

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of Tai Po District Council in 2018

Date: 5 July 2018 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council

Present

Time of Arrival

Time of Withdrawal

Chairman

The Honourable CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBM,
GBS, JP

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Vice-chairman

Ms. WONG Pik-kiu, BBS, MH, JP

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Members

Mr. AU Chun-wah

9:42 a.m.

End of the meeting

Mr. CHAN Cho-leung, MH

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, MH, JP

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. CHENG Chun-ping, JP

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. CHENG Chun-wo

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. CHOW Yuen-wai

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. KWAN Wing-yip

10:13 a.m.

End of the meeting

Dr. LAU Chee-sing

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. LAU Yung-wai

9:31 a.m.

End of the meeting

Mr. LI Kwok-ying, BBS, MH, JP

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. LI Yiu-ban, BBS, MH, JP

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. LO Hiu-fung

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. TAM Wing-fun, Eric, MH

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. TANG Ming-tai, Patrick

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. WOO Kin-man, Clement

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. YAM Kai-bong, Francis

Beginning of the meeting

12:34 p.m.

Mr. YAM Man-chuen

9:38 a.m.

End of the meeting

Mr. YU Chi-wing, Ken

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Members and departmental representatives to the meeting and made the following announcements:

- (i) District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tai Po) of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) Mr. LAI Siu-kwong, Chief Transport Officer/New Territories East of Transport Department (“TD”) Ms. FUNG Wai-kwan, Louisa, District Planning Officer/Shu Tin, Tai Po and North of Planning Department (“PlanD”) Ms. CHU Ha-fan, Jessica, District Lands Officer/Tai Po of Lands Department (“LandsD”) Ms. LEUNG Miu-yin, Karen and Chief School Development Officer (Tai Po) of Education Bureau (“EdB”) Ms. LAM Sung-kit, Tracy were unable to attend this meeting, on whose behalf Mr. MA Hon-chiu, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tai Po) (Atg.), Mr. Jim HO, Chief Transport Officer (Atg.), Ms. Kathy CHAN, District Planning Officer (Atg.)/Shu Tin, Tai Po and North, Senior Estate Surveyor Ms. WONG Mei-lin and Chief School Development Officer (Tai Po) (Atg.) Mr. TSUI Tak-ming attended the meeting respectively.
 - (ii) Mr. CHAN Hoi-ming, Peter, Senior Liaison Officer (1) of Tai Po District Office (“TPDO”) had been transferred out and on whose behalf Miss Sidney KWONG, Senior Liaison Officer (Atg.) attended this meeting.
 - (iii) Ms. Alice HEUNG, Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories East) of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) attended this meeting.
2. The Chairman congratulated
- (i) Ms. XIAO Qi-mei on being awarded the Medal of Honour; and
 - (ii) Mr. WAN Koon-kau, Ms. CHEUNG Lai-chu and Mr. CHAN Pui-tim on being awarded the Chief Executive’s Commendation for Community Service.
3. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu congratulated the Chairman on being awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal.

I. Meeting with the Director of Civil Engineering and Development

4. The Chairman welcomed Mr. LAM Sai-hung, Director of Civil Engineering and Development, accompanied by Chief Engineer Mr. John CHUNG and Senior Engineer Ms. LEUNG Tik Yan of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”) to the meeting.

5. Mr. LAM Sai-hung said that “We engineer Hong Kong’s Development” was CEDD’s work objective. He showed a video at the meeting to introduce the work of CEDD and then proceeded to brief Members on CEDD’s organisation structure, scope of work and major work in Tai Po District as follows:

Organisation structure and scope of work

- (i) CEDD had two functional constituent offices and five regional development offices. The two functional constituent offices were namely the Civil Engineering Office and the Geotechnical Engineering Office. The former was responsible for infrastructural works at ports and on land as well as public fill management, and for drawing up and implementing Greening Master Plans (“GMPs”) and so on, whereas the latter was responsible for slope safety, cavern and underground space development, provision of geotechnical advice services, management of mining-related matters and enforcement of legislation related to explosives and safety regulations. The five regional development offices included the East Development Office, South Development Office, West Development Office, North Development Office and Sustainable Lantau Office, while Tai Po District fell under the purview of North Development Office.

Major works of CEDD in Tai Po District

Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and associated works

- (ii) Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point (“LT/HYW BCP”) would be the seventh land boundary crossing in Hong Kong which would connect to the Eastern Corridor in Shenzhen, thus significantly shortening the time required for travelling between Hong Kong and the eastern part of the Guangdong Province, which was strategically very important for promoting economic development. CEDD hoped that associated construction works would complete by the end of this year while negotiations with relevant mainland departments were required to determine the commissioning date of the BCP.
- (iii) Works associated with LT/HYW BCP project that took place in Tai Po District included the connecting road between the LT/HYW BCP and Fanling Highway Interchange. Assembling of prefabricated components of viaducts at Fanling Highway Interchange had completed whereas installation of parapets and traffic facilities as well as road surfacing were underway at this stage. Upon completion of the project, journey time between Fanling Highway and the new BCP would be reduced from approximately 24 minutes to around 8 minutes. At the same time,

there would be multiple interchanges along the way, making travelling among areas in the vicinity of Fanling and Sha Tau Kok Road more convenient.

Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas

- (iv) CEDD was also responsible for building New Development Areas (“NDAs”) including Kwu Tung North and Fanling North NDAs in the North District, which involved the construction of the some 4-kilometre Fanling Bypass. The said bypass and the Fanling Highway Interchange would be near Ho Ka Yuen and connect to the NDAs.
- (v) To dovetail with the construction works of Fanling Bypass, alterations to existing roads of Fanling Highway were required. Among those alterations was the relocation of the bus-bus interchange (“BBI”) on the Kowloon-bound of Fanling Highway to some 100 metres away from its original location. With the said relocation, the length and width of the bus laybys would increase while the passenger waiting area would also become bigger. The location would be close to Ho Ka Yuen Footbridge. After the relocation, main facilities of the BBI would include public toilets, bicycle parking spaces, covered waiting area and so on. At the same time, electronic displays would also be provided to show arrival time of buses to facilitate the use of relevant services by members of the public. CEDD had all along maintained close communication with Tai Po Rural Committee (“TPRC”) in discussing the details of the BBI works. CEDD was currently working on the detailed design of the project.

Public housing developments at Chung Nga Road and Area 9, Tai Po

- (vi) CEDD was responsible for the planning and implementation of site formation projects and the related infrastructure works required for housing and related development. In Tai Po District, the Phase I works of Area 9, Tai Po were being carried out which included site formation and the related infrastructure works. The said works had commenced in August 2017 and were expected to progressively complete between mid-2020 and the end of 2022 to dovetail with the timetable of public housing developments.

Development of a Bathing Beach at Lung Mei, Tai Po

- (vii) As regards the project “Development of a Bathing Beach at Lung Mei, Tai Po” which was underway, Architectural Services Department (“ASD”) was responsible for the construction of the Beach Building while CEDD took charge of the development of the bathing beach and site formation. CEDD contractors had commenced the site formation and dredging works of sand dykes. Prior to the

marine works, contractors had already installed silt curtains to minimise sediment dispersion caused by the works and to prevent water quality from being affected. The entire “Development of a Bathing Beach at Lung Mei, Tai Po” project was expected to complete in the end of 2020 or early 2021 and be opened for public use.

