

Minutes of the 7th Meeting of
the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (2024-2027) of
the Tuen Mun District Council

Date : 24 January 2025 (Friday)

Time : 2:32 p.m.

Venue : Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) Conference Room

Present

Mr MO Shing-fung (Chairman)	TMDC Member
Mr FUNG Pui-yin (Vice Chairman)	TMDC Member
Mr TSUI Fan, MH	TMDC Member
Mr WAN Tin-chong, MH	TMDC Member
Mr KAM Man-fung	TMDC Member
Mr LI Chiu-hung	TMDC Member
Mr LAM Tik-fai	TMDC Member
Ms CHAN Mang-yi, Vincci	TMDC Member
Mr CHAN Ho-ting, Mac	TMDC Member
Mr CHAN Tsim-heng	TMDC Member
Ms MAK Mei-yee, Pamela	TMDC Member
Mr CHUI King-hang	TMDC Member
Mr TSANG Hing-chung	TMDC Member
Mr YIP Kat-kong, Kenneth	TMDC Member
Mr TSOI Shing-hin	TMDC Member
Ms TSE Yuk-ling	TMDC Member
Mr KWONG Man-tik	TMDC Member
Mr CHAN Sik-kwan	Co-opted Member
Mr WONG Cheuk-ngai	Co-opted Member
Miss LAM Hau-yi, Natalie (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)3, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department

By Invitation

Dr CHIM Pak-wing	Senior Medical & Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations)2, Department of Health
Dr LO Hoi-ying	Medical & Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations)1, Department of Health

In Attendance

Mr LAU Yu-hang, Henry	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Ms CHAN Yin-ling, Cannes	Senior Liaison Officer (3), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Miss FONG Yuen-wah, Irene	Senior Liaison Officer (4), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr LAM Lok-hang, Kelvin	Liaison Officer i/c (District Facilities), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Ms HO Wai-ha, Shirley	Senior School Development Officer (TM)1, Education Bureau
Ms LEUNG Fung-shan, Alice	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Tuen Mun, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms NG Wing-tung, Chris	Assistant District Leisure Manager (District Support) Tuen Mun, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHUNG Kan-hei	Senior Manager (New Territories West) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Wing-yee	Manager (New Territories West) Marketing & District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss CHEUNG Yuet-ming	Senior Librarian (Tuen Mun), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all present to the 7th meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC) (2024-2027).

II. Absence from Meeting

2. The Secretary said that no applications for leave of absence had been received from Members.

III. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

3. As Members proposed no amendments to the minutes of the last meeting, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the 6th meeting of the CICRC (2024-2027) were confirmed.

IV. Matters Arising**(A) Tuen Mun District Office Yearly Plan for Projects under Community Involvement Programme
(CICRC Paper No. 1/2025)**

4. A Member said that last year's "Vespere Tuen Mun" was warmly received, and asked whether similar large-scale activities would be held this year.

5. Miss Irene FONG of the Tuen Mun District Office (TMDO) said that the recent "Vespere Tuen Mun" event was well-received and recognised by all. The Department would actively consider continuing its efforts to reinvigorate the economy.

6. A Member suggested including the "Tuen Mun Winter Dance & Music Festival" in the yearly plan.

7. Mr Kelvin LAM of the TMDO said that the CICRC working group's activities would be rearranged based on the funding for the next year.

8. A Member hoped that primary and secondary school students, as well as young people in the district, could take part in the flag-raising ceremonies during the National Day and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day. He suggested that the secondary school flag-hoisting team receive training

ahead of time so that they could act as the flag-hoisting team on the day of the ceremony.

9. Miss Irene FONG of the TMDO said that secondary schools in the district were not asked to send a flag-hoisting team to the flag-raising ceremony on 1 July last year since the students on the teams were about to graduate and there was inadequate training time for lower-grade students. The Department would plan ahead of time this year and consider inviting secondary school students from the district to the ceremony, with junior secondary students serving in the flag-hoisting team, in order to foster students' love for Hong Kong, sense of belonging to the country and patriotism.

10. The Chairman asked whether all 37 secondary schools in the district had been invited to the flag-raising ceremony on that day.

