

**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting in 2026**  
**of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee**  
**of Tai Po District Council**

Date: 5 March 2026 (Thursday)  
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:31 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. 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. 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. MUI Ching-hung, MH	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



4. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) They suggested that Inno Expo@Tai Po 2027 strengthen collaboration with Hong Kong Education City, and utilise the resources and network of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Park, such as inviting innovation and technology companies within the park to organise exhibitions or seminars on artificial intelligence ("AI").
- (ii) They suggested that an exhibition on national security information be held at a community hall or government facility in the district for the Tai Po District National Security Education ("NSE") Fun Day 2026.
- (iii) They suggested that the Mid-Autumn Night Party be relocated from Tai Po Waterfront Park ("TPWP") to Plover Cove Road Mini-Soccer Pitch ("PCRMSP").
- (iv) As the Lunar New Year ("LNY") Fair of the coming year would be held at PCRMSP, they suggested that the Tai Po Chinese New Year Programmes 2027 also be held at the same venue to draw crowds to the LNY Fair.
- (v) They suggested that the national flag, regional flag and decorative lighting installations be displayed at TPWP during the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day ("HKSAR Establishment Day") and the National Day periods.
- (vi) They suggested that the national and regional flags be displayed at Kwong Wai Bridge instead of Nam Wan Bridge, and that inspection and replacement of damaged celebratory installations be stepped up.
- (vii) They suggested that the department reserve slots of at least three days at community halls during the HKSAR Establishment Day and the National Day periods for celebratory events held by district organisations.
- (viii) They suggested looking into changing the Tai Po Half Marathon to a full marathon to enhance the event's appeal.
- (ix) They suggested that the department use durable materials for the production of the national and regional flags.
- (x) They suggested that decorative lighting installations be set up on both sides of the Lam Tsuen River during the Mid-Autumn Festival to draw crowds to the Mid-Autumn Night Party.

5. The representative of TPDO responded as follows:

- (i) She thanked Members for their comments. The TPDO would study the feasibility

of the proposals with relevant departments and co-operation units, and would take Members' comments into account during the event-planning stage.

- (ii) The TPDO would pay attention to the materials used for the flags and decorative lighting installations, and would instruct contractors to regularly check and replace damaged installations.
6. The Chairman suggested that the TPDO and relevant Members discuss ways to optimise the event content of Inno Expo@Tai Po 2027.
7. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:
- (i) The department noted Members' comments, and would maintain close liaison with the TPDO or organising units to submit venue application for the events in accordance with the event dates.
  - (ii) If there were suitable locations in TPWP, the department would support efforts to set up decorative lighting installations during the HKSAR Establishment Day and the National Day periods.
8. Members' comments were as follows:
- (i) They suggested that the department consider covering the affected buildings of Wang Fuk Court with tarps.
  - (ii) They suggested that the department consider setting up decorative lighting installations at suitable locations in the district.
  - (iii) They suggested that AI elements be introduced to the Inno Expo@Tai Po 2027 event.
  - (iv) They hoped that the department would coordinate with district services and Care Teams in advance to reserve manpower and resources for participating in large-scale festivities.
9. The representative of TPDO responded as follows:
- (i) The TPDO would take into account district needs when considering the choice of location for decorative lighting installations.
  - (ii) The TPDO would consider introducing AI elements to future events, and would further discuss the details with the relevant units.
  - (iii) The TPDO would continue to invite Care Teams to assist in organising large-scale district activities, and would communicate with the teams concerned in due course.

10. CCRC noted the above report.

**III. Leisure and Cultural Services Department — Report on community activities planned to be held in 2026-2027, the participation in community activities held between January and February 2026 and proposed community activities to be held in March and April 2026 in Tai Po District**

(TPDC Paper No. CCR 3/2026)

11. 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 2026 and March 2027 were set out in Annex I for Members' reference.

12. Members' questions and comments were as follows:

- (i) They asked about the progress of the refurbishment works of the artificial turf of Kwong Fuk Football Ground ("KFFG").
- (ii) They asked about the latest design of the district library at the Tai Po Community Health Centre ("CHC").
- (iii) They suggested that the department step up the cleaning work of Pak Kiu Tsai Sitting-out Area.

13. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The department would closely monitor the cleanliness of Pak Kiu Tsai Sitting-out Area, and would maintain communication with the Food and Environmental Health Department to step up cleaning the area and clearing dead branches and fallen leaves.
- (ii) The Architectural Services Department had completed the tendering process for the KFFG refurbishment works, which were expected to commence this December and be completed by the end of 2027. The football pitch would be converted into a third generation artificial turf, which would be of a higher quality than the existing carpet-style turf.
- (iii) The department had yet to receive information on the change in the area of the district library at the Tai Po CHC.

