

**Minutes of the 1st Meeting of
the Tuen Mun District Council**

Date: 5 January 2024 (Friday)

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Venue: Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) Conference Room

Present :

Mr KWAN Ke-lin, Michael, JP (Chairman)	District Officer (Tuen Mun), Home Affairs Department and TMDC Chairman
The Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth, SBS, MH, JP	TMDC Member
Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Member
Mr TSUI Fan, MH	TMDC Member
Ms CHING Chi-hung, MH, JP	TMDC Member
Mr CHAN Manwell, Leo, MH	TMDC Member
Ms SO Ka-man	TMDC Member
Mr WAN Tin-chong, MH	TMDC Member
Mr TSANG Hin-hong, MH	TMDC Member
Mr KAM Man-fung	TMDC Member
Mr MO Shing-fung	TMDC Member
Mr YIP Man-pan, MH	TMDC Member
Ms LAI Ka-man	TMDC Member
Mr HO Jun-hang, Benton	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
Dr CHAN Kwai-wao	TMDC Member
Mr CHAN Tsim-heng	TMDC Member
Ms MAK Mei-ye, Pamela	TMDC Member
Mr CHUI King-hang	TMDC Member
Mr FUNG Pui-yin	TMDC Member
Mr FUNG Yuk-fung, MH	TMDC Member
Mr TSANG Hing-chung	TMDC Member
Mr YIP Kat-kong, Kenneth	TMDC Member
Mr IP Chun-yuen	TMDC Member
Mr CHENG Yin-kwan, Andy	TMDC Member
Mr TSOI Shing-hin	TMDC Member
Mr TSE Wing-hang	TMDC Member

Ms TSE Yuk-ling	TMDC Member
Mr KWONG Man-tik	TMDC Member
Mr CHUNG Kin-fung	TMDC Member
Mr LAU Chun-fai, Lawrence (Secretary)	Senior Executive Manager (District Council), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
 <u>In Attendance :</u>	
Ms LEUNG Chue-kay, Koronis	Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 1, Home Affairs Department
Mr CHAN Yik-lung, Eron	Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 2, Home Affairs Department
Mr LAU Yu-hang, Henry	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Miss YU Mei-yu, Melinder	Senior Liaison Officer (2), 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 YU Ka-ho, Ken	Senior Engineer 1 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms HON Hin-yan	Chief School Development Officer (Tuen Mun), Education Bureau
Ms HO Yuen-ming, Agnes	District Social Welfare Officer (Tuen Mun), Social Welfare Department
Mr FUNG Koon-yue	District Environment Hygiene Superintendent (Tuen Mun) (Atg.), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr LEUNG Kam-hon	District Environment Hygiene Superintendent (Tuen Mun) (Atg.), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr WONG Chun-hung, Samuel	Chief Manager/Management (Tuen Mun and Yuen Long), Housing Department
Ms TSENG Chieh, Elsa	District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun) (Atg.), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr NG Kwok-cheung	District Commander (Tuen Mun), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms LAU Hung-yin	Chief Inspector of Police (Tuen Mun), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms KWOK Ho-ling	Officer-in-charge, District Intelligence Section, TMDIST, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr LEE Chi-keung, Kenneth	District Lands Officer/Tuen Mun (District Lands Office,

Ms CHANG Yuet-ming, Charlene	Tuen Mun), Lands Department Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tuen Mun), Lands Department
Mr AU Hei-fan, Raymond	District Planning Officer/Tuen Mun and Yuen Long West, Planning Department
Mr CHEUNG Chi-yeung, Fabian	Chief Transport Officer/New Territories North West, Transport Department
Ms TSANG Yuk-king, Hendrix	Senior Transport Officer/Tuen Mun 2, Transport Department
Ms CHAN Mei-ting, Emily (Assistant Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council) 1, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department

I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members present to the 1st meeting of the seventh term TMDC. He also extended welcome to government department representatives in attendance at the meeting.

2. The Chairman hoped that Members would bear in mind the four requirements outlined by the Chief Executive during oath-taking ceremony on 1 January 2024, namely:

- (i) upholding the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (Basic Law) and bearing allegiance to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China;
- (ii) ensuring effective communication between the Government and the people by serving as a connection between the two;
- (iii) implementing the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong" at the district governance level and upholding the important duty of safeguarding national security; and
- (iv) adopting a people-oriented approach to bring tangible improvements to the community.

The Chief Executive also expected District Council members to facilitate the Government in implementing its policies in the districts, strengthening district governance to build a better Hong Kong together. The Chairman expressed that in the days ahead, the TMDC, with the aid of all Members, would join forces with the TMDO to assist the Government in governance, understand the pressing needs and concerns of residents and help resolve practical daily issues for the community. The Chairman hoped that Members would work in partnership with his colleagues at the TMDO and wholeheartedly improve district governance. He added that, just as Mr Xia Baolong, Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, emphasised, District Councils should strive to genuinely serve the citizens. The Chairman believed that all Members of the new-term TMDC would deliver due diligence and passionately serve Tuen Mun District residents. Once again, he congratulated them on becoming the seventh term TMDC Members.

3. The Chairman continued that, in accordance with Article 69 of District Councils Ordinance, for the purpose of carrying out the functions of a District Council, the chairman of the District Council might appoint a public officer to act as the secretary of that District Council. In such regard, he announced that Mr Lawrence LAU, Senior Executive Manager (District Council) of the TMDO, was appointed as the secretary of the TMDC.

4. The Chairman requested that members of the public observing the meeting take note that the areas on either side of the screen of the overhead projector located at the back of the conference room were designated as press areas. Only journalists who were registered and issued with a media sticker as identification were permitted to remain in these areas. Other members of the public were required to remain in the public galleries to observe the meeting. Journalists should also stay within the press areas for photographing. The Chairman continued that, as the audio recording of the meeting would be uploaded to the TMDC website, Members who wished to speak should first press the “Apply” button and wait to speak, and should speak only after he signalled them to do so. To ensure the efficiency of the meeting, the Chairman set limitations on speaking time as follows: For each agenda item, each Member would be allowed to speak twice. The time limit for the first speech would be three minutes, while the time limit for the second speech would be one minute. Secretariat staff would assist in keeping track of time, and Members would be notified by a bell when their speaking time elapsed. The Chairman continued that the meeting would be conducted according to the order of business on the agenda. It was estimated that the meeting could finish at around 12:50 p.m. if everything went well. He asked all Members present to keep their speeches concise and avoid repetition.

II. Absence from Meeting

5. The Secretary reported that the Secretariat had received no applications for leave of absence from Members.

III. Registration and Declaration of Interests by District Council Members

6. The Chairman kindly requested all Members to take note of the requirements regarding declaration of interests set out in Part B of the Tuen Mun District Council Standing Orders (Standing Orders). The Secretariat would collect particulars of registrable interests from Members via email later. Every Member should, within one month from the commencement of each term, furnish the Secretary of the TMDC in writing with particulars of his registrable interests. The Secretary of the TMDC would cause the personal interests registered by Members in accordance with Orders 16 and 17 of the Standing Orders to be entered

in the “Register of Members’ Personal Interests”, which should be made available for inspection by any person during the office hours of the TMDC Secretariat. The register would also be uploaded to the website of the TMDC for public viewing. In the event that the Chairman or a Member found that he had any direct personal or pecuniary interests in a proposed discussion item on a meeting agenda, or found that he had any pecuniary or other interests in matters on tender, quotation, etc. being dealt with in a discussion item or had any connection with the benefited party or potential benefited party, he should declare the interests in accordance with the requirements set out in Part B of the Standing Orders in order that a decision on the appropriate course of action could be made.