- (viii) ASD together with CEDD and Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) had in January 2018 introduced the optimisation of the Beach Building to the District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”) under TPDC with a view to controlling costs more effectively and to completing the project as soon as possible. DC Members supported the optimisation and in response to DFMC’s request, sufficient room had already been reserved under the said optimisation for the subsequent widening of Ting Kok Road to cater for future traffic demand. Besides, other suggestions raised by Members at the DFMC meeting had been referred to LCSD for follow up.

Port and marine facilities in Tai Po District

- (ix) CEDD was also responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of marine facilities and piers territory-wide. Port and marine facilities in Tai Po District included approximately 10 light beacons, one typhoon shelter, 20 piers or landing steps, 11-kilometre seawall and 0.5-kilometre breakwater. CEDD carried out routine inspection for the above marine facilities at least once a year and conducted maintenance dredging for major estuaries where necessary to ensure that river channels remained unobstructed.

Public pier improvement works

- (x) CEDD currently conducted feasibility studies on the improvement works of Lai Chi Chong Pier, Sham Chung Pier and Sam Mun Tsai Village Pier in Tai Po District. The Chief Executive had put forward in the Policy Address promulgated in January 2017 the Pier Improvement Programme (“PIP”) which aimed to enhance public piers at remote areas to facilitate members of the public to visit various tourist attractions and natural heritage. The cross-departmental Committee on Piers, which the Development Bureau had taken the lead to set up, had preliminarily shortlisted 10 pier improvement projects to be launched in the first phase of PIP, among which three were in Tai Po District. Upon completion of the studies, CEDD would consult TPDC and relevant stakeholders in due course.

Implementation of Greening Master Plan (GMP)

- (xi) GMP sought to define comprehensively the greening framework of each area by identifying the suitable locations, themes and species for planting, and providing a guide to the planning, design and implementation of greening works with a view to achieving a sustainable and consistent effect. When drawing up GMPs, CEDD frequently met with DC Members and held community forums to actively gauge views from DC Members and the public.
- (xii) The GMPs for urban areas and Phase I of GMPs for the New Territories (including Shatin, Sai Kung, Yuen Long and Tuen Mun) had already completed, whereas detailed design of Phase II of GMPs for the New Territories (including Tai Po, North District, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing and Islands District) had also substantially completed. At present, CEDD actively competed for resources with a view to carrying out relevant greening works as soon as possible.

Geotechnical services

- (xiii) Since its establishment in 1977, the Geotechnical Engineering Office had been conducting various studies and projects with a view to minimising landslide risks in Hong Kong. Its objective was to contain landslide risks in Hong Kong at a level that was as low as reasonably practicable in the long term. CEDD had since 2010 launched the Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme to deal with landslide hazards from man-made slopes and natural hillsides systematically so as to minimise the impact of landslides on the public.
- (xiv) The Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme had so far completed slope stabilisation works for 75 man-made slopes and three natural hillsides in Tai Po District, while slope stabilisation works were being carried out for 17 man-made slopes in the district and were expected to complete in early 2019. In the coming year, CEDD would launch slope stabilisation works for seven man-made slopes in Tai Po District.

Universal Accessibility Programme

- (xv) Universal Accessibility Programme (“UAP”) retrofitted lifts at public walkways (including subways and footbridges). Three lift retrofitting works projects (involving five lifts) in Tai Po District went on smoothly and among which two lifts had already been opened for public use. Those two lifts near SKH Yuen Chen Maun Chen Primary School and Tai Yuen Estate were expected to be opened for public use upon completion of electric machinery testing in Q3 in 2018. Besides, installation of the lift near Fu Heng Estate was expected to complete and come into service by the end of 2018.

6. Mr. CHAN Cho-leung said that CEDD had in 2012 briefed TPDC on the GMP for Tai Po District and indicated that the GMP would be taken forward from 2014 onwards. However, it had yet to launch this year. He enquired about the reasons for its being deferred for years.

7. Mr. Rex LI raised the following views:

- (i) Tai Po District comprised fishing villages, outlying islands and rural areas, including a number of remote areas where residents, fish farmers and visitors all relied on ships as their means of access, pier facilities were therefore of utmost importance. The PIP raised in the Policy Address would carry out improvement works at three piers in Tai Po District which, however, had no rain shelter facilities nearby. In view of this, he hoped that CEDD would also provide rain shelters at the piers while carrying out pier improvement works.
- (ii) He hoped that CEDD would also undertake improvement works for other dilapidated piers in the District (such as Sam Mun Tsai Village Pier, Luen Yick Fishermen Village Pier and Tap Mun New Fishermen's Village Pier).

8. Mr. YAM Man-chuen raised the following views:

- (i) He hoped that CEDD could keep monitoring the works being carried out in the vicinity of Fu Heng Estate (such as site formation works at Area 9, Tai Po and infrastructure works on Chung Nga Road) and adopt more stringent protective measures against dust and noise nuisances and mosquito and pest control work, so as to ease the concerns of residents nearby.
- (ii) The footbridges in Fu Heng Estate and Tai Yuen Estate were used by many wheel-chair users, but the UAP lift retrofitting works concerned had been repeatedly deferred. He hoped that CEDD could step up supervision and urge the contractor to expedite the works and at the same time ensure that safety measures were adequate for relevant works.

9. Mr. LO Hiu-fung raised the following views and questions:

- (i) CEDD currently carried out several projects on the slopes near Kam Shan Tsuen and Pan Chung Village, which in principle would make the living environment more comfortable for the residents and reduce the risks of living on hillsides. Despite residents' understanding that the works would bring forth nuisances, he was of the view that some of the problems arising from the works were evitable. He cited the example of the works near house No. 199 in Pan Chung Village which led to clogged drains, damaged air-conditioners and crushed pipes. The incident

was resolved only after prolonged disagreement between the two parties. Since other slope works were underway in the District, he worried that residents might not know how to deal with similar incidents.

- (ii) There was a slope/retaining wall near Ye Yuen, Kam Shan of which the lower half was in private ownership while the upper half belonged to the Government. When carrying out advance inspection for the upper half of the slope belonging to the Government, CEDD had to pass through Kam Shan Tsuen and residents were worried that the slope works concerned would have a negative impact on the lower half of the slope which was in private ownership. In addition, Kam Shan Tsuen residents opined that the drains on the upper half of the slope which belonged to the Government had a poor design which gave rise to ongoing accumulation of soil, thus adding to the pressure on the lower half of the slope in private ownership. Hence, villagers wanted to know which party would be responsible for the relevant maintenance and repairs. Furthermore, he hoped that CEDD could review the progress of works being carried out in his constituency (i.e. San Fu Constituency) and the impact on residents in the neighbourhood, and enhance communication with the District Councillor, village heads and villagers concerned.
- (iii) After community forums for GMPs had been held years ago, the consultant had already provided relevant advice regarding the views gathered. He enquired if the advice which the consultant had given back then was still valid.

10. Mr. Patrick TANG raised the following views:

- (i) A bicycle accident had taken place at the junction between Kau Lung Hang cycling track and the carriageway in July 2015. After the accident, CEDD had already provided facilities such as deceleration lane for bicycles which had not been very effective. He was of the view that the road surface of the said location and the measure mandatorily requiring cyclists to dismount and push their bicycles when crossing the road had to be improved. He hoped that CEDD would look into and follow up on the case whereas he would be willing to have an on-site inspection together with CEDD personnel.
- (ii) CEDD had repeatedly discussed with TPRC and village heads concerned the design of the relocated BBI at Tong Hang East (Fanling Highway (Southbound/Kowloon direction)) and already reached agreement regarding facilities such as public toilets and bicycle parking spaces at the location concerned. Besides, he hoped that space could be reserved at the said BBI for the provision of a minibus stop to address the need of nearby residents.

