

**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting in 2025**  
**of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee**  
**of Tai Po District Council**

Date: 6 March 2025 (Thursday)  
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:09 a.m.  
Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”)

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Arrival</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Withdrawal</u></b>
<b><u>Chairman</u></b>		
Mr. CHAN Cho-leung, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<b><u>Vice-chairman</u></b>		
Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, BBS, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<b><u>Members</u></b>		
Mr. LEE Man-kit	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. YU Chi-wing, MH	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. LAM Yick-kuen, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WU Cheuk-him	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Tsz-kin	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Yung-wa	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MUI Siu-fung	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, SBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LO Hiu-fung, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. YIP Yan	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHENG Sze-wang	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<b><u>Secretary</u></b>		
Miss CHAN Yin-ning, Elaine	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) / TPDO / HAD
Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris	District Leisure Manager (Tai Po) / Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”)
Ms. CHAN Wing-yee, Pion	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Tai Po / LCSD
Ms. OR Hiu-man, Stella	Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion / LCSD
Ms. POON Wing Lam, Winnie	Senior Manager (New Territories East) Venue / 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. HUEN Lai-yan, Sara	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / TPDO / HAD
Ms. WONG Sze-man, Queenie	Senior Liaison Officer (2) / TPDO / HAD

### **Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed participants to the 2nd meeting in 2025 of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (“CCRC”), and Ms. CHAN Hau-man, Eunice, District Officer (Tai Po) (“DO(TP)”) of TPDO, to be in attendance of the meeting.

#### **I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 1st meeting in 2025 of the CCRC on 9 January 2025**

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. Tai Po District Office — Annual Community Involvement Programme (TPDC Paper No. CCR 2/2025)**

3. The representative of TPDO went through the captioned paper.

4. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They suggested organising activities to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Hong Kong victory in the War of Resistance.

- (ii) They agreed to the organisation of Tai Po District National Security Education (“NSE”) Fun Day 2025 with the theme of “Security Brings Prosperity” (“SBP Fun Day”), in the hope of integrating NSE into daily lives of the people.
- (iii) It was suggested that souvenirs for the SBP Fun Day game booths be reproduced, such as caps with “SBP” or TPDC logo printed on them, as well as folding fans printed with a brief introduction of the Law of the People’s Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“HKSAR”) (“NSL”).
- (iv) It was suggested that national flags or regional flags be hung in public housing estates (“PHEs”) or LCSD parks in Tai Po District during the celebration of the Reunification of Hong Kong and the National Day.
- (v) It was suggested that the venue of Mid-Autumn Night Party be changed to Tai Po Central Town Square (“TPCTS”) to facilitate public access.
- (vi) They asked whether the commemorative activities for the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance would be organised by the TPDO.
- (vii) They suggested making use of the advantage of Tai Po in geographical location to organise activities to promote the 15th National Games (“NG”).
- (viii) They agreed to change the venue of Mid-Autumn Night Party to TPCTS to increase the pedestrian flow in nearby shops and boost the district economy.
- (ix) It was suggested that major events of the NG be broadcast live at shopping malls or community halls (“CHs”) in Tai Po District.
- (x) They suggested that an Open category be set up for the Quiz Competition of the SBP Fun Day and NSE tutors or representatives of Care Teams be invited to join in the competition so as to enhance community engagement.
- (xi) They suggested that the SBP Fun Day game booths be moved to the podium of Tai Po Mega Mall leading to Sun Hing Garden so as to create more space for game booths and attract more people flow.

5. The Chairman suggested that publicity leaflets on NSE be distributed at the NSE exhibition on the SBP Fun Day.

6. The representative of TPDO responded as follows:

- (i) The TPDO would collaborate with district groups to co-organise activities to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Hong Kong victory in the War of Resistance.
- (ii) The TPDO had taken note of Members’ comments on the SBP Fun Day and would liaise with the person-in-charge of the venue to discuss relevant matters and

improve arrangements of the event.