IV. Committees and Working Groups Under 7th Term TMDC **(TMDC Paper No. 1/2024)**

7. The Chairman said that five committees would be established under the seventh term TMDC: The District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC), the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC), the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC), the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC) and the Social Welfare and Housing Committee (SWHC). In addition, two working groups under the TMDC would be formed: The Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (WGBLE) and the Working Group on Tuen Mun Major Activities (WGTMMMA). The terms of reference for all committees and working groups were outlined in the captioned paper. To align with the term of office of the seventh term TMDC, the term of office of all committees would expire on 31 December 2027. The term of office of the WGBLE was tentatively set to expire on 31 December 2024, while the term of office of the WGTMMMA would expire on 31 December 2027. According to the Standing Orders and the Performance Monitoring Guidelines for Members of the District Councils (Guidelines), each Member was required to join at least three committees or working groups. On 27 December 2023, the Secretariat sent letters to all Members inviting them to join the aforementioned committees and working groups. The membership lists for each committee and working group were also included in the captioned paper.

8. The Chairman further announced the list of chairmen and vice-chairmen of each committee and working group, as follows:

- (i) The chairman of the DFWC was Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, with Mr KAM Man-fung serving as the vice-chairman;
- (ii) The chairman of the CICRC was Mr MO Shing-fung, with Mr FUNG Pui-yin serving as the vice-chairman;

- (iii) The chairman of the TTC was Ms SO Ka-man, with Mr YIP Man-pan serving as the vice-chairman;
- (iv) The chairman of the FEHC was Mr TSUI Fan, with Mr TSANG Hin-hong serving as the vice-chairman;
- (v) The chairman of the SWHC was Ms LAI Ka-man, with Mr TSE Wing-hang serving as the vice-chairman;
- (vi) The chairman of the WGBLE was Mr Kenneth LAU; and
- (vii) The chairman of the WGTMMMA was Mr WAN Tin-chong.

V. Schedule of Meetings of TMDC and its Committees in 2024
(TMDC Paper No. 2/2024)

9. The Chairman announced that, starting from the second meeting, the TMDC meetings would be held on the second Monday afternoon of every odd month. Committee meetings would take place on Tuesday afternoons in odd months or Thursday afternoons in even months, following TMDC meetings. Specific meeting dates were outlined in the captioned paper. The Chairman would discuss the meeting dates with the respective chairmen of the working groups and make an announcement at a later time. In regards to attendance, the Chairman reminded Members that annual attendance rate for a Member at meetings of the TMDC and its committees or working groups should not be lower than 80%. Members were obliged to attend meetings punctually and avoided leaving while the meeting was being conducted. Attendance rates for meetings of the TMDC and each individual committee would be calculated separately, rather than based on the total number of meetings. Therefore, Members should take note that, when calculating the attendance rate for TMDC meetings, which would be held six times a year, achieving an 80% attendance rate would mean being absent only once. Order 64 of the Standing Orders outlined the procedures for applying for absence from a meeting, as well as the mechanism for obtaining approval, while Order 65 addressed the situation where a Member might be disqualified from holding office due to absence from TMDC meetings. The Chairman kindly requested Members to refer to these relevant Orders for detailed information.

10. Mr IP Chun-yuen enquired whether the requirement of an at least 80% attendance rate for meetings of the two working groups under the TMDC would

also apply to meetings of working groups under the committees.

11. The Chairman said that, according to the Guidelines, the annual attendance rate of a Member at the TMDC meetings and its committees or working groups meetings should not be lower than 80%. Therefore, in theory, this requirement would also apply to working groups under the committees.

12. Mr CHUI King-hang, considering the possibility of his work re-arrangement later on, enquired whether Members would be allowed to apply to join a committee at any time, or if an application was only accepted at the beginning of the year.

13. The Chairman said that, as a usual practice, Members were allowed to apply to join any committee at any time and could also request to withdraw from committees they had already joined. Basically, Members should comply with the requirements set out in the Standing Orders and the Guidelines, which specified that Members must participate in no fewer than three committees or working groups.

IV. “Meet-the-Public Scheme” **(TMDC Paper No. 3/2024)**

14. The Chairman said that, according to Guideline 18(1), Members should participate in the Meet-the-Public Scheme (held weekly) and be on duty at their ward offices according to a duty roster agreed by the TMDC Chairman. Members might swap their duty days under the coordination of the TMDC Secretariat as necessary. Duty roster for the year 2024 had been outlined in the captioned paper. The Meet-the-Public Scheme of the TMDC would be held every Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., starting from 15 January 2024. Members would be required to take turns in pairs to be on duty. In the past, the Meet-the-Public Scheme of the TMDC was scheduled to be held every Friday. If a public holiday fell on a Friday, the Meet-the-Public Scheme for that week would be temporarily suspended. As for the arrangements for the Meet-the-Public Scheme under the new-term TMDC, in addition to the dates specified in the paper, if a scheduled meeting day coincided with a public holiday, the duty day would be postponed to the next working day. The Chairman kindly requested everyone refer to the latest version of the duty roster that had been distributed (see [Annex 1](#)) and consider it as the official version. Members were required to post their own duty dates at their respective ward offices. The duty roster would also be uploaded to the TMDC website.

15. The Chairman further said that Members were personally responsible for keeping records and following up on meetings with the public. If needed, they might also seek assistance from their assistants. Under current practice, a member of the public could make an appointment for a meeting through the Secretariat. The Secretariat would notify the Member about an appointment at noon on the day of the meeting. However, even if no appointments were made, on-duty Members must remain at the place of duty during the duty period to meet with citizens who might ask for immediate meetings on that day.

VII. Discussion Items

(A) Study on Issues of Community Concern and Collection of Public Views (TMDC Paper No. 4/2024)

16. The Chairman said that the District Councils Ordinance stipulated that members of a District Council were obligated to collect views of the people in the district in respect of an issue specified by the chairman of the District Council, and to submit to the Government a summary of the views collected and suggested corresponding measures. The captioned paper outlined two topics that the TMDC would be studying in 2024: (i) transport infrastructure and facilities; and (ii) stimulating local employment, covering new development projects in Tuen Mun West and development of environmental industry. The Chairman suggested that Members collect relevant opinions on the aforementioned two topics and submit a summary of the views separately to the TTC and the SWHC for discussions during their respective meetings in February. After comprehensive discussions and careful consideration of the views and suggestions from both committees, reports would be submitted for further discussion during the TMDC meeting in March. The final conclusion would be submitted to the Government for reference.

17. Mr WAN Tin-chong enquired whether there would be specific instructions to collect opinions, such as arranging meetings with professional organisations or individuals, to ensure that the opinions gathered would be more focused and practical.