11. Mr. CHENG Chun-ping raised the following views:

- (i) Traffic accidents involving bicycles were frequent along the section of Ting Kok Road near Tai Po East Fire Station. It was evident that the road design of the said spot was unsatisfactory.
- (ii) He recommended that a cycling track be built from the end of Tai Po Waterfront Park to Tai Mei Tuk along the waterfront at Tai Po Industrial Estate, so that it would become more convenient for members of the public to get there by bicycle. Since the proposed route would pass through mangrove forests, he also recommended that reference be made to the practice in the Mainland and Taiwan to build elevated cycling track above the mangrove forests.

12. Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen raised the following views:

- (i) He hoped that CEDD would continue revising the Fanling Bypass project in accordance with Members' views.
- (ii) GMPs had undergone lengthy consultation and meeting with DC Members and village representatives had also been conducted. Members of the public welcomed the implementation of greening works in urban areas. He hoped that CEDD would launch relevant greening works in Tai Po District as soon as possible.
- (iii) Having been dealt with by CEDD, slope issues in Tai Po District had been significantly ameliorated. He hoped that CEDD would continue to improve the situation of other slopes in the District which had yet to be handled.
- (iv) Apart from Lai Chi Chong Pier, Sham Chung Pier and Sam Mun Tsai Village Pier, he hoped that CEDD could also carry out improvement works for Tap Mun Pier.
- (v) He thanked CEDD for having undertaken improvement works along Pak Shek Kok, Cheung Shue Tan and Tai Po Mei earlier.

13. Dr. LAU Chee-sing raised the following views:

- (i) He had raised as early as in 2012 that Lung Mei Beach Building should be built away from Ting Kok Road so that room could be reserved for subsequent road widening. He thanked CEDD, ASD and LCSD for their replies in early 2018 and for having reserved a 10-metre distance for subsequent widening of Ting Kok Road. The contractor currently carried out construction works which he hoped could complete as quickly as possible such that facilities concerned could be opened for public use soon.

- (ii) At present, the end of the cycling track of Tai Po Waterfront Park did not link up with that of Ting Kok Road and cyclists had to ride along the Industrial Estate which was not only dangerous but also affected the operation of the Industrial Estate. As regards the said situation, committees under TPDC had already put forward various proposals such as linking up the end of the cycling track of Tai Po Waterfront Park with that of Ting Kok Road, or constructing a cycling track at Shuen Wan Landfill site or the surrounding area of the Industrial Estate. Besides, villagers along Tung Tsz Road often used bicycles as a means for commuting while no cycling track was available at the said location. Some years ago, the Government had resumed land to lay underground storm water drainage pipes, as a result, some 10 odd metres wide road surface became available for constructing a cycling track. He hoped that CEDD would consider the above opinion and perfect the cycling track network in Tai Po District.
- (iii) He thanked CEDD for carrying out improvement works at Sam Mun Tsai Village Pier, Lai Chi Chong Pier and Sham Chung Pier.
- (iv) The Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme (“LPMitP”) had been highly effective during the past two decades and had undertaken slope stabilisation works for many slopes along busy roads, whereby providing a safer environment for motorists. He said that residents often reflected to him their concerns regarding slopes for which stabilisation works had completed that stormwater drains blocked by fallen leaves might affect the discharge function of the slopes and that vegetation on the slopes required pruning. He hoped that CEDD would step up cleansing of slopes.

14. Mr. Clement WOO raised the following views and questions:

- (i) Of the two lifts near Tai Po Road - Yuen Chau Tsai installed under UAP, one had already been put into operation and was well received by members of the public. As regards the other one near SKH Yuen Chen Maun Chen Primary School, he hoped that it would become operational as soon as possible once it passed the safety checks.
- (ii) During the initial operation of lifts, temporary suspension of service might be required from time to time for safety checks. However, since relevant notices were not quite clear, members of the public would easily come to the misunderstanding that the lift became defective soon after it was put into operation. He hoped that departments concerned would put up clearer notices to let residents know that the lift was undergoing safety checks rather than becoming defective such that misunderstanding could be minimised.

- (iii) How many slopes in total required stabilisation works in Tai Po District? What criteria CEDD adopted to determine which slopes required stabilisation works? Would priorities be accorded based on the risk level of slopes for carrying out stabilisation works?
- (iv) During the typhoon season, a large amount of bulky marine refuse had been washed ashore onto the seawall of Tai Po Area 26. After the typhoon season last year, many bulky refuse had accumulated on the seawalls in the district and had not been cleared up for some time. He hoped that CEDD and other departments concerned would coordinate among themselves to carry out clean-up and maintenance works of seawalls as quickly as possible once the typhoon season was over.

15. Mr. Eric TAM raised the following views and questions:

- (i) Commissioning of the two lifts near Fu Heng Estate and Tai Yuen Estate had initially been planned for early 2018. However, departments concerned recently indicated that one of the lifts was expected not to become operational until August this year, while the other would complete only in 2019. He hoped that CEDD could expedite the works so that the two lifts could be put into use as soon as possible.
- (ii) He was of the view that it was insufficient for government departments to desilt the river bed of Lam Tsuen River once every three years. In summer, Lam Tsuen River gave off odour and river backflow occurred when it rained. During the typhoon onslaught last year, flooding had occurred in the pedestrian subway nearby as a result of the river backflow. He recommended that CEDD desilt Lam Tsuen River more often to reduce the accumulation of sludge such that the odour emission and occurrence of backflow of Lam Tsuen River could be minimised.

16. Mr. Francis YAM raised the following views:

- (i) The lift on On Po Road near Yee Nga Court had completed and come into operation early this year and was well received by the residents. He hoped that CEDD would expedite the works of other lifts in the district.
- (ii) Given the lack of cycling track on the embankments on both sides along Lam Tsuen River between Kwong Fuk Bridge and Tai Po Garden, cyclists heading to Kam Shan Tsuen, Tai Po Garden, Parc Versailles, Tai Wo Estate and the vicinity of Po Nga Court had to ride on the carriageway or pavement and contravened the law as a result. He recommended that reference be made to the practice of foreign countries to construct a cantilevered pedestrian walkway on the section of Lam Tsuen River between Kwong Fuk Bridge and Tai Po Garden while space could at

the same time be made available for building a cycling track. He hoped that CEDD and departments concerned would consider the said proposal.

- (iii) Lam Tsuen River was managed by several departments, for examples, refuse floating on the river surface was cleared by FEHD while different departments were responsible for sediments at different sections of the river course. He said that if clean-up was done at the upper reaches but not at the downstream, the overall flow and flood conveyance capacity of the river would be affected. For instance, during the typhoon onslaught last year, some lifts had been damaged by floods and public money was wasted. He hoped that government departments would enhance coordination and deal with the clean-up of Lam Tsuen River properly.
- (iv) CEDD had set up the Sustainable Lantau Office. There were many undeveloped sites on Lantau which could be made available for development, about which the society had little understanding. He hoped that CEDD would provide more relevant information or take Members to Lantau for an on-site inspection, such that Members could help explain to the public when development took place on Lantau in the future.

17. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu raised the following views:

- (i) As Lam Tsuen River flowed through Kwong Fuk Estate, Wan Tau Tong Estate, Tai Po Centre, Lam Tsuen and so on, its hygiene conditions would directly affect the daily life of residents nearby. She had recently visited Lam Tsuen River and found that the river emitted an offensive stench. The government department concerned had reported to TPDC not long ago that it would carry out desilting operation for Lam Tsuen River once a year. She opined that it should not be stipulated at what interval desilting operations should be carried out and hoped that relevant departments could work together to study how the problems with Lam Tsuen River could be tackled.
- (ii) She had conducted on-site inspection with representatives of different departments and found out that different departments were responsible for clearing up different refuse and debris on the river course. She recommended that refuse and debris on Lam Tsuen River be cleaned up by one single department (e.g. FEHD).
- (iii) It had been proposed in the GMP that trees be planted at the bus stop near Kwong Fuk Park. However, since greening works in Tai Po District had been incorporated in the second phase of the GMP programme, the greening works concerned had not commenced yet. Some DC Members had in the past worried that the said greening works might be affected and therefore not applied for taking forward District Minor Works (“DMW”) projects to build a covered walkway at

the said site. She hoped that CEDD could provide Members the timetable of the second phase of the GMP programme.

- (iv) The pier at the end of Tai Po Waterfront Part served as a sitting out area for many residents. However, there were no rain shelter facilities at the said location and ponding was found on the ground after raining which caused inconvenience to members of the public. She hoped that CEDD would discuss with LCSD the provision of rain shelters at the said site for public use.

18. Mr. AU Chun-wah raised the following views:

- (i) Members had fought for years for the construction of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) and Road T3 to alleviate the congestion problem of outbound traffic of Tai Po.
- (ii) He hoped that government departments could have the future in mind while planning and taking forward projects. At present, planning which the Government carried out was often rather short-sighted and did not take into account future needs. He cited an example that before the widening works of Ting Kok Road had commenced, he had already recommended that the Government plan in accordance with different developments and constructions in the future. However, as relevant statistics at that time had failed to meet the required planning standards, Ting Kok Road had not been further widened. Yet, soon after the completion of the widening works, another round of discussion was required to widen Ting Kok Road further owing to its failure to cope with the demand, whereby wasting a significant amount of time and resources. In addition, “Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030” put forward by the Government had given no thought to any alternative routes for Tai Po District to access the urban areas. He hoped that CEDD could make longer-term considerations when carrying out planning studies with other departments.
- (iii) At present, there was no comprehensive cycling track link between New Territories East and New Territories West, whereas cycling tracks within New Territories East were not completely linked up either. He hoped that CEDD could connect the cycling track networks between New Territories East and New Territories West as soon as possible for the convenience of members of the public.
- (iv) He opined that Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (“HKPSG”), which currently served as an indicator for the Government’s planning, failed to meet the practical needs. For instance, the number of parking spaces which HKPSG required to provide was often substantially smaller than what was actually needed. He hoped that when carrying out cross-departmental planning, CEDD would raise

the arguments mentioned above for the departments to consider.

- (v) Given the fact that residents in the neighbourhood of Lam Tsuen River suffered from the odour nuisance almost on a daily basis, he hoped that the Government could give some consideration to the residents being affected and improve the situation of Lam Tsuen River. However, since different sections of Lam Tsuen River were managed by different departments, he recommended that one single department (such as TPDO) co-ordinate among various departments to increase the frequency of desilting operations of Lam Tsuen River to at least once a year hopefully.

19. Mr. CHOW Yuen-wai raised the following views:

- (i) Floods would cause malfunction of lifts, of which repairs led not only to wastage of public money, but also suspension of service for weeks that affected residents' access. He recommended that CEDD explore preventive measures to minimise the occurrence of the situation mentioned above.
- (ii) Cycling tracks in the district were not linked up completely, for instance, the cycling track of Tai Po Waterfront Park ended somewhere near Tai Po Government Offices. While the Government encouraged members of the public to use transport modes that were environmental friendly, no corresponding cycling tracks and ancillary facilities were available when members of the public chose to use bicycles as their means of transport. They might even be imposed a fine by the Police for cycling on pedestrian walkways and carriageways in contravention of relevant legislation, thus constituting a burden on the grassroots. He hoped that CEDD would link up the cycling tracks in Tai Po District as far as possible.

20. Mr. LI Yiu-ban said that the stench emitted from Lam Tsuen River was affected by the ebb and flow of the river. There was no contact between the sludge and the air during high tides and the stench would be less intense, while the odour became stronger on an ebb tide. Besides, as the river course of Lam Tsuen River was rather flat, it lacked the self-cleaning ability. As it reached somewhere near Kwong Fuk Bridge, the stream would become very slow and lead to the accumulation of sludge. He recommended that a dam be built near Mui Shue Hang, which would be opened regularly during low tides to increase stream velocity such that the riverbed could be flushed and the water level raised, whereby minimising the contact between sludge and air to reduce odour. Government departments had carried out large-scale desilting operation for Lam Tsuen River which involved high costs some 10 years ago. If a dam could be built, the odour problem of Lam Tsuen River might be alleviated.

21. Mr. LAM Sai-hung gave a consolidated response to Members' views and questions as follows:

- (i) The Government had put forward the GMPs some five to six years ago which, owing to resource implications, had to be implemented in phases. Design of GMPs for Tai Po and North Districts had basically completed. CEDD currently competed for resources with a view to taking forward the programme as soon as possible.
- (ii) Many slopes and retaining walls were very close to residential areas and room available for works to be carried out and for use as passageway was rather narrow. Hence, nuisance would inevitably be caused to residents nearby while works were being carried out. CEDD would communicate with residents and perfect every detail of works as much as possible with a view to keeping noise and dust nuisance to a minimum.
- (iii) Lam Tsuen River was on a rather flat terrain and water tended to accumulate beneath Kwong Fuk Bridge, giving out relatively intense odour at times. CEDD would reflect to Marine Department to see if desilting could be done more often and more thoroughly. As regards Members' recommendations to build a dam at the upper reaches of Lam Tsuen River and to have one single department to co-ordinate among different departments the clean-up work of Lam Tsuen River, CEDD would relay the views to and co-ordinate with departments concerned.

(Post-meeting note: Departments concerned including FEHD, Environmental Protection Department, Drainage Services Department, Marine Department and Port Works Division of CEDD had reported at the meeting of Environment, Housing and Works Committee ("EHWC") under TPDC on 11 July 2018 and responded to Members' enquiries about matters concerning waste and sludge at Lam Tsuen River and Tai Po River.)
- (iv) CEDD would look together with other departments into the suggestions to provide additional ancillary facilities in the district such as cycling tracks and rainshelters to meet the needs of the public.
- (v) CEDD currently carried out studies on the improvement works for four piers in Tai Po District. As regards other piers in Tai Po District, CEDD would examine if related ancillary facilities would need to be enhanced.
- (vi) Port Works Division of CEDD regularly inspected if seawalls were damaged and required repair and maintenance.
- (vii) CEDD would consider the proposal to provide a minibus stop at the relocated BBI at Tong Hang East (Fanling Highway (Southbound/Kowloon direction)).