- (iii) The TPDO would liaise with relevant departments such as the Housing Department (“HD”) and LCSD to explore additional locations for hanging national flags or regional flags.
- (iv) She recognised that organising activities could give impetus to the economic development in surrounding areas, and the TPDO would discuss and consider the venue arrangements with the organiser of Mid-Autumn Night Party.
- (v) The TPDO could distribute publicity leaflets on NSE on the SBP Fun Day.

7. A Member stated that the venue of Mid-Autumn Night Party would depend on whether funding for mid-autumn lantern decorations was approved by the LCSD. If the funding was approved, the night party should be held at Tai Po Waterfront Park to attract people to appreciate the lighting decorations; otherwise, it could be held at TPCTS or Tai Po Arts Centre (“TPAC”).

8. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The department would discuss the arrangements for the broadcasting or live broadcast of events with the National Games Coordination Office (Hong Kong) of the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau to tie in with the publicity of NG activities.
- (ii) The department might collaborate with the TPDO to hold Mid-Autumn Night Party at TPCTS.

9. The Chairman said that there had been live broadcast of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Tai Po District, and he therefore was very supportive of the live broadcast of NG events.

10. In response to Members’ suggestions on activities under the Community Involvement Programme in the upcoming year, DO(TP) responded as follows:

- (i) Members were welcome to put forward specific suggestions on commemorative activities for the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance.
- (ii) The TPDO would discuss with Tai Po District Dragon Boat Race Committee to consider organising the 5th Anniversary of NSL Challenge Cup in dragon boat race this year as well as holding additional competition events.
- (iii) The TPDO planned to set up an exhibition on the 5th Anniversary of NSL in this year’s Dragon Boat Carnival, and the exhibition could also be held in conjunction with the reunification celebration events. Members were welcome to put forward their suggestions.
- (iv) The TPDO would co-organise a national security quiz competition with Tai Po

District Youth Development and Civic Education Committee in support of the NSE Day, with the final to be held at the SBP Fun Day.

- (v) She recognised that more venues were needed for holding activities of the SBP Fun Day. As the outdoor venues suggested by Members might be affected by weather conditions, the TPDO would liaise with Tai Po Mega Mall on how to adjust venue arrangements to increase the number of booths, and would invite the Care Teams to set up more booths.
- (vi) The souvenirs of SBP Fun Day would be produced collectively by the department responsible for national security promotion. She suggested producing souvenirs that were printed with TPDC logo, and the TPDO would follow up on the design and production arrangements of the souvenirs.
- (vii) The TPDO would convey Members' opinions on the hanging of national flags or regional flags in PHEs to the HD for follow-up.
- (viii) The LCSD was asked to follow up on the hanging of national flags or regional flags at its venues, as well as on changing the venue of Mid-Autumn Night Party to TPCTS, so as to facilitate the TPDO in arranging activities.
- (ix) Members were welcome to put forward suggestions on activities to promote the participation of NSE tutors in events related to the SBP Fun Day.

11. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) Hong Kong Hakka Association and Tai Po Rural Committee were planning to organise a series of commemorative activities for the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance, including a drill performance and flag-raising ceremony at Lam Tsuen Wishing Square, as well as an outdoor orienteering activity in Tai Po District to trace the historical footprints of East River Column. It was suggested that consideration be given to co-organising relevant activities with the TPDC.
- (ii) As the hanging of national flags or regional flags within PHEs required application for permission from owners' corporations in advance, they suggested that the Care Teams be included as eligible groups and that they could apply to the Lands Department ("LandsD") for hanging string flags outside the boundary of PHEs, so as to enhance the atmosphere of the celebration of the Reunification of Hong Kong and the National Day.
- (iii) They suggested increasing the number of spots in the district where promotional banners could be hung for publicising or promoting the activities of Care Teams.
- (iv) It was suggested that CHs improve the arrangements for processing group applications.

12. The Chairman suggested reflecting the suggestion of increasing the promotional banners spots to the LandsD.

13. Regarding Members' suggestion of including the Care Teams as eligible groups, DO(TP) acknowledged that there was still room for improvement in the operation of Care Teams, and the TPDO would reflect Members' views to the HAD.

14. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) They suggested following up on the hanging of banners by local groups in PHEs or on railings during the celebration of the National Day and the Reunification of Hong Kong.
- (ii) It was suggested that a mechanism be set up for CHs to monitor the booking of groups and, when processing applications, set priorities and ratio of venues according to the groups' respective districts to avoid groups from other districts from being approved for more venues.
- (iii) They would like to know the existing mechanism for CHs in processing group applications, and suggested that the registered address of the applicants had to be in Tai Po District to protect the interests of local groups.

15. The Chairman suggested discussing the venue issue of CHs at the meetings of District Facilities and Works Committee.

16. The representative of TPDO responded that banners hung in PHEs or on railings did not belong to the TPDO, which would take follow-up actions and reflect the matter to the relevant groups.

17. CCRC noted the above report.

### **III. Reopening Arrangements for the Tai Po Civic Centre** **(TPDC Paper Nos. CCR 3/2025 and CCR 3a/2025)**

18. The Chairman welcomed Ms. POON Wing Lam, Winnie, Senior Manager (New Territories East) Venue of LCSD, to attend the meeting for this agenda item.

19. A Member went through the captioned paper (No. CCR 3/2025).

20. The representative of LCSD went through the captioned paper (No. CCR 3a/2025), and said that arrangements were being made with the Architectural Services Department for DO(TP) and Members to attend the visit in May.

21. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) It was suggested that the Tai Po Civic Centre ("TPCC") consider inviting Tai Po District Orchestra or other choirs to stage a preview performance so as to allow local residents to familiarise themselves with the venue.
- (ii) They asked whether the outdoor areas to be open in phase one would include the park at On Cheung Road.
- (iii) They enquired about the services and facilities to be provided in the foyer after its reopening.
- (iv) It was suggested that TPCC arrange to conduct a crisis management drill prior to its reopening, such as evacuation routes and procedures, to help staff and the public to understand the arrangements.
- (v) They suggested inviting schools in the district to participate in the drill.
- (vi) They suggested that an opening ceremony be organised and renowned arts groups be invited for publicity purposes.
- (vii) They suggested making good use of the venue facilities to show films related to the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance.
- (viii) They suggested collaborating with TPAC to organise festive bazaars in the future.
- (ix) They enquired about the regulations and handling procedures in respect of programme overrun beyond the designated time by users of TPCC venues.

22. In reaction to Members' concerns about the arrangements for TPCC after its reopening, DO(TP) responded as follows:

- (i) She asked about the priority of TPCC in processing applications for venue booking from organisations.
- (ii) She suggested that the department arrange briefings for groups or schools in the district for them to have a clear picture of TPCC facilities, opening hours, arrangements for venue booking, etc.
- (iii) As TPCC was one of the landmarks in Tai Po District, it was suggested that an opening performance or ceremony be held for publicity purposes.
- (iv) She asked about the section responsible for TPCC after its reopening to facilitate

future contact.

23. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The department had noted Members' comments and would actively consider staging a preview performance and conducting a crisis management drill.
- (ii) At present, the opening date of the Auditorium was still pending to be finalised, and consideration would be given to liaising with relevant groups to discuss arrangements for the preview performance by then.
- (iii) The outdoor areas reopened included the park at On Cheung Road for waiting passengers nearby to take a short break there.
- (iv) A URB TIX Outlet would be available in the foyer for the public to purchase tickets, and toilet facilities would also be open for public use.
- (v) The department would consider showing films after the opening date of the facilities was finalised.
- (vi) The department had preliminarily liaised with TPAC, with a view to achieving synergy effects in jointly organising activities for arts promotion.
- (vii) The department had its established arrangements for venue booking. A district group booking venues in its respective district for organising arts-related activities would be given preference over a non-district group. For performance venues managed by the department which were open for public booking, in general, applications would be accepted as long as the activities under application were in line with the intended use of the facility and compatible with the venue use, as well as there were no other applicants applying for the same time slot.
- (viii) If there were more than one applicant applying for the same time slot, consideration would be given by the department to factors such as the nature and arts value of the proposed function, the value of the proposed function to the promotion of arts and culture in the community, and the organising ability of the hirer, etc.
- (ix) The Performance Venues Office (New Territories East) would be responsible for the operation and hiring arrangements of TPCC.

24. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) It was suggested that the department carry out publicity proactively to primary and secondary schools and kindergartens in the district for them to be aware that they could hire the venue for holding ceremony.
- (ii) It was suggested that the previous arrangement of distributing free tickets be



improved, which could be discussed during the visit.

- (iii) It was suggested that the department take the initiative to invite district groups to attend the briefing before the venue was fully open, so that local groups could learn about the hiring arrangements with priority, which would facilitate the organisation of activities.

25. The representatives of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The phase one reopening of TPCC would be its outdoor facilities, the foyer and two function rooms. In February, the department had issued letters to notify groups which had been frequent users of the function rooms in the past, and had been accepting booking applications since 1 March.
- (ii) The Auditorium and the Black Box Theatre were expected to open in the fourth quarter of this year. Apart from making announcements on its website, the department would issue letters to notify previous frequent hirers of the two facilities.
- (iii) The department would consider holding briefings or visits before the commencement of venue hiring to allow those who were interested to learn about the venue.
- (iv) The department would consider enhancing the arrangements for ticket distribution in the future.

26. A Member suggested that other than notifying frequent user of the venue, primary and secondary schools as well as kindergartens in the district be also notified, so that they could plan for hiring venues to hold activities in the future.

27. The Chairman asked the department to take note of Members' comments.

**IV. Leisure and Cultural Services Department — Report on community activities planned to be held in 2025-2026, the participation in community activities held between January and February 2025 and proposed community activities to be held in March and April 2025 in Tai Po District**

(TPDC Paper No. CCR 4/2025)

28. The representative of LCSD reported on Appendix I to the captioned paper, in which details of the recreation and sports activities planned to be held by the department in Tai Po District between April 2025 and March 2026 were set out in Annex I for Members' reference.

29. The representative of LCSD promoted the mass participation events (“MPEs”) of the NG as follows:

- (i) Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao would co-host the 15th NG, the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities (“NGD”) and the 9th National Special Olympic Games (“NSOG”) for the first time. The HKSAR Government would organise delegations to participate in the Games proactively, including organising delegations to take part in MPEs for the first time.
- (ii) The 15th NG consisted of 34 competition events and 23 MPEs which upheld the NG’s ideal of “benefit ordinary people, make a healthy China”. Based on the principles of fairness, openness and honesty, relevant national sports associations (“NSAs”) or organisations would conduct selections or objective technical tests to assess the skill level of athletes in selecting athletes to participate in the events.
- (iii) To tie in with the athlete selections for MPEs, the Secretariat of the Organising Committee of HKSAR Delegation to the NG, NGD and NSOG had launched a publicity campaign titled “I want to join the NG” (我要上全運) in January 2025 to encourage mass participation in the athlete selections.
- (iv) Relevant NSAs or organisations had assisted in disseminating information on athlete selections through various publicity channels and had included hyperlinks of the LCSD NG and NSOG webpages onto their websites, in the hope that Members would encourage public participation in the athlete selections for MPEs.
- (v) Members could scan the QR code on the publicity leaflet to learn about the status of selection for MPEs.
- (vi) The bowling competition, for which enrolment was currently open, would be held at the Top Bowl Tenpin Bowling of Kai Tak Sports Park. Members of the public participating in the selection might take the opportunity to view the venue. For details, please refer to the website of the relevant NSA.

30. DO(TP) said that the publicity leaflet on District Sports Activities with Local Characteristics in 18 Districts by the department introduced hiking and table tennis as the featured activities in Tai Po District. She would like to learn about the hiking activities organised by groups in the district, and hoped that it would promote hiking events in conjunction with the TPDO.

