

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting in 2024
of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
of Tai Po District Council

Date: 7 March 2024 (Thursday)
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:04 a.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”)

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Withdrawal</u>
<u>Chairman</u>		
Mr. CHAN Cho-leung, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Vice-chairman</u>		
Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, BBS, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Members</u>		
Mr. YU Chi-wing, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LEE Man-kit	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LEE Hon-cheung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WU Cheuk-him	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MUI Siu-fung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Tsz-kin	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Yung-wa	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MAK Shing-ho, Gary	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WAN Koon-kau	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WONG Wai-tung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. WONG Pik-kiu, BBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LO Hiu-fung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Secretary</u>		
Miss LO Tin-wai, Tiffany	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Executive Officer (District Council) 1 / Tai Po District Office (“TPDO”) / Home Affairs Department (“HAD”)		

In Attendance

Ms. CHAN Hau-man, Eunice, JP	District Officer (Tai Po) / HAD
Mr. CHU Ka-chun, Gordon	District Leisure Manager (Tai Po) / Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”)
Mr. YAU Wan-po, Wallace	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Tai Po / LCSD
Ms. OR Hiu-man, Stella	Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion / LCSD
Ms. LAU Fung-yi, Connie	Manager (New Territories East) Marketing & District Activities / LCSD
Miss LEE Mei-yee, May	Senior Librarian (Tai Po) / LCSD
Ms. CHAN Lai-tak	Senior School Development Officer (Tai Po) 3 / Education Bureau (“EDB”)
Ms. SING Hoi-shan, Wendy	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / TPDO / HAD
Ms. WONG Sze-man, Queenie	Senior Liaison Officer (2) / TPDO / HAD
Miss YUM Yuk-ying	Liaison Officer (9) / TPDO / HAD

Absent

Mr. LAM Yick-kuen, MH

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed participants to the 2nd meeting in 2024 of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (“CCRC”), and announced the following:

- (i) Miss YUM Yuk-ying, Liaison Officer (9) of TPDO was attending the meeting.
- (ii) Ms. CHAN Hau-man, Eunice, District Officer (“DO”) (Tai Po), would attend the meeting for agenda item IV.
- (iii) Mr. LAM Yick-kuen was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments and had submitted a notice of absence to the TPDC Secretariat (“Secretariat”). Pursuant to Order 64 of the TPDC Standing Orders (“Standing Orders”), the District Council (“DC”) would only give consent to a Member’s application for absence from a meeting filed on the grounds of sickness, attendance at a meeting or an activity on behalf of the DC or other reasons considered reasonable by the meeting (e.g. confinement, assumption of paternal care, fulfilment of civic obligations required by the law, serious illness or injury, attendance at a meeting or an activity, etc. of the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) or an advisory body or organisation appointed by the State or the Government). Pursuant to the Standing

Orders, the CCRC gave consent to Mr. LAM Yick-kuen's application for absence.

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 1st meeting in 2024 of the CCRC on 10 January 2024

2. The Chairman reported that as the Secretariat did not receive any proposed amendments prior to the meeting, and no Members on the floor had put forward any amendments, the captioned minutes therefore were confirmed.

II. Leisure and Cultural Services Department — Report on the participation in community activities held between January and February 2024 in Tai Po and proposed community activities to be held in March and April 2024 in Tai Po
(TPDC Paper No. CCR 2/2024)

3. The representative of LCSD reported in connection with Appendix I to TPDC Paper No. CCR 2/2024 that LCSD had organised 156 recreational and sports activities between January and February 2024 in Tai Po District with a total of about 12 000 participants as set out in Annex I, and that the recreational and sports activities proposed to be held between March and April 2024 in Tai Po District were set out in Annex II for Members' reference. There were about 1 142 activities in the recreation and sports programme plans planned to be implemented by the department in 2024/25 for the attendance of about 84 000 participants, details of which could be referred to Annex III. He added that, the department was dedicated to promoting to "Sports for All" and organising diversified recreation and sports programmes for people of different ages and physical abilities in the district with a view to encouraging them to develop the habit of taking part in regular exercise to establish a healthy lifestyle. Meanwhile, the department would continue to promote table tennis and hiking as district sports activities with local characteristics in Tai Po District.

4. The representative of LCSD reported on Appendix II to TPDC Paper No. CCR 2/2024 that Annex I set out the cultural activities planned to be held in Tai Po District between April 2024 and March 2025 and Annex II set out the attendance report of cultural programmes held and sponsored in Tai Po District between November 2023 and February 2024, while Annex III set out details of the activities to be held between March and April 2024.