14. A Member suggested considering the relocation of hockey activities to other suitable venues after the KFFG refurbishment works, so as to extend the lifespan of the turf.

15. The Chairman asked that the department take note of Members' comments.

16. 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 2026-2027 were set out in Annex I. The attendance report of the cultural programmes held and sponsored by the department in Tai Po District between December 2025 and February 2026, as well as details of the proposed activities to be held in March and April 2026 were set out in Annexes II and III respectively for Members' reference.

17. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The Tai Po Civic Centre ("TPCC") had fully reopened on 30 December 2025. The department had also held an open day on the afternoon of 10 January 2026, featuring various activities for public participation.
- (ii) The activities on that day were well-received by the public, drawing a total of about 3 600 attendees. She thanked Members for their support in person, which contributed to the success of the event.
- (iii) The department had invited Members via the Secretariat to a TPCC tour at 2:30 p.m. on 10 March 2026. Interested Members were welcome to contact the department.

18. The representative of LCSD reported on Appendix III to the captioned paper, in which the extension activities of Tai Po Public Library ("TPPL") and a territory-wide extension activity plan of Hong Kong Public Libraries ("HKPL") in 2026-2027 were set out in Annexes I and II respectively. The attendance at extension activities of TPPL and the utilisation of libraries in January and February 2026 were set out in Annexes III and IV respectively, while the extension activities proposed to be held in March and April 2026 were set out at Annex V for Members' reference.

19. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) They thanked the department for arranging the provision of a mobile library van ("MLV") at Fu Tip Estate and hoped that its service could commence as soon as possible.
- (ii) They suggested that schools in the district participate in the "Read together for Half an Hour" event.
- (iii) They suggested stepping up publicity for the MLV at On Ho Lane.

20. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The power supply point for the MLV at Fu Tip Estate was currently undergoing testing. After the completion of all equipment tests, relevant publicity would be rolled out and the MLV would officially commence service.
- (ii) Regarding the Hong Kong Reading for All Day on 23 April, schools were welcome to participate in shared reading activities.
- (iii) The department would step up publicity for the MLV service at On Ho Lane.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD had completed the testing for the MLV at Fu Tip Estate and the service was scheduled to commence in April.)

21. CCRC noted the above report.

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

22. The representative of EDB reported as follows:

- (i) Since the last meeting, schools in the district had generally been operating smoothly and normalcy had largely been restored. The bureau would also continue to provide assistance to schools in need.
- (ii) The schooling of some students in individual schools in the district was initially affected by the fire. It was understood that the schools concerned had provided assistance to the affected students, and all students had resumed classes.
- (iii) The bureau did not maintain figures on the number of students who had to change schools or cross districts to attend schools due to the fire.
- (iv) The Government had granted a \$20,000 “Special Support Subsidy for Students Living at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po” to each student affected by the fire through their respective schools. The grant would be used for purchasing learning tools such as textbooks, stationery, and computers, as well as subsidising transport costs for commuting between their residences and schools.
- (v) The Transport Department had also been steering public transport service operators to strengthen services, such as deploying additional vehicles and manpower to support residents who had moved into transitional housing in the district.
- (vi) If students affected by the fire had to change schools, parents and students could contact the EDB’s Regional Education Offices serving their districts of residence for assistance.

- (vii) The school premises of Tai Po Baptist Public School (“TPBPS”) had to close following the fire. Since 15 December 2025, the bureau had arranged for students to resume face-to-face classes at Tai Po Government Primary School (“TPGPS”) and N.T.W.J.W.A Christian Remembrance of Grace Primary School (“Remembrance of Grace Primary School”) until the end of the current school year.
- (viii) In order to provide a favourable learning environment, the bureau had converted the activity rooms and computer rooms of TPGPS into a school office, speech therapy room, medical room, conference room, social worker’s office and principal’s office. With donations from well-wishers, two modular units were set up to serve as a temporary library and a STEAM educational activity space for students.
- (ix) Remembrance of Grace Primary School had also added storage space, an independent broadcast system, Wi-Fi, and furniture, and converted an existing room into a school office and staff room.
- (x) The school premises of the former Church of Christ in China Kei Ching Primary School (“former Kei Ching Primary School”), which were originally slated for conversion into an integrated social service complex, would now be allocated to TPBPS as its campus.
- (xi) The school premises of the former Kei Ching Primary School had a total of 29 classrooms. The renovation works for the campus were being carried out by the bureau in accordance with the standard furnishing requirements for new school premises, including the replacement of perimeter fencing within the campus and installation of security facilities in the unfenced areas. The works were expected to be completed in the summer of 2026, and the campus would be ready for use in the 2026/27 school year.
- (xii) Since TPBPS wished to install additional facilities, the bureau had renovated some special rooms according to the school’s needs to provide basic infrastructure, facilitating subsequent renovation works by the school.
- (xiii) The bureau had set up a dedicated working group to assist with the operation of TPBPS during the transition, and would continue to communicate with the school to provide appropriate support.