18. The Chairman responded that there would be no restrictions on channels and methods of collecting opinions. Members were encouraged to reach out to other organisations and gain a clearer understanding of the opinions within the district via their connections. Members should then propose practical suggestions that would cater to the needs of residents. He also invited Members to express their views, if any, on the two topics.

19. Mr YIP Man-pan mentioned that traffic congestion problem in the Tuen Mun District had been a major challenge for a long time. In the Tuen Mun and Yuen Long Districts, the Light Rail shared road space with general traffic, which was distinctive. He commented that the Government needed to have long-term planning to prevent the Light Rail from overloading as population continued to grow. Additionally, bus service frequency was unable to increase due to traffic light duration, hampering district development. He hoped that the TTC could conduct research on these issues in the future. Furthermore, he mentioned that some roads in the district, such as Wong Chu Road, were old and heavily congested, which had long been a concern for residents. Papers of the previous-term TMDC concluded that efficiency of the slip road connecting to Wong Chu Road was subpar. Therefore, he wanted to learn more details and explore alternative solutions, and urged the Government to restart the study. He further emphasised the urgency of Tuen Mun Bypass project, which would help alleviate traffic congestion on Wong Chu Road. He recalled that during the election, there were complaints from residents regarding the narrowness of Wah Fat Street, as well as air pollution issues resulting from construction works of the Middle Ventilation Building, which was located less than a hundred meters from residential areas. He requested the Chairman's assistance in following up on these matters.

20. Ms LAI Ka-man mentioned that there were numerous development projects in rural and northwest areas of Tuen Mun, making it difficult to alleviate road traffic congestion. Therefore, she proposed referring to practices adopted by past terms of TMDC and allocating funds for traffic studies within the district, covering Wong Chu Road, Tuen Mun Area 54, Hong Po Road, and the upcoming housing development projects on San Hing Road. The aim was to prepare the Tuen Mun District for rapid development.

21. Mr FUNG Pui-yin mentioned that traffic congestion on Wong Chu Road was related to the Tuen Mun - Chek Lap Kok Link (TM-CLKL). A significant number of vehicles entered from Yuen Long or travelled from airport through Tuen Mun to reach Yuen Long and urban areas. Improvement plans included construction of Tuen Mun Bypass. Additionally, there were some solutions that fell outside the purview of the TMDC, such as adjusting tolls at Tai Lam Tunnel, which could reduce the number of commercial vehicles passing through Tuen Mun. He wanted to know about possible solutions for dealing with cross-district issues. Furthermore, he mentioned that he had recently received feedback from residents on the details and facilities of Tuen Mun Bypass and would like to have a

discussion during the TTC meeting.

22. Mr CHUNG Kin-fung mentioned that the Government introduced proposals for planning studies for Tuen Mun West and Lung Kwu Tan early last year. These proposals included large-scale development projects such as development of new industries, implementation of reclamation works, and revitalisation of River Trade Terminal. Since the Legislative Council (LegCo) Public Works Subcommittee had approved funding for the studies, he hoped that the TMDC would engage in close communication with stakeholders regarding the aforementioned studies and provide feasible recommendations. Furthermore, he mentioned that a larger variety of industries could indeed stimulate local employment in the Tuen Mun District, thereby addressing residents' inconvenience of commuting across districts for work. He cited examples of residents requesting a private hospital and other facilities to be built. He suggested the TMDC should host seminars to communicate with stakeholders, thus serving as a bridge between the Government, citizens, and the business sector.

23. Ms SO Ka-man mentioned that residents in the northern part of Tuen Mun had complained about inadequate planning in Area 54, including a lack of parking spaces. Drivers were forced to park illegally, and she hoped to address this issue during the current-term TMDC. Additionally, she mentioned that residents had raised concerns about insufficient transport services and suggested having discussions with Citybus, KMB, and MTR Corporation to enhance frequency of their services. She continued to express her hope that relevant government departments, such as the Highways Department (HyD), could attend the TTC meeting to listen to opinions and promptly resolve peoples' problems. She proposed making reference to other districts and setting up a "Community Living Room" in densely populated areas in the Tuen Mun District, such as the Light Public Housing and three public housing estates in Area 54. This would help alleviate emotional stress caused by overcrowded living environment and continuous population growth. She also suggested construction of a private hospital in Tuen Mun to relieve pressure on Tuen Mun Hospital. Furthermore, she expressed a concern about rodent infestations in both public and private housing estates in the district, particularly worrying that the problem might worsen due to increased number of food composters. Therefore, she recommended that owners' corporations strengthen management or introduce new technologies to improve the situation.

24. Mr YIP Man-pan mentioned that stimulating local employment should be linked to addressing traffic congestion issues, and development of the local

economy would require support from industries of a certain scale. In addition to night-time economy, there would be potential to revitalise underutilised industrial buildings in the district and repurpose them as folk-art centres or art studios. According to the Hong Kong Property Review, Tuen Mun had a higher proportion of private industrial building areas compared to the Yuen Long and the North Districts. Therefore, those industrial buildings could be developed by making reference to the Northern Metropolis.

25. Mr CHUI King-hang agreed with the opinions of Mr CHUNG Kin-fung and Mr YIP Man-pan and pointed out the unique advantages of Tuen Mun, including a coastline of 20 to 30 kilometres, a typhoon shelter, and a fish market. He believed that coastal areas had great potential for development. Additionally, in recent years, the country had been promoting development of marine economy. He cited Zhuhai, a neighbouring city in the Greater Bay Area, as an example, saying that there had been a year-on-year growth of 18% in marine economy, reaching RMB10 billion. With the commissioning of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, Tuen Mun could attract residents from surrounding cities in the Greater Bay Area. Fishermen could also switch to other marine industries, operating boats to provide tours to tourists and promoting marine economy locally. He further suggested that the TMDC could refer to the discussions of LegCo, as well as practices adopted in the Southern District and Kowloon East. Lastly, he added that, in addition to the waterfront promenade, Member could have a discussion on typhoon shelter economy during committee meetings to assist in providing local employment opportunities.

26. Ms Vincci CHAN expressed a concern about frequent illegal parking of heavy goods vehicles near schools. Although the Police had carried out enforcement actions before holidays, which produced deterrent effect for a short time, offenders relapsed to non-compliance afterward. Such illegal parked vehicles obstructed buses from approaching bus bays, causing dangerous situations for passengers boarding and alighting. Additionally, she mentioned that park facilities in many public housing estates within the district had become outdated, posing safety risks to children and depriving young people of recreational spaces. She suggested allocating resources to renovate park facilities.

27. The Chairman said that the discussion should mainly focus on collecting opinions regarding transport infrastructure and stimulating local employment in the district. Other opinions, if any, could be conveyed through other relevant channels.

28. Mr TSANG Hin-hong mentioned that in order to stimulate local employment, understanding population structure, economic characteristics, and educational levels within the district by analysing population census data would be helpful. He added that based on the data, the TMDC could collaborate with different government departments and promote local development, such as the ongoing construction of Hin Fat Estate. Besides, ad hoc social development projects could be formulated, and community resources could be utilised to provide employment training and assist local residents in transitioning to new roles, which would in turn stimulate local employment.