- (viii) Works carried out by CEDD, for instances the site formation works at Area 9, Tai Po and infrastructure works on Chung Nga Road, were all monitored by consultant companies on-site. CEDD would also do its best to perfect the monitoring of each project and enhance communication with DC Members and local communities.
- (ix) While conducting lift works, CEDD might at times need to amend the work projects owing to the presence of some underground facilities and work progress might be affected as a result. CEDD anticipated that two lifts in Tai Po District would complete in Q3 of this year, whereas the lift near Fu Heng Estate was expected to complete by the end of this year.
- (x) CEDD would continue to maintain close contact and communication with Members to follow up on its work in Tai Po District.

22. The Chairman thanked Mr. LAM Sai-hung for attending this meeting to brief Members on CEDD's work and answer their questions.

II. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the TPDC in 2018 on 3 May 2018
(TPDC Paper No. 43/2018)

23. Neither had the Secretariat received any proposed amendments to the minutes prior to the meeting, nor did Members propose any amendments to the said minutes at this meeting. The said minutes were confirmed without amendment.

III. District Management Committee Report to the TPDC
(TPDC Paper No. 44/2018)

24. Mr. AU Chun-wah raised the following views:

- (i) Item (a)(iii) in the report pointed out that FEHD personnel had not issued any fixed penalty tickets after inspecting Fu Shin Street and Kwong Fuk Road in March and April 2018. He opined that illegal shop extension committed by a certain vegetables stall on Kwong Fuk Road was serious and queried what approach and criteria FEHD adopted in dealing with such cases. He hoped that departments concerned would step up enforcement efforts.
- (ii) Item 1(d) in the report stated that TPDO would continue to co-ordinate via District-led Actions Scheme (“DAS”) cross-departmental operations as appropriate. He hoped that cross-departmental operations would continue with a view to combating the problem of illegal shop extension on an on-going basis.

- (iii) As regards Item 3 “Stepping up mosquito prevention” in the report, he was of the view that mosquito problems were particularly severe during the rainy season, he hoped that relevant departments such as Lands Department (“LandsD”), FEHD, LCSD and TPDO would step up anti-mosquito and grass-cutting work to control the breeding of mosquitos and insects.
- (iv) Regarding Item 6 “Matters concerning parking of bicycles in Tai Po District” in the report, only statistics of bicycle clearance operations as of April this year were listed. Since this meeting was held in early July and there was a gap of more than two months from April, he hoped that departments concerned could provide more up-to-date statistics in the report.
- (v) As for Item 8 “Stepping up cleansing services”, he pointed out that the easy-mount frame of a flag-selling activity on Saturday not long ago was removed shortly after it had been placed, whereas another commemorative banner put up at the end of the lunar year had also been removed. He was of the view that FEHD and LandsD had been too harsh in dealing with publicity materials of DC Members, while no active actions had been taken against a large amount of publicity and marketing materials of commercial nature in the district. He hoped that TPDO would send via DAS personnel to remove debris such as commercial publicity and marketing materials from pavements or railings on a daily basis.

25. Ms. Andy LUI responded as follows:

- (i) Paper No. 44/2018 was a report which District Management Committee (“DMC”) submitted to TPDC in relation to the meeting in June this year. As regards FEHD’s not having issued any fixed penalty tickets after inspecting Fu Shin Street and Kwong Fuk Road in March and April this year, she recommended that FEHD provide more recent statistics for reference.
- (ii) TPDO would continue to carry out cross-departmental operations to combat illegal shop extensions.
- (iii) She hoped that relevant departments would note Mr. AU Chun-wah’s concern and intensify anti-mosquito and grass-cutting work.
- (iv) Regarding “Matters concerning parking of bicycles in Tai Po District”, TPDO would furnish more up-to-date statistics of bicycle clearance operations as far as practicable.
- (v) TPDO had noted Mr. AU Chun-wah’s views on the item “Stepping up cleansing services”.

26. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu commended Tai Po Police District for having effectively combated the problem of lorries’ illegally unloading goods on Kwong Fuk Road at night. Besides, the

problem of floating cotton fibres became serious during springtime, which had an impact on the health of asthma patients and people who were prone to bronchitis allergies. Hence, she recommended that the issue be referred to DMC for discussion.

27. The Chairman recommended that the problem with the floating of cotton fibres be referred to DMC for discussion.

IV. Reports of the TPDC Committees and Working Groups

(TPDC Paper No. 45/2018)

Agriculture, Fisheries, Commerce, Industries, Tourism and Recreation Affairs Committee

28. The Agriculture, Fisheries, Commerce, Industries, Tourism and Recreation Affairs Committee (“ATRC”) had held its third meeting of this year on 11 May 2018. Members noted the contents of the report.

District Facilities Management Committee

29. The District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”) had held its third meeting of this year on 10 May 2018. Members noted the contents of the report.

Environment, Housing and Works Committee

30. The Environment, Housing and Works Committee (“EHWC”) had held its third meeting of this year on 9 May 2018. Members noted the contents of the report.

Social Services Committee

31. The Social Services Committee (“SSC”) had held its third meeting of this year on 9 May 2018. Members noted the contents of the report.

Traffic and Transport Committee

32. The Traffic and Transport Committee (“TTC”) had held its third meeting of this year on 11 May 2018. Members noted the contents of the report.

Working Group on Signature Projects of Tai Po District

33. The Working Group on Signature Projects of Tai Po District had held its second meeting of this year on 22 June 2018. Members noted the contents of the report.

Working Group on Duty Visit

34. The Working Group on Duty Visit had held its second meeting of this year on 22 June 2018. Members noted the contents of the report.

V. Report on TPDC Duty Visit to Hangzhou, Ningbo and Xiangshan Fishing Harbour **(TPDC Paper No. 46/2018)**

35. The Secretary introduced Paper No. 46/2018 and supplemented that since some Members had suggested that measures which Xiangshan Province adopted to facilitate the development of fishing industry and information about the local tourism fisheries be forwarded to relevant government departments in Hong Kong for reference so as to revitalise Hong Kong's fisheries development, the said matters were therefore also mentioned in the draft report. Should TPDC agree upon the suggestion mentioned above, the Secretariat would prepare a letter to be signed by the Chairman and then sent to relevant government departments.

36. Mr. LO Hiu-fung recommended that in addition to information about the fishing industry, TPDC might also write to relevant departments in Hong Kong to elaborate on the experience gained during the duty visit to Hangzhou regarding the management and operation of shared bicycles for their reference so as to enhance the management of shared bicycles in Hong Kong.

37. TPDC agreed to endorse the draft report on the duty visit to Hangzhou, Ningbo and Xiangshan Fishing Harbour and to upload the report to TPDC website for public inspection. Besides, TPDC also agreed to the suggestions mentioned above in paragraphs 35 and 36 to forward duty visit information concerned to relevant government departments for reference.

(Post-meeting note: Letters mentioned in paragraphs 35 and 36 above had been issued on 27 July 2018.)

VI. The 2nd TPDC Duty Visit **(TPDC Paper No. 47/2018)**

38. The Chairman pointed out that each Member of the current DC term was allocated \$10,000

for duty visits. Members who had taken part in the duty visit to Hangzhou, Ningbo and Xiangshan Fishing Harbour earlier now had an unspent balance of some \$2,000 each. The Working Group on Duty Visit had at the meeting in June this year discussed the destination and time of the second duty visit. Since nomination of candidates for 2019 Rural Ordinary Election was expected to begin in November this year, while Rural Committee Elections would take place in March next year, he therefore recommended that the second duty visit be held either in end of March or early April 2019.