31. Members’ comments were as follows:

- (i) They suggested that triathlon and football events be promoted in Tai Po District.
- (ii) They suggested using social media to promote the hiking activities in Tai Po District, which would not only attract people from the other districts and tourists

to visit Tai Po, but also help boost the economic development in the district.

32. The representative of LCSD responded that the department had designed four types of routes for hiking activities in total (i.e. Hiking Scheme), namely “Nature Routes”, “Scenery Routes”, “Heritage Routes” and “Family Routes”, which were of different levels of difficulty and length for participants to choose.
33. DO(TP) stated that it was recommended in the Annual Community Involvement Programme to organise a Tai Po Four Trails Hiking Walk to welcome the NG and celebrate the National Day. She hoped that the department would collaborate with the TPDO or other district groups to jointly promote hiking activities in Tai Po District.
34. The representative of LCSD said that the department had noted DO(TP)’s comments and would study the matters concerned.
35. The representative of LCSD reported on Appendix II to the captioned paper, in which details of the cultural and arts activities planned to be held by the department in Tai Po District in 2025-2026 were set out in Annex I. The attendance report of cultural programmes held and sponsored by the department in Tai Po District between January and February 2025, as well as details of the proposed activities to be held in March and April 2025 were set out in Annexes II and III respectively for Members’ reference.
36. The representative of LCSD reported in connection with Appendix III to the captioned paper 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”) in 2025-2026 respectively, Annexes III and IV set out the attendance at extension activities of TPPL and the utilisation of libraries in January and February 2025 respectively, while Annex V set out the extension activities proposed to be held in March and April 2025 for Members’ reference.
37. The representative of LCSD reported on the extension activities as follows:
- (i) TPPL would organise Storytelling Workshops of National Security Education and exhibitions of relevant books between April and May to tie in with the publicity of NSE Day, with a view to enhancing public understanding of national security.
  - (ii) In response to Hong Kong Reading for All Day designated on 23 April annually, further efforts would be made to promote the benefits of reading to the public.
  - (iii) HKPL would collaborate with various stakeholders to organise the “Hong Kong Reading Week” under the Hong Kong Reading for All Day, during which an array of large-scale online activities and live events would be held, and one of the

highlighted activities would be “Read Together for Half an Hour” (“RTHH”) on 23 April. This year, the department also planned to invite participation from all walks of life, and appealed to Members to support RTHH by setting up reading locations in their ward offices or other outreach venues. The department would disseminate and provide further details to Members in due course through the Secretariat once available, in the hope that Members would support and actively participate in the event. In addition, the department also thanked Members for participating in the event and setting up reading locations in the district last year, and hoped that they would continue to give their support in this year.

(Post-meeting note: Information on RTHH held by the LCSD on 23 April was sent to DC Members via e-mail by the Secretariat on 26 March.)

38. CCRC noted the above report.

**V. Education Bureau – Report on the education matters in Tai Po District**

39. The representative of EDB said that the schools in the district had been in normal operation in general since the last meeting.

40. The representative of EDB responded to Members’ questions raised at the last meeting as follows:

- (i) In principle, the secondary school net to which a student belonged was the school net of the geographical location of the primary school he/she attended. Except for the first three school preferences which were not restricted by school nets, a student would not be allocated to a secondary school in other districts if his/her parents had not requested to change the school net or they had submitted an application for cross-net allocation to the EDB through the primary school their child was attending.
- (ii) Since some students would change schools for different reasons upon announcement of the allocation results each year, the bureau had not compiled statistics on the actual registered number of cross-district students.
- (iii) The bureau had yet to issue the class approval letters to secondary schools, and would provide the number of secondary school places in Tai Po District this year in due course.
- (iv) The bureau had noted Members’ suggestion of increasing the number of places at all levels in secondary schools.

41. CCRC noted the above report.

**VI. Any other business**

42. Members did not raise other business.

**VII. Date of next meeting**

43. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 8 May 2025 (Thursday).
44. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Tai Po District Council Secretariat  
April 2025