29. Mr CHAN Yau-hoi suggested that the two topics should be followed up separately by two committees in short term, medium term, and long term, and the committees should monitor the progress of the short-term traffic improvement plans implemented by the Government. Regarding alleviating traffic congestion on Wong Chu Road, increasing the number of bus bays at Tuen Mun Road Bus-Bus Interchange (TMRBBI), and Tuen Mun Bypass project, the TTC should carefully consider all proposals put forward by the Transport Department (TD) and the HyD to expeditiously address the issues and avoid excessive discussions at the TMDC meetings.

30. Mr MO Shing-fung mentioned that the geographical location of Tuen Mun West was unique and advantageous, providing convenient access to Nanshan via Kong Sham Western Highway, or to Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and Hong Kong International Airport via TM-CLKL. Therefore, the Government should focus on developing modern logistics, food processing and manufacturing industries, and advanced manufacturing industries in the area, which could in turn stimulate local employment and subsequently alleviate traffic congestion. He further mentioned that to stimulate local employment, it would be necessary to unleash the working potential of women. Efforts should be made to strengthen family support services, such as enhancing childcare and daycare services as well as increasing child care centre places. He hoped that the Social Welfare Department and the Labour and Welfare Bureau could work together with Members to address the issue of local employment, allowing residents to share in the benefits of development.

31. Ms Pamela MAK enquired about how to access the data related to the topics in question, specifically utilisation rate of the TMRBBI and the number of cross-district and local employment.

32. The Chairman responded that relevant traffic data could be obtained from the TD, while the population data could be obtained from the results of population census.

33. Mr Fabian CHEUNG of the TD responded that he could have a further discussion with Ms Pamela MAK and provide the desired traffic data.

34. The Chairman kindly requested the TD to provide relevant passenger and traffic flow data for the Secretariat for distribution to all Members for reference.

35. Mr TSUI Fan mentioned that construction of Tuen Mun South Extension could promote diversified development in the community. This included development in the Tuen Mun Ferry Pier area, revitalisation of industrial buildings, environmental initiatives, and development of emerging industries via coordination with development in the Hung Shui Kiu area in the nearby Yuen Long District. He further mentioned that adjacent to Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and Shenzhen Bay Bridge, Tuen Mun had potential to become a hub for local employment and transport support in the area. Therefore, Members and relevant departments should consider new breakthrough points for local economy and follow up accordingly. Additionally, he mentioned that given the severity of public health issues in recent years, areas of concern included market management, illegal hawking, and a timetable for closure of landfill sites. Therefore, he enquired the Chairman about the main work and key focuses of the FEHC.

36. The Chairman responded that transporting waste to landfill sites involved traffic issues, which would be discussed first by the TTC, while the chairman of the FEHC could determine the agenda and address the areas of concern.

37. Mr TSE Wing-hang agreed with the suggestions from fellow Members to develop different industries within the district. He pointed out that commercial activities were becoming more frequent, leading to a shortage of manpower in shops. He suggested that the TMDC should assist in job matching efforts by utilising various platforms for effective promotion and publicity. This would enable residents to access more information about full-time or alternative employment opportunities, thereby stimulating local employment.

38. Ms TSE Yuk-ling agreed with Mr MO Shing-fung 's views and pointed out that employers should promote flexible working hours to attract more women to local employment. This would allow women to balance their work and family

responsibilities.

39. Mr CHAN Tsim-heng noted that the number of Tuen Mun North residents travelling to mainland China for leisure had been increasing in recent years. Last year, he successfully advocated for an increase in bus services to Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. However, residents expressed that Citybus services between control points and Tuen Mun were still insufficient and they hoped that the TMDC could strive for a prompt restoration of bus service frequency. Additionally, he mentioned residents' feedback on the incident of long queues at control points on 1 January 2024, and their demand for 24-hour clearance arrangements or extended operating hours at certain control points including Shenzhen Bay, Futian, and Liantang. He urged the TMDC to conduct interviews with residents in the Tuen Mun District to assist in optimising border checkpoint services and adjusting transportation facilities and opening hours.

40. The Chairman responded that land transport at control points not only affected the Tuen Mun District but also concerned the North District and the immigration authority in the Mainland. Members could appropriately convey the collected opinions to relevant government departments, including the TD and various immigration and law enforcement agencies under the Security Bureau.

41. Mr Benton HO expressed a concern that most of the industrial buildings in Tuen Mun were being used as warehouses instead of for industrial purposes, which could in no way stimulate local economy or provide employment opportunities for residents. He suggested looking into the success of revitalising the Camel Paint Building on Hoi Yuen Road in Kwun Tong. The ground floor of the building was designated for restaurants and the first to the third floors were for commercial use. He also mentioned that multiple ownership of industrial buildings in Tuen Mun presented challenges in implementing revitalisation plans that required a single owner to apply for wholesale conversion of a building. Therefore, he proposed relaxing the restrictions on revitalising industrial buildings to allow application for an individual floor, rather than solely accepting application by a single owner.

42. Mr TSOI Shing-hin believed that green economy had potential to drive local employment. However, environmental industry had faced a succession problem in the trade due to inadequate transport infrastructure for factories, making it difficult to attract young workers. Therefore, it would be necessary to address traffic issue and to reduce the need for cross-district commuting. He further suggested that Hong Kong should learn from other cities in the Greater Bay Area and the Mainland by promoting green economy and advanced environmental

industries. For example, implementing recycling and waste separation in local area could reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill sites and alleviate traffic congestion in the Tuen Mun District. Furthermore, revitalising industrial buildings could beautify building appearance and improve the overall environment, while prioritising environmental industry in these buildings could attract more young people to join the sector. Since the upcoming implementation of waste levy would require numerous hardware and manpower support in property management, cleaning, recycling, and education on waste separation, he believed that by taking advantage of this opportunity, local employment could be boosted.

43. Ms CHING Chi-hung mentioned that transport infrastructure and local employment had been persistent issues in the district. She believed that collecting opinions by Members and having discussions in the two committees would produce more effective solutions. In terms of traffic issue, she suggested prioritising the most urgent one. As for local employment, it was not just a matter of low employment rate. In order to address the problem and improve district governance, it would require a deeper exploration of ways to unleash the working potential of women and retirees, improving job matching, and strengthening training efforts.

44. Mr FUNG Yuk-fung highlighted transport infrastructure and local employment as the most pressing issues in the Tuen Mun District. Residents of Ching Tin Estate and Wo Tin Estate had expressed a concern about the inconvenience faced by students commuting to schools. Long journey time and expensive fares of public transport in the Tuen Mun Ferry Pier area required immediate attention from government departments. He also suggested utilising Tuen Mun's unique historical and cultural advantages and its coastal line, the typhoon shelter, and natural geographical connection with cities in the Greater Bay Area to boost local economy and create employment opportunities.

45. Mr KWONG Man-tik mentioned that many residents and volunteers in the district were unable to balance their work and caregiving responsibilities. He suggested conducting local surveys to better understand and enhance support services that caregivers needed, such as childcare facilities and day-care centres for those with chronic diseases and the elderly. Furthermore, supporting relevant organisations could help unleash local working force.