39. Ms. Andy LUI advised that village representatives would be returned at Rural Ordinary Election which would be followed by Rural Committee Elections, thus involving several levels. Hence, it would be more appropriate to carry out the second duty visit after the said elections. She also recommended that further discussion of the time for holding the second duty visit be entrusted to the Working Group on Duty Visit.

40. The Secretary supplemented that in accordance with “Manual on the Use of Provision for Duty Visits Outside Hong Kong for Members of the DCs”, the deadline for the ex officio Members of the current term to spend the aforementioned duty visit fund allocation was 31 March 2019. Should the second duty visit be held only in April next year, the two ex officio Members of Tai Po District would need to spend the duty visit fund allocation of the next term. In view of this, it was recommended that the second duty visit be held by the end of March 2019.

41. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said that since some Members did not belong to the Working Group on Duty Visit, he recommended that the destination of the next duty visit be finalised at this meeting.

42. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu advised that under the framework which the Working Group on Duty Visit had drawn up for TPDC duty visits, the difference, capped at \$2,000, would be borne by the Members themselves should the expenditure exceed \$10,000. According to the preliminary quotations provided by travel agencies, only those for Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area (“Bay Area”) were within the budget for duty visits. Hence, the second duty visit should have the Bay Area as destination.

43. Mr. LAU Yung-wai raised that under the framework which the Working Group on Duty Visit had drawn up for TPDC duty visits, the current term DC would have two duty visits, of which one would have the Mainland as its destination while the other duty visit would take place in Southeast Asia. He was of the view that the second duty visit should not have the Mainland as its destination again, rather, a duty visit to Southeast Asia would be more advisable.

44. Mr. YAM Man-chuen opined that Southeast Asian countries such as Thailand or Vietnam were also worth-visiting and tour fares were also relatively lower, while parties concerned could negotiate with travel agencies to lower the tour fares further. He asked the Secretariat if the framework which the Working Group on Duty Visit had drawn up for TPDC duty visits could be

amended. He would like to join the said Working Group if possible.

45. The Chairman said that since there was still time until March 2019, he recommended that the Working Group on Duty Visit first discuss matters such as destination, budget and departure date in detail and submit to TPDC for vetting when a consensus was reached.

46. TPDC agreed to the above recommendation.

VII. Applications for DC Funds

(TPDC Paper No. 48/2018 (Revised))

47. The Chairman welcomed Ms. CHAN Po-man, Executive Assistant of TPDO to the meeting.

48. The Chairman requested that Members declare interests where necessary in respect of the funding applications submitted to TPDC for vetting.

49. The Secretary reported that pursuant to Orders 48(9) and 48(10) of the TPDC Standing Orders, a Member should declare interests prior to handling an application for DC Funds if he found he had direct personal interests, pecuniary interests or other interests in an application for DC Funds under consideration, or had links with the benefited party or the potential benefited party. He advised that the Secretariat had compiled a declaration form based on the information collected. The form set out the links between Members and the hosting/partnering/co-hosting organisations concerned, and indicated by means of different colours whether Members were executors of the activities concerned, or held a substantive or non-substantive position. The form had already been tabled for Members' reference (see Annex to meeting minutes). He asked Members to check the information contained in the declaration form and make revisions or give supplementary information where necessary. He continued that Members should also declare interests if they had any direct personal interests, pecuniary interests or other interests in the applications for DC Funds to be examined at this meeting.

50. Mr. LI Kwok-ying indicated that he was one of the chairmen of Tai Po Tsat Yeuk Rural Committee. Mr. CHAN Cho-leung said that Mr. CHEUNG Hok-ming was also one of the chairmen of Tai Po Tsat Yeuk Rural Committee. Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen advised that he was also one of the chairmen of Tai Po Tsat Yeuk Rural Committee. The position of chairmen mentioned above was non-substantive.

51. Mr. LI Yiu-ban said that he might become a member of the organising committee of "Tai Po Celebrating the 69th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China" and enquired if he was required to declare the said link.

52. The Secretary advised that it would not be necessary for Members to declare links which had not yet been confirmed. Nonetheless, he recommended that Mr. LI Yiu-ban give regard to the actual circumstances and decide by himself as to whether declaration would be necessary.

53. The Chairman said that it was noted that the committee responsible for “Tai Po Celebrating the 69th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China” had not yet been formed, he therefore considered it not necessary for Mr. LI Yiu-ban to make any declaration.

54. Members declared interests according to the information in the declaration form and the supplementary information contained in paragraph 50 above.

55. The Chairman said that he and the Vice-chairman had declared their links with the hosting or co-hosting organisations of “Tai Po Urban-rural Celebration of Mid-Autumn Festival 2018”. Pursuant to Order 48(11) of TPDC Standing Orders, he asked those Members who had not declared interests in accordance with Order 48(9) of TPDC Standing Orders to determine if they could speak in relation to the fund application of the said activities or take part in voting, as well as whether they could remain in or had to withdraw from the meeting.

56. Mr. Eric TAM indicated that despite the links which the Chairman and the Vice-chairman had with the hosting or co-hosting organisations of the funding application mentioned above, no pecuniary or other interests were involved. He recommended that they would not need to withdraw from the discussion of the fund applications concerned. Nevertheless, they should remain silent and abstain from resolution or voting of the fund application.

57. Members concurred with the said approach.

58. The Chairman asked Members to refer to the declaration form tabled, in which non-substantive and substantive positions were respectively represented by the colours green and yellow, while executors of activities were represented by the colour red.

59. As regards those Members who had declared interests, the Secretary introduced the suggestions made by the Acting Chairman as follows:

- (i) If Members held a substantive position in the hosting/partnering/co-hosting organisations concerned without involving pecuniary interest or other interests, they were not required to withdraw from the meeting at which the fund application was being examined, but should remain silent during the discussion and abstain from resolution or voting. TPDC could ask them to provide supplementary information if necessary.
- (ii) If they held a non-substantive position in the hosting/partnering/co-hosting

organisations concerned without involving pecuniary interest or other interests, they could take part in the discussion and resolution of the fund allocation budget concerned.

60. Members agreed to the said approach.

61. The Secretary recapped Paper No. 48/2018 (Revised).

(I) Tai Po Urban-rural Celebration of Mid-Autumn Festival 2018

62. The Chairman reminded those ten Members who held a substantive position in the organisations concerned (i.e. Mr. CHAN Cho-leung, Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, Mr. CHENG Chun-ping, Mr. CHENG Chun-wo, Dr. LAU Chee-sing, Mr. LI Kwok-ying, Mr. Patrick TANG, Ms. WONG Pik-kiu, Mr. Ken YU and himself) to remain silent during the discussion of this fund application and abstain from resolution or voting. However, the said Members could provide supplementary information upon request if necessary.

63. Mr. YAM Man-chuen was of the view that rather than spending \$46,000 on hiring artisans to set up a folk arts and crafts booth (expenditure item 9), the organiser should better try opening the booth for bidding by interested parties so as to save costs.

64. Based on the information the organiser had given to the Secretariat prior to the meeting, Ms. Trazy LEE responded that the arrangements for folk arts and crafts booth were the same as those of last year and the Secretariat could relay Mr. YAM Man-chuen's suggestion to the organiser after the meeting.