23. Members’ questions and comments were as follows:

- (i) They asked whether the student population in Tai Po District would be affected if the affected students had to change schools in other districts in the next school year, and whether the bureau would formulate measures in advance to support these schools.
- (ii) As the number of student enrolment of kindergartens in the district had also dropped

significantly following the fire, they asked whether the bureau would provide support to other affected schools in the vicinity.

24. The representative of EDB replied as follows:

- (i) The actual number of school places in each school net was subject to multiple factors annually, such as an overall decline in school-age population, structural changes in student population in the district, development projects in residential areas, residential relocation or parents' choices of schools.
- (ii) The bureau had deployed "one support team for each school" for schools more severely affected. Comprising school-based professional support staff and Specialists (Education Services) (Educational Psychology), the support teams would provide immediate, on-site and targeted support services according to the individual situations and needs of the schools. These included assisting schools in resuming operations during the transition, making learning and teaching arrangements, and providing emotional support for teachers and students. The bureau would continue to review the impact of the incident on teachers and students, and provide referral services in a timely manner.

25. The Chairman hoped that the bureau would collect data on the number of students who had to cross districts to attend schools due to the fire, thereby enabling Members to better understand the students' situation.

26. Members' questions and comments were as follows:

- (i) They enquired about the progress of the renovation works of the former Kei Ching Primary School.
- (ii) Currently, some students still had to cross districts to attend school, and the families concerned would determine their long-term accommodation depending on the government arrangements. It was suggested that the bureau conduct prior assessments and formulate a support plan to mitigate impacts on schools in the district.

27. The representative of EDB replied that the bureau had set up a dedicated working group to follow up on the renovation works of the former Kei Ching Primary School. The EDB was striving to facilitate the renovation works of the school premises, which were expected to be completed in the summer of 2026. The school premises would be used by TPBPS starting from the 2026/27 school year.

28. The Chairman asked whether the bureau had provided support to TPBPS during the transition to assist with its relocation efforts or the acquisition of teaching and learning materials, etc. He asked the bureau to provide supplementary information after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The representative of EDB replied that regarding the relocation of TPBPS to the former Kei Ching Primary School, the bureau had set up a dedicated working group to support the operations of TPBPS and the two schools in the current school year during the transition. In late December 2025, the bureau had informed TPBPS of the disbursement of a \$3 million one-off Special Support Grant for Schools. Under the principle of prudent use of public funds, the school could flexibly deploy the said grant for relevant additional expenses. These included the purchase of hardware and equipment to maintain the school's daily operation, the provision of school bus services and transport subsidies for teachers and students travelling between the two temporary school premises, the procurement of relocation services for supplies and equipment, the recruitment of additional staff (e.g. teachers, janitors, administrative assistants, social workers, speech therapists, etc.) or the procurement of equivalent services arising from the use of the two temporary school premises, the payment for services related to the school's daily operation (including but not limited to electricity and telephone line services), and the purchase of additional insurance for using the temporary school premises. Furthermore, the bureau had earmarked a one-off grant of \$1 million for TPBPS to cover the relevant expenses incurred by its relocation to the former Kei Ching Primary School.

Regarding cross-district schooling resulting from temporary accommodation arrangements after the Wang Fuk Court fire, since the temporary accommodation arrangements for some affected students might change depending on individual family circumstances, the situation remained fluid, making it more difficult to maintain precise statistics. The bureau had been monitoring the schooling, learning and support needs of the affected students through daily communication with schools. Based on the current understanding, the bureau had not received any reports of students failing to attend classes normally due to cross-district schooling arising from the temporary accommodation outside the district. The bureau would continue to maintain close contact with schools. If individual students had special needs, the bureau would follow up with the schools according to the situation and provide appropriate assistance.)

## V. Any other business

29. Members did not raise other business.

**VI. Date of next meeting**

30. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 7 May 2026 (Thursday).

31. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Tai Po District Council Secretariat  
March 2026