

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting in 2025 of Tai Po District Council

Date: 6 May 2025 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:35 a.m. – 2:16 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Withdrawal</u>
<u>Chairman</u>		
Ms. CHAN Hau-man, Eunice, 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
Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, BBS, JP	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. LI Yiu-ban, BBS, MH, JP	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. MUI Siu-fung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MUI Ching-hung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Tsz-kin	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Cho-leung, MH, JP	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. CHAN Pok-chi, 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, SBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. LOK Siu-luen	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LO Hiu-fung, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Secretary</u>		
Ms. HUEN Lai-yan, Sara	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / Tai Po District Office (“TPDO”) / Home Affairs Department (“HAD”)		

In Attendance

Mr. MA Wai-hing, Adrian	District Commander (Tai Po) / Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”)
Ms. CHIU Man-kit	Assistant Police Community Relations Officer (Tai Po) / HKPF
Ms. FUNG Man-yu, May	District Social Welfare Officer (Tai Po / North) / Social Welfare Department
Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris	District Leisure Manager (Tai Po) / Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”)
Miss LEE Mei-yee, May	Senior Librarian (Tai Po) / LCSD
Ms. LAU Fung-yi, Connie	Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion (Atg.) / LCSD
Ms. WONG Yee-fang, Eva	Chief Transport Officer / New Territories East / Transport Department (“TD”)
Mr. TSANG Wing-keung, Rico	District Planning Officer / Sha Tin, Tai Po and North / Planning Department (“PlanD”)
Ms. CHENG Nga-see, Ellen	Chief Engineer / N3 / Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”)
Mr. WAT Wai-ching, Stephen	Senior Engineer / 11 (North) / CEDD
Mr. LEE Chi-kin, Clive	Senior Engineer / Maintenance 1 / CEDD
Ms. MOK Wing-chi, Irene	Engineer / Maintenance 1A / CEDD
Mr. LIU Sin-hing, George	District Lands Officer / TP (District Land Office, Tai Po (“TPDLO”)) / Lands Department (“LandsD”)
Mr. TSUI Chun-sing	Chief Land Executive / TPDLO / LandsD
Mr. YEUNG Chun-yue	Administrative Assistant (Atg.) / TPDLO / LandsD
Ms. SZETO Hau-yan, Esther	Chief Manager / Management (TNS) / Housing Department (“HD”)
Mr. SUN Chung-leung	Senior Maintenance Engineer / North East / Highways Department (“HyD”)
Mr. MOK Ka-hong	Chief Technical Officer / Tai Po / HyD
Mr. YUNG Sze-wei	Maintenance Inspector of Works / Tai Po / HyD
Mr. MA Hing-sum, Patrick	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tai Po) / Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”)
Miss FAN Wing-man	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tai Po 2 / FEHD
Ms. SIOW Ying-hung, Bonnie	Chief School Development Officer (Tai Po) / Education Bureau (“EDB”)
Mr. KWOK Chun-chai, Johnny	Assistant District Officer (Tai Po) / HAD
Mr. LUI Kan-man, Raymond	Senior Liaison Officer (1) / TPDO / HAD
Ms. WONG Sze-man, Queenie	Senior Liaison Officer (2) / TPDO / HAD
Miss CHAN Sui-king, Madeline	Senior Executive Officer (District Management) / TPDO / HAD
Mr. CHOW Tsz-yan, Daniel	Executive Officer I (District Council) / TPDO / HAD

The Chairman welcomed District Council Members (“Members”) and representatives of government departments to the third meeting of the 7th Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”) in 2025.

I. **Confirmation of the minutes of the 2nd meeting in 2025 of TPDC on 4 March 2025**



2. Neither had the Secretariat received any proposed amendments before the meeting, nor had any participants put forward amendments at the meeting. The minutes of the captioned meeting were confirmed without amendment.