11. Miss Irene FONG of the TMDO said that invitations to last year's event were sent to all secondary schools in the Tuen Mun District. Due to venue capacity constraints, schools were encouraged to sign up earlier to limit the number of participants, and roughly 180 young people attended the ceremony that day.

12. Members' enquiries regarding "Tuen Mun Beach Festival 2025" in the captioned paper were as follows:

- (a) Members asked whether the festival would continue to invite young singers to perform, as it did last year, to introduce new songs that would appeal to a wider range of young people;
- (b) Members suggested increasing transport frequency, particularly to the Gold Coast and Cafeteria Beach, to facilitate access to and from the beach festival due to large crowds;
- (c) Members asked if, in addition to posters, smaller promotional pamphlets would be provided for publicity purposes. Members suggested inviting the Housing Department to work with them on promoting the event in housing estates and schools;
- (d) Members suggested providing chartered vehicle services to residents attending the beach festival to reduce traffic congestion in the nearby parking lot;

- (e) Members asked if this year's beach festival would feature the popular drone show from last year; and
- (f) Members suggested including components marking the National Day in the beach festival, in addition to the National Games.

13. In response to Members' comments, Miss Irene FONG of the TMDO gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (a) The Department hoped to continue inviting young singers to sing at the festival to promote Tuen Mun's youthful and vibrant image, as well as its beautiful sea bay. The list and number of singers invited to perform would be determined by the available funds in the new financial year;
- (b) In terms of transport, the Department would maintain close liaison with the Transport Department (TD), contact franchised bus companies to improve frequency as needed, and consider offering shuttle bus service;
- (c) As the drone show had drawn more people, the Department had to maintain communication with the Police and the TD on that day to ensure effective crowd control. Furthermore, the content of the show was subject to funding availability for the following financial year, and the Department hoped to introduce more elements to enhance the appeal of the beach festival;
- (d) The Department would use available resources for publicity, such as making posters and distributing promotional leaflets, to maximise exposure. The Department would also invite students to participate through their schools in order to raise awareness of the event among young people; and
- (e) Regarding other specific arrangements for the event, the Department would further discuss with the Working Group on Tuen Mun Major Activities.

14. A Member asked if a cocktail reception would be held for the two flag-raising ceremonies.

15. Miss Irene FONG of the TMDO said that the Working Group on Tuen Mun Major Activities would further discuss the details of next year's events. The

cocktail reception, which was a new addition in October last year, was well-received. When organising the July 1 Flag-raising Ceremony, the Department would actively consider referring to the procedures and mode of the National Day to host a cocktail reception after the ceremony to encourage people to come together to celebrate the occasion, subject to funding availability in the next financial year.

16. A Member suggested that relevant government departments evaluate event location, appropriateness, and transportation safety measures when arranging participant enrolment to provide dedicated space for wheelchair users and their families, facilitating everyone in the Tuen Mun District to participate in various activities.

17. Miss Irene FONG of the TMDO said that the flag-raising ceremony took place at Tuen Mun Cultural Square, a disability inclusive venue. She pointed out that suitable space had been set aside at the venue for persons who were wheelchair-bound or had other needs, and that they were welcome to attend the ceremony. The beach festival was held along Castle Peak Road, with amenities such as ramps available to assist those in need. Despite the fact that the performance venue was on the beach, the organiser would make all required accommodations if the public desired them.

18. A Member suggested organising some prelude events related to the National Games, which would be held this year.

19. Mr Kelvin LAM of the TMDO said that the Department would consider organising different sports events to match the enthusiasm and atmosphere of the 2025 National Games. The specific contents of the activities were subject to the availability of funds and would be further discussed with the CICRC regarding the arrangements.

20. Members' last round of comments and enquiries about the captioned paper were as follows:

- (a) Members suggested informing schools in advance to facilitate schools' early registration and planning;
- (b) Members highlighted the significance of flag-raising ceremonies on 1 July and 1 October for national education. They suggested that each school

in the district send student representatives to participate and share their experiences with other students to foster student involvement;

- (c) Members emphasised that the National Games were a mega event and urged that if there were games-related activities, schools should be encouraged to participate;
- (d) Members suggested expanding programme activities in the first quarter, such as holding various sorts of exhibitions at Tuen Mun Cultural Square for residents to “check in”;
- (e) Members suggested using the 50th anniversary of the Tuen Mun District Dragon Boat Race to promote local culture; and
- (f) Members suggested producing an annual calendar of events to keep residents informed about upcoming important events in the Tuen Mun District and stimulate community participation.