5. The representative of LCSD reported in connection with Appendix III to TPDC Paper No. CCR 2/2024 that Annexes I and II set out the extension activities of Tai Po Public Library ("TPPL") and a territory-wide extension activities plan of Hong Kong Public Libraries ("HKPL") for the year 2024/25 respectively, Annexes III and IV set out the attendance at extension activities of TPPL and the utilisation of mobile library ("ML") service points in January and February 2024 respectively, while Annex V set out the extension activities proposed to be held in March and

April 2024 for Members' reference. The Hong Kong Reading Week was one of the activities under the territory-wide extension activities plan. The Government announced last year that starting from 2024, 23 April of each year would be designated as Hong Kong Reading for All Day. The HKPL would collaborate with various stakeholders to organise the first "Hong Kong Reading Week" from 20 to 28 April 2024, during which an array of reading activities would be organised in different locations in both virtual and physical formats. The department was now in preparation for one of the highlighted activities "Read Together for Half an Hour", and planned to invite participation from all walks of life. The department would disseminate further details to Members through the Secretariat once available, in the hope that Members would assist in publicising the activities and actively participate in them.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had disseminated information on activities of "Hong Kong Reading Week - Read Together for Half an Hour" to be organised by the LCSD from 20 to 28 April to DC Members by e-mail on 25 March.)

6. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) The actual number of participants in Fitness-for-All Carnival, Potted Sport Carnival for Children and Sports Carnival for Elderly were half of the quota. They suggested that the department provide details of the activities to Members in future so that they could assist in the promotion to increase the participation rate.
- (ii) The average issue rate of the ML service point at Nai Chung in January and February 2024 was zero and its attendance figure was very low as well. They suggested that Members of that area should assist in understanding the situation.
- (iii) With the completion of new real estate projects in Shap Sze Heung in the next two to three years, it was expected that there would be an increase in the demand for library services by the residents. They suggested that the department discuss with the relevant stakeholders the feasibility of setting up additional community libraries or ML service points at an early stage to cope with the population changes and development of the community.

7. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The department noted the utilisation of the ML service point at Nai Chung. In addition, the widening of Sai Sha Road was underway, which might affect nearby residents from using the said facility. The department would keep a close eye on the situation and enhance publicity on the said facility upon completion of the works.
- (ii) The department was aware of the development in the area of Shap Sze Heung, and

would keep in view of the development of that area and actively liaise with relevant stakeholders to promote library services to nearby housing estates, organisations or groups in a timely manner.

8. The representative of LCSD thanked Members for their assistance in publicising the recreational and sports activities. The department often organised carnivals with different themes for different participants (the elders, children and disability inclusion) at the end of the year. Publicity materials for the activities would be sent to Members' ward offices by mail in future.

9. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) They hoped that the department would provide electronic publicity materials for publicising the services of ML service point, so as to facilitate Members to share and publicise information on ML service point with the public through social platforms.
- (ii) They suggested that the department set up ML service points in places with higher pedestrian flow in future.
- (iii) As the LCSD would organise cultural activities and performances at Tai Po Civic Centre in March 2024, they suggested that the department distribute tickets to Members for publicising the activities.

10. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The department would review the publicity materials for ML service points and provide them to Members of that area in due course to assist in publicising the services and facilities.
- (ii) ML service points had to be equipped with meter pillar boxes and parking spaces. The department would actively examine and identify suitable locations for parking so that more members of the public could use MLs.

11. The Chairman suggested that the department contact Members concerned to discuss matters relating to ML service point.

12. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) As the elders might not be able to receive electronic information, they suggested that the department provide Members with event posters for displaying at their ward offices to inform the elders of the relevant information.

- (ii) They asked about the locations where library extension activities were held for the elders earlier.

13. The representative of LCSD said that the above-mentioned library extension activities were held at TPPL and that publicity posters and information on library extension activities would be disseminated to Members through the Secretariat at a later time to facilitate Members to assist in publicising the activities.