II. **District Work Plans 2025/26 of Government Departments (Tai Po District Office, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Civil Engineering and Development Department, Housing Department and Transport Department)**

(TPDC Paper No. 11/2025)

3. The Secretary briefed on the captioned paper.

4. Mr. KWOK Chun-chai, Johnny, Ms. WONG Sze-man, Queenie, Mr. LUI Kan-man, Raymond and Miss CHAN Sui-king, Madeline, of TPDO, briefed on the District Work Plan of TPDO as set out in Appendix I to the captioned paper.

5. Mr. CHAN Cho-leung praised the arrangement of “Mobile Meeting Room” (“MMR”), believing that through such arrangement, members of the public could have easier contact with Members and understand the work of DC.

6. Mr. LI Yiu-ban said that the Work Plan of TPDO had not touched on the development of remote rural areas in Tai Po. He suggested constructing ancillary facilities in remote rural areas (such as resort hotels and roads) to transform the beautiful countryside into tourist attractions, so as to develop rural tourism as well as to attract the people and tourists to spend money in the territory. He hoped that the TPDO would reflect his suggestion to the relevant bureaux.

7. Mr. WU Cheuk-him’s comments were as follows:

- (i) He suggested that the TPDO integrate historical resources in Tai Po to organise commemorative activities in Tai Po District for the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance, and install audio players at relevant historical sites to give explanations before the activities commenced, so that participants would be more engaged in the commemorative activities.
- (ii) He hoped that the TPDO would complete drain cleansing before the onset of the rainy season and complete various drainage projects as soon as possible to

minimise the risk of flooding. In addition, he suggested increasing the frequency of grass cutting during the summer.

8. Mr. MUI Siu-fung suggested inviting key opinion leaders from the Mainland to promote district activities held in Tai Po, so as to attract Mainland tourists to visit our district and boost the district economy.

9. Mr. YU Chi-wing suggested stepping up publicity on district activities with local characteristics of Tai Po as well as the MMR.

10. Ms. LOK Siu-luen suggested that the TPDO distribute tickets for various activities to the public to enhance their sense of well-being.

11. Mr. CHAN Pok-chi suggested that relevant information about government inter-departmental internal emergency exercises be included in future work plans.

12. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu's comments were as follows:

- (i) She suggested holding exhibitions to showcase the work achievements of Care Teams.
- (ii) She suggested reporting the progress of some projects under the District Minor Works ("DMW") Programme regularly at the meetings of the District Facilities and Works Committee ("DFWC").
- (iii) Although her work conducted at Fu Tip Estate to assist new tenants in voter registration exercise was very smooth, she encountered difficulties in other public rental housing ("PRH") estates, such as the lack of suitable locations for setting up street counters. She hoped that the HD would step up publicity on voter registration for PRH tenants who recently moved in.

13. Mr. LO Hiu-fung said that in recent years, new elements were added into district activities with local characteristics of Tai Po, which succeeded in attracting a significant number of visitors to Tai Po. However, the infrastructure in the district (such as the Ex-Jockey Club Swimming Pool Site at On Pong Road, Tai Po, parking spaces ("PSs") and road design) had not been able to adequately meet the parking needs. He hoped that the Government would adopt the principle of infrastructure-led in the future to increase the number of PSs in various community facilities, and then combine them with various district activities with local characteristics to attract more tourists, citizens and motorists to visit Tai Po District and spend money.

14. The Chairman thanked Members for their comments and suggestions on the Work Plan of TPDO and responded collectively as follows:

- (i) The MMR was a new arrangement under the “Meet-the-Public Scheme”, under which Members would meet with the public on Fridays or Saturdays in the form of street counters, so as to facilitate the public to express their views to Members. The MMR sessions took place at locations with high pedestrian flow (including Tai Po South and Tai Po North), and information such as dates and locations had been uploaded onto the TPDC website. Moreover, one to two weeks prior to each MMR session, relevant information would be promoted via a pop-up window on the TPDC website. Members could also assist in publicity at their ward offices.
- (ii) The TPDO understood the impacts of extreme weather and rainy season on Tai Po District, and had thus stepped up grass cutting and drain cleansing regularly each year before the rainy season. As for the rural public works (“RPW”), after discussion with the Rural Committees (“RCs”) last year, the TPDO had also expedited the implementation of drainage works in rural areas.
- (iii) Regarding the rural road restrictions in the district, the TPDO had been fully collaborating with the RCs to improve rural roads through DMW and RPW. Areas without road access were mostly situated in the villages in Sai Kung North and were all within the country park area, which were subject to restrictions on planning and ancillary facilities. The TPDO would continue to follow up on these matters with the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (“AFCD”) and PlanD at the TPDC and RC meetings.
- (iv) Regarding the commemorative activities in Tai Po District for the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance, there were quite a number of historic sites of the War of Resistance in Sai Kung North, and the TPDO was studying the installation of hardware facilities at two or three historic sites in Sai Kung North. The Works Section of TPDO had conducted site visits, and hoped to complete the installation by the 80th anniversary of the Victory Day of the Chinese People’s War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression.
- (v) As regards publicity for district activities, she thanked Members for publicising and providing assistance to the various district activities held by the TPDO, as well as adding different elements to the activities through their respective district networks, which made the activities a huge success. Apart from displaying posters and hanging banners, the TPDO would also conduct publicity on the HAD Facebook page. At the Tai Po Lung Mei Beachtival held last year, as the “Multiple-entry Individual Visit Scheme” had just been resumed, some participating business operators had reflected that there was an increase in the number of Mainland visitors attending the event, and they hoped that the TPDO would strengthen relevant supporting measures for future activities. She also asked Members to discuss at the meeting of the Working Group on Boosting Local

Economy (“WG”) the publicity arrangements proposed by a Member to attract residents from the Mainland and the Greater Bay Area to participate in activities in Tai Po District.

- (vi) As Care Teams were committed to assisting and caring for families and individuals in need in the district, she encouraged Members to continue their collaboration with Care Teams to strengthen efforts in this regard. Regarding the suggestion of consolidating the work of and organising exhibitions for Care Teams, the TPDO had been consolidating the service items and stories of Care Teams and could further follow up with Care Teams.
- (vii) The TPDO would conduct an emergency exercise in conjunction with relevant emergency services (e.g. the Hong Kong Fire Services Department, HKPF and AFCD, etc.) each year, usually prior to the typhoon and rainy seasons, and Members would be notified in advance. Upon completion of the exercise each year, there would usually be an introduction of the exercise on the HAD Facebook page. The TPDO would consider to give wider publicity for the inter-departmental emergency exercise.

15. Mr. LI Yiu-ban said that the Works Section of TPDO was actively following up on the erection of memorial plaque in the district for the victory in the War of Resistance. The TPDO would erect a memorial plaque at Kwun Hang Village, and hoped that it could be completed by the end of August. Besides, since the memorial plaque installed at Sham Chung was situated within private land, the Heung Yee Kuk New Territories and other organisations eventually took charge of it, and the memorial plaque would be unveiled on 19 May.

16. Mr. LEE Man-kit suggested installing an electronic advertising panel (“EAP”) near the entrance to the pedestrian subway at MTR Tai Po Market Station to publicise the work and activities of government departments.

17. Regarding the above suggestion of installing an EAP, the Chairman said that it could be referred to be followed up under the DMW Programme.

18. Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan suggested communicating with the management offices of housing estates to use EAPs at lift lobbies of private housing estates for publicity purpose, so that the public could obtain real-time information of the district.

19. The Chairman encouraged Members to make good use of the district network in liaising with housing estates and owners’ corporations to publicise information on district activities in Tai Po via electronic means.

20. Mr. LI Yiu-ban agreed with the suggestion of installing EAP, and suggested that a

touchscreen function be added to the EAP to allow members of the public to actively search for information on the activities.

21. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu said that she had encountered difficulties in conducting home visits in PRH estates managed by outsourced management companies, and hoped that the HD would provide assistance in this regard.