46. Dr CHAN Kwai-wao has brought up concerns from residents about unsatisfactory traffic arrangements in the So Kwun Wat area. There was frequent traffic congestion when traveling to the town centre or Tuen Mun Ferry Pier. On

holidays, citizens flocked to the Thousand-Island Lake through So Kwun Wat, but only one minibus route was available, which could by no means meet the demand. He suggested increasing frequency on the minibus service and conducting research to address related traffic issues. Furthermore, developing tourism industry in the Thousand-Island Lake area could aid residents in cultivating cultural and creative endeavours and attract more hikers to visit Tuen Mun.

47. Mr IP Chun-yuen mentioned that there were high expectations from the public regarding current-term Members under initiatives of improving district governance. They hoped to see immediate and more effective results. Therefore, in addition to long-term studies, it was crucial not to overlook short-term measures that could address the issues immediately. He urged the TD, instead of relying on long-term solutions, such as Tuen Mun Bypass and slip roads, for alleviating traffic congestion, to consider Members' opinions and address the traffic problems in Tuen Mun town centre and on Wong Chu Road in the short to medium term with a concrete schedule in order to gain recognition from the public through tangible achievements.

48. The Chairman concluded the discussion by expressing gratitude to Members for their active participation. He requested that Members gather opinions on the two topics and submit a report at the TMDC meetings for further follow-up after discussion at meetings of the committees.

(B) 18-District Community Care Campaign with Community Care Teams and District Clean-up Campaign with Food and Environmental Hygiene Department before the Lunar New Year
(TMDC Paper No. 5/2024 & 6/2024)

49. The Chairman stated that this agenda item would be divided into two parts, and the Community Care Campaign with Community Care Teams before the Lunar New Year would be discussed first. He continued that 31 Care Teams in the Tuen Mun District were established in late September 2023 and initiated a series of caring activities, including home visits and setting up booths, to disseminate government information, assist in handling emergencies, and provide appropriate services for those in need. The TMDO planned to organise a Community Care Campaign in the district in the afternoon on 31 January 2024 (Wednesday), in collaboration with the TMDC and 31 Care Teams. Representatives from the TMDO, all Members, and Care Team representatives would visit public housing estates and designated elderly centres to demonstrate continuous concerted efforts and promote the spirit of care in Tuen Mun community. Additionally, Care Team representatives would distribute promotional leaflets and small gifts at designated

sites, introducing their contact information. The TMDO would send an email at a later time to provide detailed information about the event and invite Members to attend.

50. Mr WAN Tin-chong expressed strong support for the upcoming Community Care Campaign and believed that the TMDC, Care Teams, and the three district committees were the “trio” of district governance. He emphasised the need for enhanced collaboration between them under the leadership of the TMDC Chairman. He also pointed out that Members were actively preparing to establish their ward offices, upon which collaboration between Members and Care Teams would become even closer, enabling them to provide more appropriate services for residents. Additionally, he wanted to understand the specific arrangements for the Community Care Campaign, such as whether all Members would participate together or if they would be divided into teams to carry out activities in different areas. He also expressed support for door-to-door visits to public housing estates and visits to elderly centres in the Tuen Mun District.

51. Ms Koronis LEUNG, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 1, responded that two teams would be formed on that day. One would conduct home visits in public housing estates or rural areas, while the other team would visit elderly centres within the district. Each team would consist of Members and Care Team members.

52. The Chairman added that the purpose of this campaign was to visit the elderly and those in need before the Lunar New Year. Due to the large number of Members and Care Teams in the Tuen Mun District, it would be difficult to arrange all participants to conduct visits together. Instead, participants would be divided into two teams, one for home visits and the other one for visits to elderly centres, in order to cover various areas within the Tuen Mun District. The Chairman further mentioned that an email containing detailed arrangements for the campaign would be sent to all Members later.

53. Then, the Chairman proceeded to discuss the second part of the agenda item. He requested Mr FUNG Koon-yue of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to present specific arrangements to Members regarding collaboration between the TMDC and the FEHD for the District Clean-up Campaign before the Lunar New Year.

54. Mr FUNG Koon-yue of the FEHD said that to welcome the Year of the Dragon, the Department would organise a three-week major year-end clean-up

campaign across the territory from mid-January to early February, as one of the major events aimed at improving environmental hygiene. The Department would focus on cleaning up hygiene blackspots within the district, such as public markets, cooked food centres, and hawker bazaars. The FEHD would also address areas including old tenement buildings, backstreets, common areas of buildings, village houses, construction sites, vacant lands, and related blackspots within the district. In conjunction with clean-up operation, the Department would conduct mosquito and rodent prevention and control operations, including initiating the first phase (two months) of the Anti-rodent Campaign next week. The Department would also coordinate with relevant government departments to request corresponding clean-up operations at venues under their administration in support of the campaign. To promote the campaign and encourage participation from residents in the district, the Department cordially invited the TMDC Members to participate in a promotional activity for the lunar year-end clean-up campaign in the Tuen Mun District for the year 2024, organised by the FEHD, the TMDO, and Housing Department on 31 January 2024 at On Ting Estate. Information about the campaign would be disseminated, and promotional materials and souvenirs would be distributed to the public, urging active participation and collective efforts in maintaining environmental hygiene.

55. Mr LEUNG Kam-hon of the FEHD said that he would like to take this opportunity to brief Members on arrangements for the Lunar New Year Fair in Tuen Mun for the Year of the Dragon organised by the FEHD. The Lunar New Year Fair in Tuen Mun would take place from 4 to 10 February 2024, spanning seven consecutive days from the 25th day of the last lunar month to the first day of the Lunar New Year. The fair would be held at Tuen Mun Tin Hau Temple Plaza as usual. With the resumption of normalcy, the number of stalls this year would increase from 40 to 57, including reintroduction of fast food and dry goods stalls, totalling two and 15 stalls respectively; while the number of wet goods stalls remained the same as the previous year, i.e. 40 stalls. The Department had conducted an open auction for the stalls on 28 November 2023 at Tseng Choi Street Community Hall and received enthusiastic responses. All stalls had been successfully let out. The Department had already taken over the venue and instructed contractors to arrange set-up of the fair, as well as security measures. After the official opening of the Lunar New Year Fair, the Department would be responsible for managing the venue. It would also collaborate with other departments, including the TMDIST, to study crowd control arrangements, ensuring the festival celebration activity would be conducted smoothly and safely.

56. Mr TSANG Hing-chung expressed his gratitude to the FEHD for implementing this year-end clean-up campaign, allowing the public to have a clean and healthy environment for celebrating the Lunar New Year. In this regard, he enquired whether the 55 streets and 10 hygiene blackspots listed in the FEHD document to be cleaned would include blackspots where illegal feeding of wild pigeons was found rampant. He explained that he had received numerous complaints from residents about the presence of pigeon droppings in the vicinity of these areas, which negatively impacted hygiene conditions and cityscape.

57. Mr CHUI King-hang also expressed a great concern about the issue of feeding wild pigeons, particularly in the Lam Tei area where he resided. Despite the presence of banners urging the public not to feed wild pigeons, the problem continued to persist. In this regard, he enquired about measures taken by the FEHD to combat illegal feeding of wild pigeons and guidelines for cleaning up the area. Furthermore, he mentioned that some licensees of wet goods stalls at the Lunar New Year Fair had sought his assistance. He expressed his gratitude to the FEHD for being responsive and appropriately increasing the number of stalls after considering local situation, the needs of stall tenants, and economic development factors.