21. Mr Henry LAU of the TMDO said that he would forward Members’ comments to the Dragon Boat Race Committee.

22. Miss Irene FONG of the TMDO said that the maximum number of participants per school for the two flag-raising ceremony events was set at 20 due to venue constraints when schools were first invited to participate. Each event drew students from more than a dozen secondary schools, with attendance varying depending on school arrangements. The Department would forward Members’ comments to the Working Group on Tuen Mun Major Activities. When the details of this year’s flag-raising ceremony were determined, the Department would notify all schools and encourage them to sign up as soon as possible so that more young people could participate in these two meaningful activities.

23. Mr Kelvin LAM of the TMDO said that he would meet with the CICRC working group later to explore incorporating school participation components into sports events. As for the proposed calendar of events, the Home Affairs Department’s District Activities homepage was constantly updated with information on different types of activities to ensure public access to the most recent news.

24. The Chairman thanked Members for their active participation and the Department for its responses.

(B) Proposal to Organise Oral Health Promotion Activities in Tuen Mun District

(CICRC Paper No. 2/2025)

(Written Response from the Department of Health)

(Written Response from the Education Bureau)

25. The Chairman welcomed Dr CHIM Pak-wing, Senior Medical & Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations)², and Dr LO Hoi-ying, Medical & Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations)¹, of the Department of Health (DH) to the meeting.

26. The first proposer of the paper said that the Government's Primary Healthcare Blueprint outlined a prevention-oriented approach that stressed early identification and timely treatment, with the primary goal of preventing dental disorders. The DH had planned appropriate events aimed at obtaining media attention, distributing educational materials and organising a funfair. In this context, he suggested organising a regular Tuen Mun Oral Health Day to provide the community with basic dental check-ups and oral health risk assessments. As for the activity venue, working with district health centres to conduct activities at their facilities could be an effective method to promote health and raise utilisation rates. He also suggested holding such events every six months to avoid overlapping with World Oral Health Day in March.

27. Dr CHIM Pak-wing of the DH said that he would forward the comments to the relevant sections. In addition to clinical services, the Oral Health Promotion Division of the DH was in charge of public oral health education and promotion. He pointed out that one of the main tasks was to promote dental disease prevention and encourage people to have regular check-ups. The Department would organise online and offline programmes and provide educational materials. Members with activity suggestions were encouraged to contact the DH to explore how to best promote health messages in the district.

28. To maximise reach, the Chairman suggested that the Department display promotional posters in Members' offices and ask Community Care Teams to get the messages across to residents in the district.

29. Dr CHIM Pak-wing of the DH thanked Members and the Community Care Teams for their support, and pledged to take the relevant work forward.

30. Members' comments and enquiries on the captioned matter were as follows:

- (a) Members noted a lack of understanding of dentistry among the elderly, including those who wore dentures but were unfamiliar with how to care for them;
- (b) To increase publicity reach, Members suggested hosting annual promotional events in the Tuen Mun District at regular intervals;
- (c) Members asked for further information on the Primary Dental Co-care Pilot Scheme for Adolescents (PDCC) mentioned in the most recent Policy Address;
- (d) Members expressed interest in the territory-wide Oral Health Day described in the DH's response, and highlighted that they would like to host more targeted publicity activities or a promotional day in the Tuen Mun District; and
- (e) Members asked whether the Education Bureau (EDB) could provide further assistance to schools in promoting relevant educational activities, and whether the DH would be invited to participate in specific planning for coordination or activities.

31. Ms Shirley HO of the EDB said that they were pleased to work with the DH and were prepared to actively collaborate with schools in the district to execute the relevant plans.