22. Regarding a Member's views on visits to PRH estates, Ms. SZETO Hau-yan, Esther, of HD responded as follows:

- (i) As Fu Tip Estate was a newly occupied housing estate, the HD had worked with the Registration and Electoral Office and HAD in conducting publicity work on voter registration. As for general housing estates, the department regularly displayed promotional posters in the estates and set up street counters when practicable to cope with the voter registration work conducted by Members and departments whenever possible.
- (ii) Regardless of whether the housing estates were managed by the HD directly or by outsourced management companies, there was no difference in their home visit arrangements and visitors were required to register when entering the blocks. Should Members encounter difficulties in conducting home visits in individual housing estates, they were welcome to contact the HD staff for appropriate assistance.

23. Mr. MA Hing-sum, Patrick, of FEHD briefed on the District Work Plan of FEHD as set out in Appendix II to the captioned paper.

24. Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, said that she often found rubbish and stagnant water in planters near her ward office, which led to pest and rodent infestation. She hoped that the FEHD would follow up on this.

25. Mr. CHAN Pok-chi enquired about the effectiveness of thermal imaging cameras ("TICs") in eliminating rodent problem, as well as the planning for future usage of the equipment. Besides, he also enquired about the implementation situation of new refuse collection facilities in rural areas.

26. Mr. WU Cheuk-him's comments were as follows:

- (i) He hoped that the Market Modernisation Programme would be launched at Tai Po Hui Market and Plover Cove Road Market. The operation of business operators had become increasingly difficult as impacted by the craze for going north for

spending among members of the public. He hoped that the department would collaborate with the Science Park to study how to revitalise the markets through the use of technology and to explore changes to their operational mode, with a view to attracting people flow and boosting local economy.

- (ii) He suggested that the department work with the management companies of private markets to install TICs thereat in order to accurately understand rats' habits, thereby proposing targeted measures to strengthen anti-rodent effectiveness.
- (iii) He hoped that the seven aqua privies ("APs") in rural areas in the district could be converted into flushing public toilets ("PTs") as soon as possible, and suggested that studies be conducted on the use of "Modular Integrated Construction" ("MiC") for the construction of PTs.

27. Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen suggested that the department step up the management and patrol of PTs so as to swiftly address the problem of refuse on major roads, planters and various hygiene blackspots. Moreover, he hoped that the APs in rural areas could be converted into flushing PTs as soon as possible.

28. Mr. WONG Wai-tung suggested that the department set out in future work reports the work situations and improvement progress of locations in the district where littering and other cleanliness offences often occurred.

29. Mr. CHAN Yung-wa said that with the rainy season coming soon, the department should properly clear up fallen leaves to reduce accumulation, so as to prevent mosquito breeding and blockage of drains.

30. Mr. MUI Ching-hung said that quite a number of drivers or passengers had tended to litter from vehicles to roadside planters, posing dangers to FEHD workers during cleanup. He suggested that Internet Protocol ("IP") cameras be installed at relevant littering blackspots to enhance deterrence.

31. Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex, asked the department to consult village heads and villagers before deciding on the design of village-type refuse collection points ("RCPs").

32. Mr. WAN Koon-kau enquired about the operation of IP cameras at village-type RCPs, as well as the number of prosecutions related to illegal dumping of rubbish.

33. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu asked the department to include Po Yick Street as an anti-mosquito and pest control service location. Besides, she suggested establishing a reporting system to allow members of the public to report the littering behaviour on roads using footage captured by

dashcam.

34. Mr. YU Chi-wing suggested deploying additional plain-clothes officers for patrol so as to step up law enforcement against dog walkers who failed to dispose of dog excreta properly.

35. Mr. LEE Man-kit suggested using infrared technology to expedite the handling of water seepage problems in buildings.

36. Regarding Members' suggestions and questions, Mr. Patrick MA of FEHD responded as follows:

(i) The planters mentioned by Ms. Jeanne LEE were located at Jade Plaza, and the planters in question were under the management of the Link Asset Management Limited ("Link"). Most of the rubbish there was plastic bottles filled with iced water originally for keeping the goods fresh, but shops nearby poured the water into the planters after unloading and disposed of the plastic bottles in the planters. The department had notified the Link and HD about the situation. Even though the area concerned was not managed by the FEHD, it would immediately notify the outsourced contractor for cleanup upon receipt of notification. Besides, the department found that there were cracks at the bottom of planters there as well as water seepage, which led to the accumulation of water. Upon discovery of the situation, the department would also notify the outsourced contractor forthwith to clean or use street cleaning vehicle for cleaning.