65. Mr. AU Chun-wah said that some residents indicated that they had in the past repeatedly volunteered to help at major celebrations (such as Mid-Autumn Festival, Chinese New Year, Re-unification and National Day events) in the district but had been turned down by the persons-in-charge on the grounds that they had helped Mr. AU Chun-wah before. He considered such practice an act to prevent via public resources individuals or democrats from serving the community. He had no objection to allocating fund for the expenditure on light meals for volunteers in this funding application. However, if the aforesaid situation continued, he would oppose allocating fund further to pay for light meals for volunteers. He asked organisations applying for DC funds to note and requested the Secretariat to remind the organisations that they must prevent the said situation from occurring again when arranging for volunteers to work.

66. The Chairman indicated that TPDC would not tolerate such incidents. He also reminded organisers of the above major events that they should not stop any persons from working as volunteers at the events.

67. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said that organisations applying for DC funds should apply for and spend the funding in accordance with the actual needs of activities with a view to saving costs as far as possible. Besides, he considered the situation which Mr. AU Chun-wah had mentioned absolutely not permissible. He hoped the Chairman could demand that the organisations concerned give an explanation.

68. The TPDC resolved to allocate \$400,000 to Tai Po Societies Fraternal Association Limited for the Association to jointly organise “Tai Po Urban-rural Celebration of Mid-Autumn Festival 2018” with the Agriculture, Fisheries, Commerce, Industries, Tourism and Recreation Affairs Committee.

(II) School Music Education Programme 2018-2019

69. The TPDC resolved to allocate \$780,000 to the TPDC Working Group on Signature Projects of Tai Po District for organising the “School Music Education Programme 2018-2019”.

(III) Tai Po Celebrating the 69th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China

70. The Chairman reminded the Member who held a substantive position in the organisations concerned as shown in the declaration form (i.e. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu) to remain silent during the discussion of this fund application and abstain from resolution or voting. However, she could provide supplementary information upon request if necessary.

71. Mr. YAM Man-chuen raised the following views and questions:

- (i) Why the estimated expenditure of “Film Show (1) – *Wolf Warrior 2*” (expenditure items 155 to 167) was higher than those of the other five film shows?
- (ii) It was not necessary to invite any officiating guests for the film shows and doing so, in his opinion, would increase the costs of the activity. Hence, no officiating guests should be invited and expenditure items concerned could be deleted such that the fund allocation items and amounts would become the same as those of the other five film shows.

- (iii) He did not support showing *Wolf Warrior 2* at activities celebrating the National Day since the said film involved exaggeration of violence and scenes which were bloody, rendering it not suitable for children and teenagers. Conveyance of a wrong message was to be avoided.

72. The Chairman recommended that fund allocation items and amounts of “Film Show (1) — *Wolf Warrior 2*” tally with those of the other five film shows.

73. Based on the information the organiser had given to the Secretariat prior to the meeting, Ms. Trazy LEE responded as follows:

- (i) *Wolf Warrior 2* was a box-office winner produced by the Mainland which could promote China’s national strength. It was thus considered suitable for being aired during National Day celebrations.
- (ii) There was no specific form of celebrations for the National Day. Film shows were indoor activities which were easier to prepare and arrange than outdoor activities and provided the opportunity to show films that were major productions and popular in China.
- (iii) There would be a simple ceremony and an officiating guest at “Film Show (1) — *Wolf Warrior 2*” where the officiating guest would give a speech on the theme of National Day and offer a brief film appreciation guide. Hence, the costs of the said film show were higher than those of the other five.

74. Mr. KWAN Wing-yip raised the following views:

- (i) *Wolf Warrior 2* and *Tomorrow Is Another Day* had been classified in Hong Kong as Category IIB films of which viewing was recommended for persons over the age of 15. The films contained obscure, implicit or naked sex scenes, clear and explicit nude scenes that were irrelevant to sex, a lot of abusive language and frightful elements as well as shots with medium to high level of bloody violence. Given the fact that the said films were not suitable for children and that some Members expressed doubts about showing the films, he demanded that the film shows of *Wolf Warrior 2* and *Tomorrow Is Another Day* be cancelled.
- (ii) *Wolf Warrior 1* had never been showed in previous National Day celebration activities, hence it was not recommended that *Wolf Warrior 2* be showed directly.
- (iii) He recommended that “National Day Greeting Card Family Colouring Competition”, “National Day Cup Chinese Chess Competition” and “Chinese Arts and Culture Gala in Celebration of National Day” be respectively renamed as “National Day Card Family Colouring Competition”, “National Day Cup

National Chinese Chess Competition” and “National Arts and Culture Gala in Praise of National Day”.

75. Mr. CHOW Yuen-wai raised the following views and questions:

- (i) *The Founding of a Republic* had been classified in Hong Kong as a Category IIA film which was produced in 2009, i.e., almost a decade ago, while *Wolf Warrior 2* and *Tomorrow Is Another Day* were works of recent years. He enquired by what criteria the organiser decided which films to show and how to decide on the venue where a film would be showed.
- (ii) He had noticed that the back screen of the stage was a large banner while attending National Day celebration activities last year. He enquired if the organiser had applied for reimbursement of the expenditure on the stage back screen last year.
- (iii) He pointed out that volunteers with political affiliation took the opportunity to promote their political parties when carrying out DC-funded activities. He said that DC Members were very busy with their work and unable to attend all activities. He asked if the Secretariat or TPDO would send any staff to conduct random checks on how National Day activities were being carried out.
- (iv) *Tomorrow Is Another Day* was a Category IIB film which contained murder plan and sex scenes. As film shows usually had no restrictions on audience’s age, he therefore considered the film not suitable for being aired at the activity.

76. Mr. YAM Man-chuen said that the organiser should either replace *Wolf Warrior 2* and *Tomorrow Is Another Day* with other films that were suitable for children and teenagers, or take measures to stop teenagers and children from entering the venues where the film shows would take place, or he would request that the organiser cancel the four film shows airing *Wolf Warrior 2* and *Tomorrow Is Another Day*. Besides, he also requested that expenditure items and amounts of the fund allocation for “Film Show (1) — *Wolf Warrior 2*” tally with those of the other five film shows.

77. Mr. LAU Yung-wai raised the following views:

- (i) *Wolf Warrior 2* promoted China’s national strength with the slogan “punishment despite distance”. It had been written in an article in the *People’s Daily* recently that China undoubtedly had brilliant achievements in her development, nonetheless, recounting an absurd story pompously, promoting incomprehensively the misconception that China was “Number One in the world” and fuelling the populist sentiment would do all harm and no good, he who did so would eat the bitter fruit of his own making. Hence, he opined that *Wolf Warrior 2* should not be showed.

- (ii) He suggested that local films be shown instead, such as *Vanished Archives* which was about the Hong Kong 1967 leftist riots.
- (iii) He reminded the organiser to comply with the statutory requirements and apply for documents and visas required for non-local groups coming to Hong Kong for performance.

78. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to relay Members' views to the organiser for consideration when organising activities.

79. Mr. KWAN Wing-yip recommended that the film *The Founding of a Republic* be aired at all six film shows.

80. Mr. Patrick TANG opined that it was not appropriate for TPDC to select films for the organiser and recommended that views of the DC be relayed to the organiser for consideration.

81. Mr. LI Kwok-ying said that as far as he was aware, parents could take their children to view Category IIB films. He considered it too monotonous to show the same film at all six film shows. He guessed that the organiser intended to attract members of the public to participate by showing three different films so as to ensure the number of participants could meet the expected number.