58. Mr FUNG Pui-yin commended the effective efforts of the FEHD in tackling hygiene blackspots. In relation to the problem of feeding wild pigeons, he mentioned that certain incidents occurred in public housing estates, where offenders cleverly exploited loopholes to avoid fines. Therefore, he enquired about how relevant departments would handle such cases.

59. The Chairman acknowledged Members' desire to raise matters of concern to the residents but reminded them to focus on the agenda item at hand. He suggested that other environmental and hygiene-related issues should be further discussed in detail at the FEHC meetings.

60. Mr CHAN Yau-hoi expressed a concern about the significant problem of shop front extension or unauthorised trading outside approved area during the lunar-year-end period. He hoped that the FEHD would pay more attention to this matter. He also enquired whether the FEHD would arrange for Members to visit the San Hui Market area to gain a first-hand understanding during the year end.

61. Mr LEUNG Kam-hon of the FEHD responded that since the implementation of joint enforcement operation with the Police on 11 October 2022, the extent of shop front extension in the vicinity of San Hui Market, including Kai

Man Path and Wo Ping Path, had greatly reduced. Following the introduction of the new enforcement model, the situation at the Chi Lok Fa Yuen area, another blackspot, had also shown improvement. Overall, with an increase in the fine for shop front extension from \$1,500 to \$6,000 starting from 22 October 2023, the extent of shop front extension in the Tuen Mun District had significantly reduced. Currently, the number of fixed penalty notices issued by the Tuen Mun District Environmental Hygiene Office of the FEHD for shop front extension had fallen to single digits per month. He added that if Members were interested in conducting inspections of shop front extension in the vicinity of San Hui Market during the year end, the Department would be happy to make arrangements.

(C) Specific Proposals for Organising Activities to Promote Local Economic Development
(TMDC Paper No. 7/2024)

62. The Chairman stated that to provide residents and visitors with an opportunity to experience the vibrancy and charm of Hong Kong at night, the Government had organised a series of “Night Vibes Hong Kong” programmes, actively promoting the city's “night economy”. In order to sustain festive atmosphere and boost night economy in the Tuen Mun District, the TMDO had proposed a collaboration with the TMDC to co-organise the “Vespere Tuen Mun” night market event. The Working Group on Boosting Local Economy under the TMDC would oversee related arrangements. “Vespere Tuen Mun” was tentatively scheduled to take place from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on 13 and 14 April 2024 (Saturday and Sunday) at Tuen Mun Cultural Square. The following key elements would be included:

- (i) More than twenty booths would be set up, selling various kinds of products, snacks and beverages, promoting Tuen Mun as a vibrant and culturally diverse community;
- (ii) Arts groups would be invited to perform live music and showcase art installations, transforming Tuen Mun Cultural Square into a night-time artistic venue; and
- (iii) Shopping malls in the neighbourhood would be invited to offer special catering and retail promotion during the event.

For the organisation of this event, the TMDO suggested inviting representatives from the Tuen Mun District Youth Development and Civic Education Committee (TMDYDCEC) and Tuen Mun District Youth Community Building Committee

(TMDYCBC) to participate. The TMDO would also liaise with shopping malls in the neighbourhood to seek their full support for the event, encourage mall tenants to operate food stalls, assist with promotion, and offer special discounts. This event combined elements of a night market and art. The TMDO hoped that, subject to available resources, regular events could be held in the future to change the public's spending habits, encourage them to go out for night-time spending and leisure activities, contribute to boosting local economy, all under a convenient one-stop destination for dining, leisure, and shopping. As the proposed initiatives would be followed up by the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy under the TMDC, the Chairman invited Mr Kenneth LAU, the chairman of the working group, to share his views.

63. Mr Kenneth LAU expressed his gratitude for the TMDO's proposal to organise the "Vespere Tuen Mun" night market event. He believed that the plan was well-conceived and practical, transforming Tuen Mun Cultural Square, a place with the highest foot traffic in the Tuen Mun District, into a night-time artistic venue with a variety of food and beverage booths. He hoped that valuable experiences could be drawn from this event, which would contribute to organising more activities in the future to boost local economy.

64. Mr IP Chun-yuen, as the chairman of the TMDYDCEC, expressed his strong support for organising this event and would encourage the youth to participate. In fact, the TMDYDCEC had been organising every year the "LOHAS LAND" art fair with art stalls for young people. He believed that the "Vespere Tuen Mun" night market event could leverage on the experience from "LOHAS LAND".

65. Mr Mac CHAN expressed strong support for organising the "Vespere Tuen Mun" night market, particularly in involving more youth groups. Regarding inviting arts groups, he hoped that this event could prioritise allocating some space for youth arts groups in the Tuen Mun District, providing them an opportunity to showcase the vitality of the youth in the district. Finally, he hoped that similar events could be held regularly in the future, not only at Tuen Mun Cultural Square but also in nearby areas or other locations in Tuen Mun by creating multiple photo-taking spots to enliven the overall atmosphere in the district.

66. Mr KWONG Man-tik expressed strong support for using this event as a pilot project and hoped that it could be held regularly in the long term, allowing more citizens and small businesses to participate in Hong Kong's "night economy". Additionally, he suggested strengthening the promotion of "Vespere Tuen Mun"

as he believed that only by attracting visitors could businesses be encouraged to participate again.

67. Ms CHING Chi-hung expressed strong support for this event, particularly in inviting representatives from the TMDYDCEC and the TMDYCBC to participate. She highlighted that these organisations had relevant experience, citing the successful market events previously organised by the “Strive for Success” members’ association in Tuen Mun. She believed that this event would provide a great opportunity for the youth and serve as an important platform for their development.

68. Mr Leo CHAN acknowledged that this event would be a very good attempt. However, he hoped that more resources should be sought actively to organise such events on a regular basis. Regarding the venue, he agreed that Tuen Mun Cultural Square was bustling with people, but he also suggested considering other locations such as Tin Hau Temple Plaza with a larger area and a stage. He believed that a successful night market should incorporate four elements, namely culture, arts, music, and food. He also hoped that such events could be held regularly, providing a platform for young people in the district to showcase their talents while stimulating local economy.

69. Mr CHAN Tsim-heng shared that he had personally experienced the night market event at Temple Street and concluded that food was the most attractive factor in attracting local residents to visit and spend. Therefore, he suggested considering how to enhance the attractiveness from this aspect. Additionally, regarding night-time music performances, while street performances were commonplace nowadays, he advised the relevant department to be mindful of performers soliciting any donations in appreciation of their performances from the audience.

70. Mr KAM Man-fung commented that a one-time event could indeed attract public attention, but the crucial point should be how to make Tuen Mun residents and even Mainland tourists accustomed to spending in Tuen Mun. He mentioned that currently, consumption was mainly driven by online marketing, and suggested promoting spending at Tuen Mun through social media platforms and influencers. He added that making a habit of spending at Tuen Mun among consumers was crucial for boosting local economy in the future.