(ii) The FEHD previously monitored rodent infestation by using the ratio of sweet potato baits gnawed by rodents, but it was found to be ineffective, and therefore the department had used TICs in public places since last year to monitor rodent activities. The survey in each district lasted for three days and was generally updated every six months. Around 100 locations in public places would be selected each time for the survey for installation of TICs, and the scope of survey this year would be extended to PRH estates and LCSD venues to make the survey more representative. As for whether TICs could be installed at private housing estates, the department would ask the private housing estates whether they would be willing to do so and provide supplementary information in due course.

(Post-meeting note: While the FEHD had yet to update the instruction on the installation of TICs in private housing estates for the time being, it would now also adopt targeted anti-rodent measures at locations with active rodent activities, and conduct joint operations with relevant organisations or property management practitioners to enhance the effectiveness of rodent disinfection.)

(iii) The FEHD hoped to convert progressively village-type RCPs and bin sites into new aluminum RCPs equipped with solar sensors, foot pedals or compacting

functions. At present, there were approximately 40 new refuse collection facilities in Tai Po District, with the majority of them located in rural areas and around 30 of them were solar-powered RCPs. For locations where solar-powered RCPs could not be installed due to geographical or environmental constraints, pedal-controlled RCPs would be installed instead.

- (iv) The occupancy rates of Tai Po Hui Market and Plover Cove Road Market were 99 per cent and 78 per cent respectively. Since the electricity supply for some stalls in Plover Cove Road Market needed to be improved, open auction could not be arranged for the time being. Even though the department had proposed to upgrade the electrical installations for the entire market, the proposal had met with opposition from some stall tenants as it would require temporary suspension of business. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (“EMSD”) was in the process of upgrading the electrical installations for the stalls one by one, and the works would take some time to complete before open auction could be conducted.

(Post-meeting note: As of 31 May, the occupancy rates of Tai Po Hui Market and Plover Cove Road Market were 98 per cent and 71 per cent respectively. Part of the electrical works of Plover Cove Road Market had been completed, and the stalls had been put up for open auction progressively. Five stalls were put up for open auction on 8 May 2025, and two of them were successfully leased out.)

- (v) At present, there were seven APs in Tai Po District, among which the AP in Wai Ha Village had already been arranged for conversion into a flushing PT. The department was currently consulting the Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) and Water Services Department (“WSD”) on the feasibility of converting the remaining APs into flushing PTs. As some of the PTs were remotely located (such as in Tung Ping Chau and Tseng Tau Tsuen), they might not be connected to water pipes or sewers.
- (vi) At present, the ArchSD had been adopting MiC in the construction of PTs, but no special publicity had been made in this regard. The construction of PTs by MiC was subject to whether MiC could match with the underground drains at the locations concerned. If necessary, the department could provide more information. As the construction of PTs required consideration of a number of factors, including usage rate, geographical factors, and government resources, the FEHD would continue to study various feasible options with the ArchSD.
- (vii) In the past, the cleansing of PTs was undertaken by street cleansing service contractors, but the department found that there was room for improvement in the management of PTs. As such, starting from 2025, all street cleansing service contracts would be handled separately from those of PT management service. The street cleansing service contract for Tai Po District would be renewed in

August, and he hoped that such arrangement could enhance the management and cleanliness of PTs.