82. Mr. Clement WOO raised the following views:

- (i) He had organised film shows before where the same film had been shown at different venues. As the first show finished, the technical staff had to carry the film and equipment and rush to another venue for the next film show. Hence, he guessed that the organiser would not be able to show the same film at six different venues.
- (ii) He agreed that views of TPDC should be relayed to the organiser for consideration.

83. Mr. YAM Man-chuen indicated that he had no objection to holding film shows, but emphasised that *Wolf Warrior 2* and *Tomorrow Is Another Day* were not suitable for teenagers or children and therefore should not be aired at film shows. He recommended that fund application for the said four film shows be shelved for the time being and that the organiser be requested to provide an explanation for TPDC's consideration and approval at the meeting in September 2018. Given the fact that preparation for film shows was relatively simple, he believed that the said arrangement would have limited impact on the preparation.

84. The Chairman opined that the organiser had the responsibility to take corresponding measures in accordance with the film category to let persons of the age required view the films.

The Chairman asked the Secretariat to relay to the organiser TPDC's views including the concerns over the themes and content of the films and the request that only persons of the age required were allowed to view the films.

85. Mr. LAU Yung-wai recommended that *The Founding of a Republic, Beginning of the Great Revival* and *The Founding of an Army* be showed. They belonged to the same series and each of them would be aired at two film shows, i.e. six film shows in total. The films would be shown at another venue next year and in the year after next, so that members of the public in different areas would all have the opportunity to view those three films.

86. The Secretary advised that to sum up Members' recommendations, expenditure items and amounts of the fund allocation for "Film Show (1) — *Wolf Warrior 2*" should tally with those of the other five film shows, i.e., the fund allocation for the said item was reduced from \$14,435 to \$11,435 whereas the funding for the activity as a whole from \$461,851 to \$458,851.

87. The Chairman asked Members to take a vote on the fund application after the reduction.

88. Mr. Francis YAM requested that voting be conducted by open ballot. Members agreed to the proposal.

89. Members took a vote on the funding application after the reduction with the results as follows:

For:	13 votes	Mr. CHAN Cho-leung, Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, Mr. CHENG Chun-ping, Mr. CHENG Chu-wo, Dr. LAU Chee-sing, Mr. LI Kwok-ying, Mr. Rex LI, Mr. LI Yiu-ban, Mr. LO Hiu-fung, Mr. Eric TAM, Mr. Patrick TANG, Mr. Clement WOO and Mr. Ken YU
Against:	6 votes	Mr. AU Chun-wah, Mr. CHOW Yuen-wai, Mr. KWAN Wing-yip, Mr. LAU Yung-wai, Mr. Francis YAM and Mr. YAM Man-chuen
Abstain:	0 vote	
Total:	19 votes	

90. TPDC resolved to allocate \$458,851 to Tai Po Celebrating PRC National Day Activities Coordinating Committee for organising "Tai Po Celebrating the 69th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China", and to waive the expenditure ceiling for individual expenditure items.

91. Ms. Trazy LEE supplemented the details about reduction of expenditure items as follows:

- (i) Allocation amounts for expenditure items 155 (film rental and airing), 156 (stage backdrop), 158 (house programmes), 160 (entrance tickets), 164 (souvenirs for

audience), 165 (small national flags and SAR flags) and 167 (souvenirs for co-ordinating groups and service groups) remained unchanged;

- (ii) No funding allocation was granted for expenditure items 157 (souvenirs for officiating guests and guests), 159 (photography), 162 (allowance for Master of Ceremony) and 163 (Front stage director);
- (iii) Allocation amount for expenditure item 161 (expenditure on volunteers) was reduced from \$1,520 to \$1,140;
- (iv) Allocation amount for expenditure item 166 (miscellaneous) was reduced from \$635 to \$365; and
- (v) The total allocation amount for “Film Show (1) — *Wolf Warrior 2*” was reduced from \$14,435 to \$11,435, reducing \$3,000 in total.

92. Members noted the 51 applications for DC funds approved by committees under TPDC within two months prior to this meeting.

VIII. Any Other Business

(I) **“Sport For All Day 2018” Organisation of support programmes and assistance in publicity efforts**

(TPDC Paper No. 49/2018)

93. The Chairman recommended that TPDC become a supporting organisation of the captioned activity and assist in promoting and publicising “Sport For All Day 2018” at district level without allocating any fund for organising relevant activities in the district on that day.

94. TPDC agreed to the above recommendation and authorised the organiser to display TPDC’s emblem on publicity materials relating to the activity.

(II) **Women’s Commission “Funding Scheme for Women’s Development (District Council stream)”**

(TPDC Paper No. 50/2018)

95. The Chairman recommended that the previous practice be followed to entrust the SSC with the task of identifying suitable local groups for implementing the captioned scheme.

96. TPDC agreed to the above recommendation.

(III) The resignation of Mr. AU Chi-fai as TPDC Co-opted Member

97. The Chairman advised that Mr. AU Chi-fai had written to the Secretariat earlier to tender resignation to TPDC as Co-opted Member. Pursuant to the resolution of TPDC at the meeting on 4 January 2016, each Member could nominate no more than one Co-opted Member to join no more than one functional committee. According to the said resolution, he suggested that upon the resignation of Mr. AU Chi-fai, his nominator Ms. WONG Pik-kiu might nominate another person to fill the vacancy of which the term of office would end on 31 December 2019.

98. TPDC agreed to the above recommendation.

(IV) Hearing of Independent Review Committee on Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service
(TPDC Paper No. 51/2018)

99. The Chairman advised that Independent Review Committee on Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service would hold a hearing on 14 July 2018 and invited TPDC to nominate a total of five representatives to give oral evidence to the Committee.

100. TPDC endorsed to have Dr. LAU Chee-sing, Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, Ms. WONG Pik-kiu, Mr. Clement WOO and Mr. CHAN Cho-leung as its representatives to the hearing mentioned above.

(Post-meeting note: Mr. Clement WOO was subsequently unable to attend the hearing due to other commitments and was replaced by Mr. Francis YAM.)

(V) Commendation of the Police's performance

101. Mr. LO Hiu-fung commended on behalf of villagers of Pan Chung Tsuen the speedy actions taken by the Police to deal with cases of serial burglary which had recently taken place in the village, and hoped that the Police could solve the cases as soon as possible.

102. Mr. LAU Yung-wai thanked the Police for having promptly solved the case of criminal vandalism to banners which had taken place in his constituency earlier.

(VI) Questionnaire survey on Signature Project Scheme (SPS)

103. Mr. LAU Yung-wai enquired on behalf of some members of the public if TPDO had conducted any questionnaire survey on SPS and if yes, when and how such surveys had been

carried out. Were the survey findings for internal reference only?

104. Ms Andy LUI indicated that TPDO would respond to Mr. LAU Yung-wai's question after looking up information concerned.

(Post-meeting note: TPDO had replied to Mr. LAU Yung-wai after the meeting that it had not carried out any questionnaire survey on SPS.)

(VII) Submission of meeting documents

105. Mr. AU Chun-wah reminded departments to submit all documents of TPDC and committees under TPDC in a timely manner in accordance with the TPDC Standing Orders, such that Members could have ample time to prepare for the meetings. Departments which failed to do so should provide an explanation. He asked the Secretariat to help enforce relevant requirements stringently.

IX. Date of next meeting

106. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 6 September 2018 (Thursday).

107. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.