14. CCRC noted the above report.

II. Education Bureau – Report on the overall education and promotion of national education in Tai Po District

15. The representative of EDB said that since the last meeting, the overall operation of schools in the district had generally been smooth. Regarding questions raised by Members at the last CCRC meeting, the responses of the bureau were as follows:

- (i) The bureau would support the implementation of national education in primary and secondary schools in Tai Po District in respect of teacher training, funding for schools and teaching progress.
- (ii) On teacher training, the Onsite Teacher Workshop on National Security Education (“NSE”) had been held for all primary, secondary and special schools implementing the local curriculum in Hong Kong, and all publicly-funded primary and secondary schools had completed the workshop. The bureau would continue to arrange different modes of training activities for teachers and organise teacher training activities on national affairs in line with the curriculum. For instance, professional development programmes in line with General Studies had been introduced to enhance the professional competence of teachers in topics relating to national geography, national history and Chinese culture. In addition, the bureau had continued to organise the Constitution and the Basic Law Knowledge Enrichment Online Courses for Teachers, Online Knowledge Enrichment Programmes for Teachers on “Understanding Our Country” and NSE, as well as workshops on national flag raising ceremony.
- (iii) In the past three school years, the Tai Po District School Development Section (“SDS”) had been organising regular training on topics relating to national education, including seminars on whole-school curriculum planning for NSE in Tai Po District and district-based seminars for fellow workers in primary, secondary schools and kindergartens (“KGs”) in the district. These training seminars served

to discuss ways to cultivate students' sense of national identity, and assist and educate teachers in promoting national education in schools. The bureau had also organised seminars such as an online sharing session on "Ten Key Words to Understand the Development of Cantonese Opera in Hong Kong" to enhance fellow workers' understanding of Chinese culture. The Tai Po District SDS would organise a national education seminar for KG workers in May 2024 to help them implement national education in schools.

- (iv) On resources and funding for schools, the bureau had disbursed a one-off "The Moral and National Education Support Grant" of \$530,000 in total to all local schools in August 2012. Schools might use the grant flexibly in accordance to their school-based needs to carry out moral and national education works. At present, schools were also provided with Moral and Civic Education Grant. Taking primary schools as an example, the grant for the 2023/24 school year was \$640 per class.
- (v) The bureau had provided KGs joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme with a one-off Grant for Promotion of Chinese Art and Culture in March 2023. KGs might use the grant to organise various school-based activities, such as organising school-based and theme-based learning activities, producing resource kits and packages, arranging cultural performance appreciation tours, as well as procuring picture books for children and parents to read, so as to help children learn and appreciate Chinese art and culture, nurture their sense of belonging to our country and foster their sense of national identity.
- (vi) Apart from funding support, the EDB had also provided diversified learning and teaching resources to schools such as teaching resources on the Constitution of the People's Republic of China and "Little National Affairs Experts" Interactive Quiz Game Resource Pack. In addition, the bureau would release "National Education – Event Planning Calendar" every school year for schools' reference, with a view to assisting them in planning school-based national education activities in that school year and allowing them to arrange learning activities inside and outside the classroom on the key dates to deepen students' understanding of the major historical events and figures of our country.
- (vii) On teaching progress, the bureau issued a circular in June 2023 with updated guidelines on school administration and education to inform all primary and secondary schools as well as KGs that they should timely enable all levels of school personnel to acquire an understanding of, and remind all students and teachers to abide by the National Security Law. It also required schools to fully implement various administrative and educational measures relating to safeguarding national security and NSE, with a view to maintaining a safe learning environment and nurturing students to become good and law-abiding citizens.

- (viii) Starting from the 2022/23 school year, all KGs were required to organise at least one school-based activity relating to Chinese culture every year. In addition, all primary and secondary schools as well as KGs offering local curriculum should submit an annual report for the previous school year by late November annually, together with the work plan for that school year to report to the bureau on the progress of the schools' implementation of measures relating to the safeguarding of national security and NSE. The Tai Po District SDS was currently scrutinising reports for the 2022/23 school year and work plan for the 2023/24 school year. The bureau would conduct school visits progressively to learn about schools' implementation of the relevant measures. In addition, the bureau would monitor and provide support for implementation of relevant work through different channels such as inspections, curriculum development visits and daily communication with schools and provide enhancement and improvement suggestions to schools.
- (ix) National education was an important component of values education, a key learning goal and an indispensable part of school curriculum. As such, the EDB would continue to adopt diversified and specific measures to fully support schools in planning and promoting national education in a holistic and systematic manner.

16. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) Regarding the municipal solid waste ("MSW") charging scheme, Members worried that students would bring their household waste to schools for disposal and asked whether the bureau had liaised and discussed the issue with schools.
- (ii) They asked about the current land use of the former National Education Centre ("NEC") in Tai Po.
- (iii) Residents of Fu Tip Estate hoped to learn about the classes and curriculum to be operated by the Pentecostal Holiness Church Wing Kwong Junior School, so that they could go through the formalities of school transfer for their children.

17. The representative of EDB responded as follows:

- (i) The Environmental Protection Department ("EPD") had organised six online training webinars on MSW charging in January 2024, which were attended by a total of 3 000 fellow workers from KGs, primary and secondary schools to know more about how to tie in with the implementation of MSW charging. In the written reply to a Member at the LegCo meeting on 31 January 2024, the Secretary for Education had indicated that the bureau would actively assist schools to formulate and put in place school-based environmental policy with reference to the

guidelines and other relevant information provided by the EPD to prepare for the implementation of MSW charging. The bureau would also maintain liaison with the Environment and Ecology Bureau and EPD and provide schools with latest information and appropriate support, while details of handling MSW charging in schools had yet to be announced.

- (ii) At the LegCo meeting on 28 February 2024, a Member asked the Secretary for Development about the planning for the vacant school premises site. The Ex-Tai Po Government Primary School (i.e. the former NEC) had been put to long-term uses and the school premises site was currently rented to another government department up to early 2025.
- (iii) The EDB was making preparations for the operation of classes with the Pentecostal Holiness Church Wing Kwong Junior School. The arrangements were subject to the population size and age distribution provided by the Housing Department (“HD”), and stakeholders would be informed of the information on school places in a timely manner.

18. Members’ comments were as follows:

- (i) At present, the former NEC was still vacant and the site was adjacent to Valtorta College (“VC”). As such, the school would like to set up a fire escape there.
- (ii) They suggested incorporating the content of May Fourth Youth Day into the nation education for primary and secondary schools to enhance students’ understanding of modern Chinese history so that they would understand the reasons for enacting the Basic Law and the Hong Kong National Security Law.

19. The representative of EDB responded as follows:

- (i) She would reflect to the bureau the views on including the content of May Fourth Youth Day into national education.
- (ii) The former NEC was currently rented to other department on a short-term basis and she, in the district level, did not have information on the future development of the site.
- (iii) The bureau was examining the feasibility of setting up another fire escape in the area of VC and would discuss the matter with the school at a later time.

20. CCRC noted the above report.

IV. Tai Po District Office — Annual Community Involvement Programme
(TPDC Paper No. CCR 3/2024)

21. The Chairman welcomed Ms. CHAN Hau-man, Eunice, the Chairman of TPDC and DO (Tai Po), to attend the meeting for this agenda item.

22. The representative of TPDO went through the six highlighted community involvement activities planned to be implemented in 2024/25 under the Community Involvement (“CI”) Programme (see TPDC Paper No. CCR 3/2024), and welcomed Members to provide comments on the activities in paragraph 3 of the captioned report.

23. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They suggested organising large-scale National Day celebration events, such as singing the National Anthem hand in hand at Tai Po Waterfront Park (“TPWP”).
- (ii) They suggested creating an Avenue of Stars (“AoS”) for scholars or scientists at Pak Shek Kok Promenade in Tai Po. Upon initial understanding, the Hong Kong Science and Technology Park (“HKSTP”) had indicated that it could assist in the nomination and assessment of top-notch scholars and scientists for inclusion in the list of AoS. Members suggested using 3D printing technology to produce handprints and attaching QR codes next to the handprints, so as to enable the public to learn more about the scholars or scientists, including information on when they had visited Tai Po.

24. DO(Tai Po) said that the TPDC was used to be responsible for discussing and approving the funding allocation arrangements for the CI Programme in the past, but the approval of funding allocation was now brought under the ambit of the TPDO. As such, the captioned paper aimed at introducing activities to be conducted under the 2024-2025 CI Programme for Members’ reference and comment. The TPDO would co-organise activities with different organisations. For example, activities such as the Birthday of Tin Hau Blessing Parade and “Inno Expo@Tai Po 2024” were organised by the relevant organisations, which had submitted their funding applications, and the TPDO would actively collaborate and assist in the relevant activities.

25. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) At present, the DC was not responsible for approving the funding allocation, but Members hoped that they could play a greater participatory role in the activities and assist in carrying out the activities.
- (ii) During special festivals in the past, the TPDO had hung the national flag and

regional flag at Tai Po Tung Cheong Street Leisure Building (“Leisure Building”) and community halls in Tai Po District, and such arrangements won praise from everyone. Besides, they suggested that the department consider adding more elements to the “Next Station: Lam Tsuen River” rain shelter, so as to tie in with festivals such as the National Day, and that more rain shelters themed on high-speed rail stations should be added to foster the public’s understanding of the development of the country.

- (iii) Regarding activities in celebration of the 27th Anniversary of Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“HKSAR”), they asked about the details of introducing the augmented reality (“AR”) technology, such as whether members of the public had to download any mobile application in order to participate in the activities. In addition, they hoped that the department would provide more designs and details of the activities for Members’ reference.
- (iv) They suggested that some of the activities or bazaars of Lunar New Year Fair be relocated to Plover Cove Road Mini-Soccer Pitch next to the Leisure Building.
- (v) They suggested that Mid-Autumn Festival celebration event be relocated to the Tai Po Arts Centre (“TPAC”) or Plover Cove Road Mini-Soccer Pitch next to the Leisure Building to facilitate members of the public to participate in the event.
- (vi) They suggested that the grand parade should be held on the day of the National Day and separated from the Birthday of Tin Hau Blessing Parade. The department might review the routes and arrangements of the two parades.
- (vii) They supported and praised that members of the public could participate in the Lantern Boat Night Tour along Lam Tsuen River, and opined that this could be a way to share the fun with fellow citizens and enable them to appreciate the scenery on both sides of Lam Tsuen River.

26. The representative of LCSD said that the department would continue to display a giant national flag on the façade of Tung Cheong Street Sports Centre during the National Day this year.

27. Members’ comments were as follows:

- (i) As the dates of Tai Po Cycle Fest and Tai Po Lung Mei Beach Festival were rather close to each other at present, they suggested that Tai Po Lung Mei Beach Festival be held in November and Tai Po Cycle Fest in December.
- (ii) They suggested extending multiple check-in spots in celebration of the 27th Anniversary of Establishment of the HKSAR until the National Day. The department might also consider working with the HD to set up indoor displays in shopping malls and government facilities in the district.

- (iii) Regarding the Lantern Boat Night Tour along Lam Tsuen River, they suggested installing lighting decorations with different themes on each bridge and adding lighting decorations and performances on both sides of the river to enrich the activity.
- (iv) They suggested that apart from HKSTP, a site should be identified in the town centre of Tai Po to hold the “Inno Expo@Tai Po 2025” to showcase students’ works.

28. The representative of LCSD said that the department would do its utmost to complement the TPDO or relevant organisations in organising activities at its sports and recreation venues.

29. Members’ comments were as follows:

- (i) They hoped that more funding and resources could be allocated for organising more activities similar to the pyrotechnic drone shows in Tai Po District.
- (ii) They suggested inviting incumbent DC Members to become members of the Preparatory Committee for the Celebration of National Day, and setting up working groups for different activities to further discuss the feasibility of the activities, and inviting organisations to sponsor and prepare for the activities.
- (iii) To celebrate the 75th anniversary of our National Day, Tai Po Rural Committee would increase the number of flagstaffs and flags in celebration of the National Day and provide additional national flags and regional flags to complement the overall atmosphere.
- (iv) President Xi Jinping had visited Charles K. Kao Auditorium (commonly known as the “Golden Egg”) in HKSTP before, which fully demonstrated that our country attached great importance to the Auditorium. It was suggested that Members discuss the feasibility of organising large-scale events there.

30. DO(Tai Po) said that she was pleased to attend the meeting to listen to Members’ suggestions and to exchange views with them with a view to improving the programmes in Tai Po. Regarding Members’ comments, her responses were as follows:

- (i) She thanked the LCSD for agreeing to the hanging of a giant national flag on the façade of the Leisure Building, and opined that it could consider advancing the hanging of the flag as early as the HKSAR Establishment Day.
- (ii) As the rain shelter outside the Leisure Building was an works item carried out by the TPDO under the District Minor Works Programme, consideration could be given to arranging other installations to tie in with the celebration of the National

Day.