- (viii) The department would set out in future Work Plans the work situation of locations in the district where littering and other cleanliness offences were frequent.
- (ix) Members could provide more information on locations with piles of fallen leaves after the meeting to facilitate the follow-up by the department.
- (x) In response to drivers or passengers littering from vehicles to planters at roundabouts or adjacent to carriageways, the department had, since March 2025, installed a total of 30 IP cameras at central dividers on suitable roads across the territory, two of which were in Tai Po District, namely Dai Fuk Street near Yuen Shin Road (westbound) and Ting Kok Road near Tai Ping Industrial Centre (eastbound) respectively. In response to Members' request, the department planned to later relocate the IP camera at Ting Kok Road near Tai Ping Industrial Centre (eastbound) to Hong Lok Yuen roundabout so as to crack down on littering from vehicles by drivers and passengers at the said spot. With the use of IP cameras, the FEHD had issued a total of 144 summons to relevant offenders in 2024.
- (xi) The department would certainly obtain prior consent of the village head before the installation of each village-type RCP on details including the location and design of the RCP.
- (xii) The department would follow up on the suggestion to include Po Yick Street as a service location.
- (xiii) The department had been informed by Members from time to time, and would step up cleansing work at locations where there were more people walking their dogs, as well as would deploy plain-clothes officers to enforce the law. In 2024, the department had initiated seven prosecutions against offenders who had failed to properly clean up after their dogs.
- (xiv) Water seepage problems were currently handled by the Joint Office for Investigation of Water Seepage Complaints. In general, water seepage investigation would be conducted in three stages: Stages I and II were undertaken by the FEHD, which normally conducted colour water test to check whether there was drainage pipe seepage; whereas the Buildings Department ("BD") would carry out professional investigation in Stage III using methods such as ponding test for floor slabs, infrared thermography and microwave tomography. In units where the relevant testing technologies could not be applied, tests would be carried out in conventional methods. As to whether more advanced new technologies were available, the department would enquire with the BD in due course. To his knowledge, no more advanced technologies would be used in the next one to two

years.

37. The Chairman said that Members could continue to follow up on the work of FEHD through the relevant committees.

38. Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris, Ms. LAU Fung-yi, Connie, and Miss LEE Mei-yee, May, of LCSD briefed on the District Work Plan of LCSD as set out in Appendix III to the captioned paper.

39. Mr CHAN Tsz-kin asked about the refurbishment timetable of Kwong Fuk Football Ground (“KFFG”).

40. Mr. LEE Hong-cheung suggested that more greening activities be held to raise public awareness of caring for the environment.

41. Mr. WAN Koon-kau’s comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) He asked about the refurbishment timetable of KFFG.
- (ii) He hoped that the department would strike a balance between public health and environmental greening in handling the issue of fluffy cotton of Red Kapok Trees.
- (iii) There was a boat club near the finish line of the Cross Tolo Harbour Open Race with vessels cruising in and out from time to time, thus posing danger to race participants. He asked the LCSD and TPDO to coordinate to ensure the safety of participants.

42. Ms. LOK Siu-luen suggested that the online application procedures for recreation and sports activities be streamlined to facilitate the elderly to enrol in the activities.

43. In response to Members’ suggestions and questions, Mr. Harris FUNG of LCSD responded collectively as follows:

- (i) On Members’ hope and suggestion of adding more greening or elderly activities in the annual programme plan, the department would strive to adjust and enhance the programme plan as resources permitted to meet public demand.
- (ii) The SmartPLAY smart self-service stations were available for public use at LCSD District Leisure Services Offices and recreation and sports venues, and there were also on-site staff to provide assistance.
- (iii) The LCSD had been keeping in view the issue of fluffy cotton of Red Kapok Trees and had also sought advice from professionals (including that of the Hong Kong Medical Association), and the advice was that the fluffy cotton of Red Kapok Trees

had no implications on human health. The department understood that members of the public might find the swaying of fluffy cotton in the breeze a nuisance, and it would maintain close liaison with the FEHD to step up clearing when it entered the season where fluffy cotton started swaying in the breeze. In preparation for the onset of the rainy season, the department would also prune the trees as appropriate and carry out precautionary work against typhoons.