71. Ms SO Ka-man expressed strong support for this event as it was necessary to boost economy in Tuen Mun. Regarding the venue, she suggested extending

the perimeter to the open space in front of Tuen Mun Law Courts Building and Tuen Mun Government Offices. In terms of artistic and music performances, she proposed inviting award-winning bands of Tuen Mun Beach Festivals and representatives from local primary and secondary schools in Tuen Mun. Also, it would be worth considering to provide booth games and distribute souvenirs to attract families and residents of Tuen Mun. Lastly, she emphasised the importance of transport arrangements and suggested considering providing transport fare concession and extending operating hours of public transport services.

72. Mr WAN Tin-chong, as the chairman of the TMDYCBC, expressed strong support for this event. He mentioned that currently there was a craze for going north for spending during holidays among Hong Kong people, and suggested considering attracting residents from Shenzhen by enhancing promotion at Shenzhen Bay control point and MTR stations. As the event would take place in the evening, coinciding with return journey time of Mainland visitors, he believed that attracting them to visit Tuen Mun along the way would be workable, but proper transport arrangements must be made. Additionally, as the chairman of the Tuen Mun Preparatory Committee for Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Tuen Mun New Town, he said that the committee would be willing to contribute to this event.

73. Mr FUNG Pui-yin suggested considering providing opportunities for young entrepreneurs by reserving some free-of-charge stalls for application, as well as producing souvenirs with unique features and collectible value that represented Tuen Mun. He emphasised the importance of public relations and advertisements in promoting the event, recommending distribution of press releases to major media outlets and giving out coupons to attract more visitors. Lastly, he reminded that it was necessary to keep an eye on environmental hygiene and cleanliness and provide an adequate number of litter bins.

74. Mr YIP Man-pan suggested that promotion on the Light Rail, which was a unique feature of the Tuen Mun and Yuen Long Districts, was crucial. He even proposed organising sightseeing rail journeys to enhance the effectiveness of promoting “Vespere Tuen Mun”. He mentioned that with convenient transport services nowadays, residents from different districts across the territory would be attracted to visit the upcoming night market, and suggested collaborating with the Yuen Long District Council. He further pointed out that a specific theme could be a key factor for the success of “Vespere Tuen Mun”, such as focusing on seafood cuisine to create an unforgettable impression about Tuen Mun for the public. Lastly, he expressed support for holding the night market at Tuen Mun Cultural

Square but advised considering impact on nearby residents. For similar events in the future, he suggested considering sites along Tuen Mun River as potential venues.

75. Ms Pamela MAK suggested that the “Vespere Tuen Mun” night market event should contain distinct Tuen Mun characteristics to differentiate it from the earlier Temple Street Night Market, in order to attract visitors from other districts. If the night market became a regular event, she proposed that it should feature different themes each time, such as making it as an Easter event, an astronomical event, or a Halloween event.

76. The Chairman thanked all Members for their valuable input and hoped that this event could attract a large number of local residents, as well as visitors from other districts and Mainland tourists. However, he emphasised the importance of practical considerations, especially resources. He also expressed hope for regularly organising similar events, but reiterated the TMDC's responsibility to take into account resource constraints. The Chairman strongly agreed that unique features of “Vespere Tuen Mun” were important factors that differentiated it from other night market events held earlier, thus attracting visitors. He added that at this stage, the TMDO would consider extending the exhibition period of art installations, not limiting it to the two days of the night market event.

77. Mr YIP Man-pan added that food stalls, especially those offering food prepared by charcoal grilling, were sure to be popular among citizens. However, it was necessary to consider whether the FEHD's arrangements and licensing requirements could be accommodated.

78. Mr Leo CHAN added that the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy under the TMDC could further discuss the details and consider how to make the event a regular occurrence.

79. The Chairman stated that if the event was held again, the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy under the TMDC would continue to follow up on and handle the related matters.

(D) DC-related Measures in Policy Address - Proposals for Distinctive Photo-taking Landmarks with District Characteristics
(TMDC Paper No. 8/2024)

80. The Chairman stated that in the 2023 Policy Address, it was proposed that the “District Youth Community Building Committees” in the 18 districts should

each set up distinctive photo-taking landmarks with particular themes and design elements to showcase district uniqueness, with a view to attracting the locals and tourists alike to check in and take photos there. These spots would showcase the unique characteristics of each district and attract citizens and tourists for photography opportunities. The TMDO previously consulted the TMDYCBC and selected three sites to set up distinctive photo-taking landmarks with district uniqueness, namely the Rainbow Railings, the Thousand-Island Lake, and Ho Wo Street. However, the Lands Department responded that Ho Wo Street would be reserved for other purposes, so an alternative site was suggested. The backup options included the ancient cannons near Kadoorie Beach, as well as Tsing Shan Temple. As some of these sites were managed by other government departments, the TMDO would seek their assistance to determine specific positions for setting up distinctive photo-taking landmarks. Design of these photo-taking landmarks would match with local environment of the selected sites upon considering opinions of relevant departments. In view of Tuen Mun's environment, history, and characteristics, it was recommended that photo-taking landmarks mainly incorporate elements of natural scenery. Therefore, proposed design of these photo-taking landmarks would prioritise preserving natural landscapes without creating any blight on scenic environment. The main purpose was to guide visitors to specific sites.

81. Mr Kenneth LAU said that the sites suggested by the Chairman were suitable for citizens of different age groups and families to visit. He further mentioned that in the past, an activity called Tour to the Five Beaches was organised to visit the ancient cannons near Kadoorie Beach. The beach was embellished with a beautiful environment and close to Sam Shing Hui Seafood Market and Golden Beach. He believed that setting up a photo-taking landmark there could not only provide a wide range of activities for citizens but also stimulate consumption in nearby area. He hoped that relevant work could be carried out as soon as possible to create a great public destination.

82. Mr Mac CHAN said that while setting up distinctive photo-taking landmarks could attract both local and non-local citizens, as well as tourists, it was important to consider improving supporting facilities. For example, it was crucial to consider the capacity of and safety measures along the routes to these photo-taking landmarks to ensure that citizens could easily and safely enjoy the beautiful scenery of Tuen Mun. He suggested installing distinctive signboards along the routes, introducing the historical development of relevant sites, and organising guided tours.

83. Mr CHAN Yau-hoi expressed support for choosing the Rainbow Railings and the Thousand-Island Lake as photo-taking landmarks. However, he expressed a concern about the bumpy trail to the viewpoint of the Thousand-Island Lake and mentioned safety risks due to relatively low height of railings. As for the ancient cannons in Tuen Mun, he suggested considering setting up a photo-taking landmark in the park under construction opposite Sam Shing Hui Seafood Market, linking the ancient cannons with the seafood market to make the trip more fruitful.

84. Ms CHING Chi-hung said that resources were an important consideration and expressed a concern about safety. She mentioned that beautifying the sites could attract people to visit and take photos. However, she noticed that there were more uphill trails and dense vehicular traffic along the route from Tuen Mun to the Thousand-Island Lake, and it would be more suitable for setting up photo-taking landmarks on the route from Yuen Long to the Thousand-Island Lake due to sparse vehicular traffic. Finally, she suggested that the Chairman host an on-site inspection of the aforementioned sites for Members.