32. In response to Members' comments, Dr CHIM Pak-wing of the DH gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (a) To better promote dental health messages among the elderly, the DH would consider creating accessible educational materials and explore collaborating with the local community to encourage community participation through district activities to raise dental care awareness;
- (b) The PDCC, which would be launched in 2025, aimed to provide an annual set amount of funding to adolescents aged 13 to 17 for dental check-ups and healthcare services such as scaling and risk assessments. Participants were required to pay a portion of the service charge to ensure that parents

understood their shared responsibility for their children's dental hygiene. Other specific details about the scheme would be released later; and

- (c) Members were encouraged to notify the DH of any dental educational promotional initiatives at any time, and the Department would do its best to assist with implementation.

33. Members' second round of comments and enquiries were as follows:

- (a) Members suggested delivering information and publicity to residents in the district through the TMDO and "the three committees";
- (b) Members suggested establishing a Tuen Mun District Oral Health Promotion Day to reinforce the health messages;
- (c) Members suggested borrowing the venue of the Tuen Mun School Dental Clinic to host oral health promotional events on Saturdays and holidays;
- (d) Members suggested that the DH subsidise a portion of dental check-up costs for students to help them establish healthy oral habits;
- (e) Members suggested that the Department emphasise the consequences of neglecting dental care while promoting oral health in order to raise residents' awareness of its importance; and
- (f) Members said that dental services in Hong Kong were insufficient and costly, and that some Tuen Mun residents would prefer dental services on the Mainland. Members suggested that the DH provide more detailed information on the issues to consider while travelling to the Mainland for a dental visit.

34. In response to Members' comments, Dr CHIM Pak-wing of the DH gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Any concerns about the venue for promotional activities would be conveyed to relevant colleagues;
- (b) The exact amount of the subsidy had not yet been determined;

- (c) It was the Department's objective to teach the elderly the importance of oral health in a straightforward manner; and
- (d) The Department would forward Members' suggestions for dental services on the Mainland to colleagues in the Dental Services Section.

35. Members' third round of comments and enquiries were as follows:

- (a) Residents in the district had difficulty registering for dental services, resulting in treatment delays in some cases due to unsuccessful registration;
- (b) Members suggested expanding the Elderly Healthcare Voucher Scheme to include more dental service providers on the Mainland to ensure timely and affordable dental care for the public;
- (c) Members suggested increasing dental care promotion and education to reach more adults;
- (d) Members suggested increasing resources for publicity initiatives, such as organising regular exhibitions and distributing souvenirs or pamphlets; and
- (e) Members highlighted the situation of Hong Kong people seeking dental care on the Mainland in news reports, and called for more promotional efforts.

36. In response to Members' comments, Dr CHIM Pak-wing of the DH gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The Department had received the feedback on the dental registration system and would make every effort to assist those who required assistance with registration;
- (b) With the gradual expansion in the scope of usage of the Elderly Healthcare Voucher Scheme, Hong Kong residents could now use their vouchers for dental services at various hospitals in the Greater Bay Area; and
- (c) To better promote oral health, the Department would actively consider strengthening educational messages through a range of channels, including

social media and health centres, while also boosting the quantity of promotional materials, such as pamphlets and posters.

37. The Chairman would like to know the current situation of oral health promotion in schools, as well as if dentists, nurses and current dental students would provide presentations in schools.

38. Dr CHIM Pak-wing of the DH said that the Department primarily provided oral healthcare to schoolchildren through school dental clinics and was unclear about the current situation of dental students.

39. The Chairman thanked the departments for their responses.

V. Discussion Items

**(A) Leisure and Cultural Services Department – Report on Cultural Programmes Organised in Tuen Mun District and Applications for Venue Sponsorship at Tuen Mun Town Hall
(CICRC Paper No. 3/2025)**

40. Members noted the content of the captioned report.

**(B) Leisure and Cultural Services Department – Extension Activities Programmes of the Public Libraries in Tuen Mun District from April 2025 to March 2026
(CICRC Paper No. 4/2025)**

41. Members noted the content of the captioned report.

42. To align with the Government's efforts to advance panda-related promotion and reduce activity costs, Miss CHEUNG Yuet-ming of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) added that the original thematic seminar on sustainable diets for a healthy Earth listed on page 5 under item 8 (i.e. Tuen Mun Green Living Map) of the Annual Plan of Tuen Mun District Public Library, would be changed to a seminar cum workshop on panda conservation, with instructors provided at no cost by the Discovery and Education Department of the Ocean Park.

