeting on 4 June 2013.

Request for Optimising the Use of Stone Pillars outside Tuen Mun Public Library

2. With a view to optimising the use of stone pillars with no decoration and fittings located outside the Tuen Mun Public Library, a Member hoped that young people would be allowed to spray graffiti on the pillars. The representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) said that after seeking advice from the Architectural Services Department, both Departments kept an open mind on the proposal of spraying graffiti on the pillars, and that provision of wooden benches at the bottom of the pillars was an alternative option. The issue would be followed up by the Working Group on Facilities and Works.

Provision of Additional Sitting-out Areas to Improve the Environment

3. The Chairman opined that the two sites proposed for the development of sitting-out areas could be followed-up separately: (1) issues related to the site located in front of Lung Yat Estate and fronting Tuen Mun River would be followed up by the Working Group on Facilities and Works as the response of LCSD was positive; and (2) issues related to the site situated behind Yau Oi (South) Bus Terminus would be followed up by the Working Group on Development and Planning of Tuen Mun District under the Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) as it involved the construction of a traffic interchange. The Secretariat of Tuen Mun District Council (“the Secretariat”) would help arrange a visit to the two sites for Members.

4. The Chairman would raise the issue of department representatives’ refusal to attend the meetings of the Committees at the next TMDC meeting.

Enhancement Works Project for the Ventilation System of Tai Hing Public Library

5. DFMC approved the funding of \$200,000 for the implementation of the Enhancement Works Project for the Ventilation System of Tai Hing Public Library.

Report of the Working Group on Community Involvement

6. Funding applications endorsed by DFMC included: ten applications of the Steering Group on Leisure and Sports Development; Tuen Mun Reading Festival of the Steering Group on Community Reading; and Printmaking Workshop and 2013 Tuen Mun Arts Festival of the Steering Group on District Arts. DFMC also endorsed the collaboration between the Steering Group on Community Reading and the Hong Kong Book and Magazine Trade Association Limited in organising this year's book fair. For activities involved funding over \$100,000 (i.e. Tuen Mun District Lunar New Year Football Cup Carnival, Tuen Mun Reading Festival, Printmaking Workshop and 2013 Tuen Mun Arts Festival), applications would be submitted to TMDC for endorsement at its meeting to be held on 2 July 2013.

Report of the Working Group on Facilities and Works

7. The numbers of District Minor Works Projects of Tuen Mun completed and in progress for the period of March to April 2013 were four and 25 respectively.
8. A Member said that "A Group of Cycling Lovers" had earlier written to the Civil Engineering and Development Department, expressing concern about the realignment of cycling track resulted from the construction of the Fishing Ground proposed by TMDC. They were worried that the safety of the cyclists would be affected by anglers fishing at the Fishing Ground. Members expressed different views on the issue. A Member objected to the construction of the Fishing Ground as no regulations were imposed on the angling activities at the facility. Besides, fishes caught at Tuen Mun River were not suitable for consumption. The construction of the Fishing Ground would send a wrong message to members of the public that fishing at the facility was legal. A Member who supported the construction of the Fishing Ground opined that the use of the cycling track would not be affected at all even there would be realignment. Besides, the construction of the Fishing Ground could tie in with the Tuen Mun River Beautification Scheme and balance the interests of the anglers and those of the cyclists.
9. The representative of the Home Affairs Department ("HAD") said that the name

“Fishing Ground” was not finalised. In addition, equipment like fishing rod support would not be provided at the site after completion of the works, the facility could therefore function as a sitting-out area. The Chairman remarked that DFMC could consider erecting a statue of Master Pui To at the site to tie in with the Tuen Mun River Beautification Scheme. He concluded that DFMC would further discuss the naming issue before the completion of the facility.

Report of the Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for the Fourth Hong Kong Games

10. The Fourth Hong Kong Games concluded successfully on 2 June 2013. In total, two gold medals, seven silver and four bronze were won by Tuen Mun District. Regarding the Overall Ranking of Sports Competitions, Tuen Mun District won the 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner-up in the tennis and volleyball events respectively. The Secretariat would liaise with the managers and coaches of various events for the holding of the review meeting of Tuen Mun District. The views collected at the district review meeting would be expressed by the representatives at the territory-wide comprehensive review meeting to be held on 28 June 2013.

Tuen Mun River Beautification Project–Report on the Footbridge Construction Project across Tuen Mun River

11. The Hong Kong Housing Society (“HKHS”) had studied with the consultant the feasibility of reducing the expenditure for the Footbridge Construction Project across Tuen Mun River to \$40 million but the outcome was unsatisfactory. HKHS had notified HAD of the result, hoping that the Department would provide additional resources to facilitate the follow-up action.

12. A Member opined that the Government should allocate more resources for the expeditious commencement of the project. A Member said that if HKHS still did not commence the project, the situation would be even worse because the construction cost would continue to rise. A Member suggested that HKHS should transfer the funding of \$40 million to TMDC and let it take over the project. The Committee resolved that the issue be further discussed at TMDC’s meeting.

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