

**Summary of Minutes of the 13th Meeting of
the District Facilities Management Committee (2012-2013)**

Meeting

The District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”) held its 13th meeting on 3 December 2013.

Proposal on LCSD’s Free Regular Cultural Programmes in Tuen Mun District (2014-2015)

2. DFMC expressed support to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”)’s funding application of \$1,008,530 for organising free regular cultural programmes in Tuen Mun District in 2014-2015. The application would be submitted to the Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee (“FAPC”) for approval and the Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) for confirmation at its meeting to be held on 7 January 2014.

LCSD’s Recreational and Sports Activities Plan for Tuen Mun District from April 2014 to March 2015

3. DFMC expressed support to LCSD’s funding application of \$6,391,574 for organising recreational and sports activities in Tuen Mun District in 2014-2015. The application would be submitted to FAPC for approval and TMDC for confirmation at its meeting to be held on 7 January 2014.

Extension Activities Programmes of the Public Libraries in Tuen Mun District 2014-2015

4. DFMC expressed concerns over the high utilisation rate of community libraries and mobile library vans. Members pointed out that books on the subject of cooking, knitting and history of Tuen Mun were particularly welcomed by readers, and that demand for children’s books would increase significantly during long holidays. DFMC requested LCSD to follow-up on Members views and co-ordinate the book stock of the libraries of various districts in respond to the reading needs and interest of local residents.

5. DFMC was also concerned whether there were sufficient books for the ethnic

minorities and the visually-impaired. The representative of LCSD said that braille books, large print books and magnification electronic systems were provided at Tuen Mun Public Library for the visually impaired. The Department would keep monitoring the needs of the disabled.

6. DFMC noted that the first thematic collection on “Food and Nutrition” in Hong Kong would be available for the public at Tuen Mun Public Library by the end of December 2013. To coincide with the opening of the thematic collection, a series of publicity activities would be held by LCSD.

7. DFMC expressed support to LCSD’s funding application of \$69,124 for organising extension activities programmes of the public libraries in Tuen Mun District in 2014-2015. The application would be submitted to FAPC for approval and TMDC for confirmation at its meeting to be held on 7 January 2014.

Reprovisioning of a Pavilion at Tuen Mun Trail

8. DFMC approved the funding of \$300,000 for the reprovision of a pavilion at Tuen Mun Trail under District Minor Works (“DMW”).

New District Minor Works Projects Proposed to be Handled by the Works Section of Tuen Mun District Office

9. At the meeting of the Working Group on Facilities and Works held on 7 November 2013, a Member suggested that as it took a longer period of time for term consultants to complete large-scale projects, Tuen Mun District Office (“TMDO”) should reexamine the proposed projects received and consider the implementation of new projects of smaller scale by its Works Section (“WS”) for speedy completion and optimal use of DMW resources. WS of TMDO had reviewed the works proposal received and suggested that the following projects could be implemented by the Section:

Project	Location
Provision of Permanent Carriageway	Tai Ling Area, So Kwun Wat Tsuen
Provision of Communal Letter Box	In the Vicinity of the Farming Association, So Kwun Wat

Installation of Letter Box Stand	Beneath the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor Bridge (near Tsing Chuen Wai Section)
Restoration of Road Surface	Adjacent to Ming Wong Garden near Po Tong Ha Tsuen
Facilities Improvement	Near Mung Yan Primary School
Beautification of the Emblem of TMDC	Tuen Mun Road

10. DFMC approved the implementation of the above new DMW projects by WS of TMDO. For any works proposed to be followed up by WS of TMDO, the proposals concerned should be submitted to the Secretariat of TMDC by 31 January 2014.

Request for the Provision of a Permanent Cover to Tuen Mun Cultural Square

11. A Member remarked that over the years, Tuen Mun Cultural Square (“the Square”) had been a popular venue for various organisations to hold different kinds of activities. However, during days of unstable weather, the open design of the Square would cause inconvenience to the organisers and audience. Even the erection of temporary covers, which was wasteful and not environmental friendly, could not resolve the problem. He hoped that a permanent cover could be built at the Square.

12. After discussion, DFMC opined that apart from permanent covers, retractable and portable covers could also be considered. Regarding the location, the area near Tuen Mun Law Courts Building could be considered as well. DFMC resolved the issue be followed up by the next Working Group on Facilities and Works.

Request for Optimising the Management of Playgrounds of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

13. A Member expressed concerns over the noise nuisance generated by some Chinese opera performing groups at Tuen Mun Park and Tsing Tin Playground, and opined that LCSD should consider amending the existing regulation “no nuisance shall be caused to other venue users” to “no nuisance shall be caused to other venue users as well as people residing or working in the vicinity”.

14. DFMC requested LCSD and the Hong Kong Police Force to continue to take joint operations against the noise nuisance. It also requested the Secretariat to write

to the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, asking the Department to give an early response to the proposal of amending the regulation concerned and strengthen its manpower in parks management.

Report of the Working Group on Community Involvement

15. The Working Group resolved that photographs of activities of various Steering Groups would be shown on the large LED panels of Tuen Mun Government Offices, Community Halls and Community Centres.

Report of the Working Group on Facilities and Works

16. The Consultant had prepared a revised sketch design for the sitting-out area. However, further clarification was needed since the location of the project (i.e. the area underneath the flyover) involved a land right issue after the design had been amended. After discussion, the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) and LCSD (as the leading department) opined that the design should be submitted to DFMC after clarification from departments concerned (including Lands Department and Highways Department) was sought. Members noted the arrangements.

Report of the Working Group on Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations

17. According to the relevant guidelines of HAD, for projects carried out by TMDO, the co-organisers shall not act as the contractors concurrently. Therefore, Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong Ltd would act as the contractor of the Spring Gala as before. Members noted the arrangement.

Report of the Working Group on Tuen Mun Greening

18. DFMC approved that the hardware maintenance of the planter pots would be shouldered by WS of TMDO upon the expiration of the two-year maintenance period provided by the Green Power (“GP”). If the main structures of the planter pots were not damaged, simple material would be used by WS of TMDO for repair. If planter pots were damaged seriously, ordinary planter pots conforming to the standards of government procurement would be used as replacements instead of fibre glass planter pots specially made by GP.

19. DFMC vetted the Urban Greening Programme of GP and the budget of about \$300,000 for annual maintenance. It would consider whether to approve the funding in due course. DFMC also urged LCSD and GP to strengthen the collaboration and communication with a view to solving technical problems and working out the timetable. The issue would be followed up by the Working Group on Tuen Mun Greening.

Green Promotional Stalls of the Hong Kong Flower Show

20. DFMC approved the setting up of the Green Promotional Stall in the Hong Kong Flower Show 2014 for the promotion of greening consciousness and introduction of district greening exercise.

Nomination as the Sports Ambassadors of LCSD

21. Ms LUNG Shui-hing, Chairlady of DFMC and Mr CHAN Man-wah, Member of DFMC were nominated as the Sports Ambassadors 2014-2015 by the Committee.

Secretariat, Tuen Mun District Council

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