85. The Chairman responded that he had already inspected the Thousand-Island Lake and Ho Wo Street earlier and agreed that personally visiting the sites would be helpful in learning about the actual environment. He mentioned that Members could consider inspecting the sites individually or together.

86. Mr TSOI Shing-hin cited Tai Tong in Yuen Long as an example, where the iconic scenery of red leaves was highly popular among citizens. He noted that even MTR Corporation provided free shuttle buses for citizens to enjoy the scenery. He suggested taking such arrangements as a reference. Additionally, the nullah near Fu Tai Estate was adorned with blooming Bauhinia variegata during the Lunar New Year, attracting dozens of citizens to visit and take photos. In such regard, he proposed that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department could focus on planning large scale plantation of flowers and plants of ornamental value at specific sites, naturally drawing citizens to visit and take photos when they were in full bloom.

87. Mr CHUI King-hang agreed with the idea to set up a photo-taking landmark at Sam Shing. He also proposed to improve the waterfront promenade in the long run by organising bazaar activities to attract citizens. Additionally, he suggested taking inspiration from the arrangements adopted for Aberdeen Harbour, where fishing boats were invited to display flower plaques on the sea during festivals or

celebrations.

88. Mr FUNG Pui-yin said that setting up photo-taking landmarks at the ancient cannons in Tuen Mun and the nearby Sam Shing Hui Seafood Market would be beneficial for boosting local economy. He also suggested organising in-depth tours to introduce the cultural and historical development of Tuen Mun. Furthermore, he emphasised the importance of transport facilities, especially for the elderly with impaired mobility.

89. Mr WAN Tin-chong said that the TMDYCBC had previously endorsed the proposal of setting up photo-taking landmarks at the sites mentioned in the paper, and would organise an on-site inspection in the afternoon on 11 January 2024. He suggested that Members could join the inspection together on a coach to save resources. He mentioned that Tuen Mun had multiple historically significant landmarks, such as Morrison Building within Hoh Fuk Tong Centre. He suggested the Government should consider revitalising and conserving these sites while enhancing promotion efforts.

90. Mr LI Chiu-hung expressed his support for setting up photo-taking landmarks at the selected sites mentioned in the paper. However, he expressed a great concern about traffic arrangements for citizens' access to these photo-taking landmarks. He pointed out that currently, several long-term transport infrastructure projects were undergoing in the Castle Peak Bay area, resulting in traffic congestion. He worried that promoting these photo-taking landmarks might attract more visitors in the future, exacerbating existing traffic problems. Therefore, he believed it was crucial to monitor the progress of local construction projects.

91. Mr MO Shing-fung suggested that Members, Care Team Members, and various community stakeholders should work together to promote and publicise the photo-taking landmarks to the public. He also proposed that the TMDYDCEC, as well as the TMDYCBC, could collaborate with schools to organise visits to these landmarks for students, introducing the history and culture of Tuen Mun through in-depth tours. Additionally, he enquired about the duration of photo-taking landmarks and whether landmarks would be changed to keep the event afresh.

92. The Chairman explained that the beauty of the scenery of the proposed sites for photo-taking landmarks, such as the scenic Thousand-Island Lake, changed throughout the year. To preserve natural landscapes, there would be no large-

sized promotional materials. Nevertheless, regularly changing photo-taking landmark at the Rainbow Railings would be suitable due to its closer location to the town centre. Further considerations could be made during the design stage. The intention of setting up photo-taking landmarks, as mentioned in the Policy Address, was to showcase the district uniqueness and history. Whether it was possible to appropriately incorporate seasonal variations could also be considered during the design stage.

93. Mr CHUNG Kin-fung said that some signature facilities in Tuen Mun such as the dolphin statue, had become dilapidated, and he hoped that these facilities could be renovated during the process of selecting sites for setting up photo-taking landmarks. Additionally, he believed that promotion on social media platforms was crucial and suggested utilising social media platforms in Hong Kong and the Mainland to attract both residents and tourists to visit.

94. Ms SO Ka-man agreed that it was important to minimise disruption to natural landscapes. She suggested that the design of safety facilities and photo-taking landmarks should integrate into natural environment. Additionally, to encourage residents to visit all photo-taking landmarks in Tuen Mun, she proposed introducing the concept of “collectable experience”. For example, visitors could collect a token at each photo-taking landmark. These tokens could then be combined to make up an interesting picture. She also suggested introducing an orienteering challenge, allowing visitors to explore and appreciate the scenery along the way.

95. Mr TSANG Hing-chung suggested providing information in promotional materials on how to get to each photo-taking landmark and indicating the estimated journey time. He also agreed that information on the historical background for the landmark should be provided for education purpose. Furthermore, he emphasised the importance of transport facilities, safety, and facility maintenance, and highlighted the need to address issues related to service frequency of public transport during holidays.

96. Mr TSANG Hin-hong mentioned that preserving natural scenery was particularly important to hikers. It was also crucial to put up safety signage along the routes, especially when the trails became slippery after heavy rainfall. Additionally, it was important to remind the public to protect the environment and not to leave trash behind when leaving the landmarks. He also suggested that other committees or organisations could organise future activities for these photo-taking landmarks. He agreed that periodically changing the landmarks would be

a sustainable approach for long-term promotion.

97. The Chairman appreciated the active input and suggestions from all Members regarding photo-taking landmarks in Tuen Mun. Their opinions, after consolidation, would be submitted to the Government for further consideration and follow-up.

VIII. Any Other Business and Date of Next Meeting

98. The Chairman acknowledged the receipt of an ad hoc proposal by a Member regarding the waiting time of enrolment for special child care centres in the Tuen Mun District. He then requested Mr WAN Tin-chong, the proposer of the paper, to provide a brief introduction on this matter.

99. Mr WAN Tin-chong expressed that all Members were concerned about an excessively long waiting time of enrolment for special child care centres in the Tuen Mun District. Many Members had received pleas for help from residents, and based on the information provided by parents, the waiting time of enrolment for special child care centres in the Tuen Mun District was 34 months, while in other districts, the shortest waiting time was only three months. This raised questions about resources allocation. Therefore, he hoped that the TMDC could follow up on this matter.

100. The Chairman determined to refer this matter to the SWHC under the TMDC to follow up.

101. The Chairman further explained to Members the arrangements for appointing them as a member of advisory and statutory bodies, as well as arrangements for attending events. He pointed out that the TMDC frequently received invitations from government departments or other organisations to appoint Members as a member of advisory and statutory bodies or other relevant subcommittees. Additionally, the TMDC also received invitations from organisations or groups to send representatives to various events. For effective handling, upon receiving such invitations, the Chairman would consider Members' opinions and take into account various factors, including demand from the inviting parties, required expertise or know-how for particular positions or events, relevant background and experience, continuity, and past practices. Finally, suitable TMDC Members would be delegated by the TMDC to join an advisory and statutory body or attend an event. The Secretariat would consult with Members as needed and report to the Chairman.

102. There being no other business, the Chairman announced the meeting closed at 12:55 p.m. The next meeting would be held on 11 March 2024.

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