43. Members' comments and enquiries on the captioned paper were as follows:

- (a) Members asked about the process of selecting literary promotional materials, particularly for talks on classical Chinese;
- (b) Members suggested organising promotional events with a couplet theme and asking specialists to present; and
- (c) Members remarked that the Department had previously brought students and members of the public to distinctive attractions and thematic exhibitions in the Tuen Mun District, and they asked if this would continue.

44. In response to Members' comments, Miss CHEUNG Yuet-ming of the LCSD gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (a) The Extension Activities Unit of the LCSD libraries was responsible for centrally coordinating the themes for talks on classical Chinese, which changed each year. Relevant information about the events had been published on the public libraries' website;
- (b) The LCSD libraries had hosted writing workshops on poetry and couplets. Members' comments would be forwarded to the relevant sections in charge for information with follow-up as needed; and
- (c) The LCSD had taken note of Members' suggestions and would consider organising more promotional activities focused on local characteristics in the future.

45. In conclusion, the Chairman hoped to promote more tourist activities to reinforce the concept that "tourism is everywhere in Hong Kong".

**(C) Leisure and Cultural Services Department – Recreational and Sports Activities Plan for Tuen Mun District from 2025 to 2026
(CICRC Paper No. 5/2025)**

46. Members noted the content of the captioned report.

47. A Member asked about the sustainability and effectiveness of lawn bowls, a district sports activity with local characteristics in the Tuen Mun District from 2006 to 2007. He asked for a review of relevant statistics to assess the progress of the project. He noted that project development required time, and suggested

exploring the possibilities of other sports with distinctive features. He also remarked that new sports should be given proper attention these days, and hoped that the content of existing activities could be enhanced.

48. Ms Alice LEUNG of the LCSD said that Wu Shan Bowling Green was the Department's first outdoor artificial lawn bowling green in the New Territories West, and it had long been an ideal practice ground for lawn bowls enthusiasts. In light of this, the Department had designated lawn bowls as a district sports activity in the Tuen Mun District and had organised a variety of lawn bowls promotional activities in the district, such as training courses, fun days and tournaments, in which participants could acquire the basic skills of lawn bowls and sample the delights of the sport. Furthermore, the Department continued to collaborate with relevant National Sports Associations to effectively promote the sport. As for new sports, the Department planned to organise new sports promotional activities for public participation in the Tuen Mun District in 2025-26, including dodgeball, kin-ball, tchoukball and pickleball, in order to allow the public to experience the fun of new sports and further promote "Sport for All".

49. The Chairman thanked the department for its response.

VI. Any Other Business and Date of Next Meeting

50. A Member expressed concern about the blood donation campaigns addressed at the previous meeting, mentioning that the Red Cross had notified him that the blood bank was running low on blood, with only two days of supply left. The Member asked about the status of the campaigns, hoping to obtain additional relevant information.

51. Mr Kelvin LAM of the TMDO said that he had consulted with relevant parties and planned to include the organisation of Blood Donation Day in the activities for 2025-26 financial year. The Department was currently exploring various forms of collaboration and negotiating specific arrangements. The coordination work could not commence in the current financial year since the financial expenditures of the event would require funding support in the following financial year. The Department planned to further discuss the issues with Members at the next meeting.

52. The Chairman thanked the department for its response.

53. Miss CHEUNG Yuet-ming of the LCSD said that to tie in with World Book Day on 23 April, the Hong Kong Public Libraries would host the “Read Together for Half an Hour” activity, as it had in previous years. The Department was currently working on the appropriate details, and interested Members would be notified and invited to attend the event through the Secretariat once the event details were finalised.

54. The Chairman encouraged Members to participate actively. There being no other business, the Chairman announced the meeting closed at 3:48 p.m. The next meeting would be held on 25 March 2025 (Tuesday) at 2:30 p.m.

Tuen Mun District Council Secretariat

Date: February 2025

File Ref: HAD TMDC/13/25/CICRC/24