

**Summary of Minutes of the 9th Meeting
of the Social Services Committee (2014-2015)**

Meeting

The Social Services Committee (“SSC”) held its 9th meeting on 10 March 2015.

Cooperation Scheme of Civic Education with 18 District Councils 2015-2016

2. The SSC endorsed the two activity proposals submitted by the Tuen Mun District Civic Education Committee.

**Request for Review of the Participation in and Operation of the General Outpatient Clinic Public-Private Partnership Programme and
Request for Improvement of the General Outpatient Clinic Public-Private Partnership Programme**

3. Members put forward the following views and enquiries on the above discussion item: (a) they expressed support for the above programme, believing that it could effectively divert patients in public hospitals to private clinics for medical consultation; (b) as the participation rate of the programme was considered low, it was suggested that the Hospital Authority review the programme to find out the reasons for the low participation, so as to encourage more doctors and patients to join the programme; (c) it was suggested that the progress of the review of the programme in Tuen Mun be expedited; (d) the administrative work of the programme should be streamlined; (e) Members were concerned about the number and distribution of the private practitioners participating in the programme; and (f) publicity for the programme should be augmented.

Insufficient Medical Facilities in New Territories West

4. Members put forward the following views and enquiries on the above discussion item: (a) they were concerned about the shortage of healthcare personnel and medical support facilities in New Territories West; (b) the Government was requested to provide more medical resources for New Territories West; (c) an enquiry was made about the timeframe for training healthcare personnel; (d) it was requested that Tuen Mun Hospital be expanded as soon as possible; (e) it was suggested that evening outpatient services be offered at Tuen Mun Hospital to divert patients waiting at its accident and emergency department; (f) more incentive should be provided for healthcare personnel to serve at Tuen Mun Hospital; (g) it was pointed out that medical resources were unevenly distributed, with New Territories West receiving fewer resources than other regions; (h) Members worried that Tuen Mun Hospital could hardly serve the continuously growing population of Tuen Mun; and (i) an enquiry was made as to when Pok Oi Hospital would be fully commissioned.

5. The SSC resolved to pass the above issue to the Working Group on Medical and Rehabilitation Services for follow-ups.

Calling upon the Harrow International School to Open Its Leisure and Cultural Facilities for Use by Tuen Mun Residents

6. Members put forward the following views and enquiries on the above discussion item: (a) it was opined that the Harrow International School enjoyed preferential treatment but failed to benefit the general public, and it should lend out its school facilities according to the terms of its land lease; (b) as most residents in Tuen Mun did not know that the facilities of the Harrow International School were available for borrowing, Members hoped that the Education Bureau

would enhance communication with the school for greater publicity about the matter on borrowing the school's facilities; (c) Members made an enquiry as to what department was responsible for executing the terms of the land lease of the Harrow International School and a request for the land lease of the school; (d) a request was made for a list of the facilities available for borrowing from the Harrow International School; and (e) Members requested an application form for borrowing the facilities of the Harrow International School to be provided at the next meeting.

Final Report on the ICAC Joint Project with TMDC 2014/2015

7. A Member expressed support for the above project, hoping that it could continue to be held so as to spread anti-corruption messages. Another Member opined that there were signs showing a decline in the probity of Hong Kong, and the amount of the Tuen Mun District Council's subsidy for activities should be linked to the performance of the ICAC.

Work Reports by the Working Groups under the SSC

(a) Working Group on Medical and Rehabilitation Services

8. The Convenor of the working group reported that the Tuen Mun Abilympics was proposed to be held in January 2016 to tie in with the District Councils election and the partner organisations' arrangements on activity coordination.

(b) Working Group on Community Care

9. A Member opined that more activities on community inclusion should be organised and suggested that letters should also be issued to district organisations on the partner organisations list of the Working Group on Medical and Rehabilitation Services for inviting them to co-organise activities. The Convenor of the working group reported that letters had been issued to 27 district organisations for inviting them to co-organise activities, and that messages for promoting community inclusion were included in the activities of the working group.

(c) Working Group on Education and Youth Services

10. Members noted the report of the working group.

The 6th "Quit to Win" Smoke-free Community Campaign

11. The SSC endorsed the above campaign and passed the related matters to Working Group on Community Care for follow-ups.

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