- (iii) The TPDO could liaise with the HD to discuss possible collaborative projects, such as setting up displays at HD venues, so as to enhance the atmosphere of National Day celebrations in Tai Po District.
- (iv) The suggestion of organising a night market at Plover Cove Road Mini-Soccer Pitch next to the Leisure Building was worthy of consideration by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. She suggested that Members reflect this directly to the department at the relevant committee for its follow-up.
- (v) The TPDO would actively consider organising a large-scale activity at Plover Cove Road Mini-Soccer Pitch next to the Leisure Building, and she hoped that the pitch could be set as the starting point of the grand parade by then.
- (vi) Opened in 2019, TPAC was little known due to the epidemic in these years. Since the organisation of Wish for You Bazaar, there had been an increase in exposure and knowledge of TPAC among the public. Regarding the organisation of Mid-Autumn Festival celebration event, having it held at TPWP could tie in with the LCSD's spectacular festival lanterns, which would create a festive atmosphere. Furthermore, TPWP was a large venue that would be more suitable for holding booths and lantern riddle activities. The venue selection of this year's Mid-Autumn Festival celebration event could still be reconsidered, where a large-scale event could be arranged to be held at TPWP, and an additional small-scale event could be held at TPAC to complement each other in parallel. The TPDO could actively follow up and discuss with TPAC.
- (vii) Regarding the activities in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the National Day, the TPDO was considering organising the grand parade on the day of the National Day, and the parade route was being considered in detail. The TPDO would work with Hong Kong Celebrations Association ("HKCA"), and might arrange 75 performing groups to perform on the day. As such, the parade route might need to be further adjusted. The TPDO would work closely with the Police and make arrangements for the activities on the basis that the travel routine of residents would not be compromised.
- (viii) Lantern Boat Night Tour along Lam Tsuen River had been held as the lighting ceremony to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR in the past. At that time, there were 25 boats cruising along Lam Tsuen River, and all the guests had commended the ride, which enabled them to enjoy the scenery of Tai Po on boats. Preliminary consideration was being given to launching the activities in the evenings of two to three weekends before the National Day, and the activities would be held across the weekend of the National Day. By then, members of the public would board at Tai Po Waterfront Angling Corner and the

boats would enter Lam Tsuen River via Tolo Harbour and then turn around after passing the Kwong Fuk Bridge for passengers to alight at Tai Po Waterfront Angling Corner. This year, lighting decorations would be added to Lam Tsuen River and performances would be staged on the river. Regarding the suggestion of adding performances ashore, consideration had to be given to the location and the noise level. The TPDO would carefully consider the suggestions and endeavour to fill both sides of Lam Tsuen River with festive atmosphere of the National Day.

- (ix) Regarding the pyrotechnic drone shows, the TPDO would take high cost-effectiveness as the prime concern in resource allocation. The TPDO had preliminarily contacted drone companies, and the drones would be equipped with fireworks effect instead of actually setting off fireworks in Tai Po. As there was no similar performance in Hong Kong so far, it was hoped that such programme could be introduced. In addition, the TPDO hoped that the performance could be held closer to residential areas, for example, along the riverside of Lam Tsuen, so as to enhance the characteristics of the programme. However, it had to deal with the related technical problems at the same time, so the TPDO hoped that it could rise to the challenges ahead and introduce new programmes for the enjoyment of the public.
- (x) QR codes would be added to designated check-in spots (for example, Hong Kong Railway Museum, “Next Station: Lam Tsuen River” rain shelter, and Wishing Trees). After scanning the QR codes, members of the public could use AR technology to take selfies with animated backgrounds and compositions generated automatically.
- (xi) The TPDO expressed its wish to organise different events in the district at regular intervals. The Tai Po Cycle Fest and Tai Po Lung Mei Beach Festival were both large-scale events, and Tai Po Cycle Fest also involved road closure and had to be organised in conjunction with the Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited. As such, the date of the event had to tie in with the relevant arrangements.
- (xii) The aim of introducing this year’s CI Programme was to allow Members to give their views and make use of their personal networks to assist in mobilising resources and manpower. As such, Members were strongly encouraged to liaise with the TPDO on the programmes, so as to enhance the content and arrangements of the programmes.
- (xiii) Members might contact the Chairman of HKCA and the Secretariat to explore the arrangements of various activities.

31. The Chairman thanked DO(Tai Po) for her detailed reply, and reminded that attention should be paid to the arrangements for the number of passengers, as capacity limits had been imposed on the vessel licence.

32. CCRC noted the above report.

V. Any other business

33. Members did not raise other business.

VI. Date of next meeting

34. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 9 May 2024 (Thursday).

35. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Tai Po District Council Secretariat
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