- (iv) The boat club at the finish line of the Cross Tolo Harbour Open Race was not under the purview of LCSD. The department would try to coordinate the arrangements.
- (v) The Leisure and Cultural Services Works (LCSW) Group had reserved resources for the full-scale refurbishment of KFFG. The scale and cost of the works were relatively large as the department would take the latest artificial turf type (i.e. similar to that of the artificial turf at Kwong Fuk Park Football Pitch) as the refurbishment standard. At present, the works departments were carrying out pre-tender work, including a detailed study of the pitch condition and the design of the tender content. The department had urged the relevant works departments to take the tendering process forward as soon as possible. However, as the tendering process involved a large sum of money, it took longer time. The department was aware that the existing pitch quality of KFFG was not ideal, and would therefore carry out minor repairs to the KFFG artificial turf during the transitional period, and had already arranged for a large-scale re-turfing of areas in a state of serious wear and tear to be carried out in May. The department would continue to keep the situation in view and arrange for suitable re-turfing and maintenance work as resources permitted. Members were welcome to continue to provide comments for maintaining the quality of the pitch concerned.

44. The Chairman said that the facility upgrading works of Tai Po Civic Centre (“TPCC”) were expected to be completed at the end of the year and the entire community was eagerly looking forward to its reopening. The TPDC and LCSD had been, on an on-going basis, closely following up on the arrangements for the reopening of facilities, venue booking and ways to disseminate information in the community, while the department would also arrange for Members to a site visit.

45. Ms. LAU Fung-yi, Connie, of LCSD said that the LCSD was scheduled to report on the TPCC reopening arrangements at the meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (“CCRC”) to be held on 8 May. The department was currently arranging a site visit and briefing for the Chairman, Members, district groups and institutions. Invitations would be extended through the TPDO once there was further information.

46. The Chairman said that TPCC was an important district facility. The TPDC would continue to follow up on the matters with the LCSD through relevant committees.

47. Mr. MA Wai-hing, Adrian, of HKPF briefed on the District Work Plan of HKPF as set out in Appendix IV to the captioned paper.

48. Regarding the installation of closed circuit televisions (“CCTVs”) in rural areas by the Police, TPDO and RCs, the Chairman said that the TPDO was in close liaison with the RCs and Care Teams in rural areas on the arrangements. The installation of CCTVs in rural areas would not only help fight crimes, but also support singleton/doubleton elderly households thereat, such as by helping family members to keep track of the elderly’s whereabouts through CCTVs installed outside household doors. The Fight Crime Committee (“FCC”) had also mentioned that there had recently been an upward trend of burglary cases. Villagers could detect suspicious persons in their villages through CCTVs and notify the village heads and the Police, while the Police could deploy manpower to step up patrols. The TPDO would continue to explore room for cooperation with the Police, Care Teams and villagers.

49. Mr. LEE Hong-cheung suggested that secondary school students be invited to join the Little Grape Ambassadors Programme, and that the Project PACER be put forward on a regular basis in collaboration with the university in the district. In addition, he also suggested that the Police and Members’ ward offices work together to publicise Project VISION (視破計劃). Regarding Project VISION, members of the public might be concerned about the issue of privacy protection, and he suggested that the Police could underline the benefits of CCTVs by sharing examples of the use of them to detect crimes and handle livelihood issues (such as traffic congestion).

50. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu suggested that the Police step up efforts in combatting the problems of vice, gambling and drugs in the district. On combatting illegal gambling, she suggested that reports on the Police carrying out law enforcement actions be displayed at the scenes to enhance the deterrent effect. As for the problem of on-street prostitutes, a multi-pronged approach should be adopted. Apart from stepping up patrols by the Police, she suggested that the FEHD increase the frequency of street washing at specific locations so as to deter on-street prostitutes from gathering and hanging around.

51. Mr. LO Hiu-fung asked about the locations in Tai Po District where CCTVs would be planned to be installed, and whether signs of “CCTV in Operation” would be displayed in the vicinity of relevant CCTVs.

52. Mr. YU Chi-wing agreed with the expansion of the Little Grape Ambassadors Programme to include secondary school and elderly groups. Meanwhile, Project VISION could enhance law and order in the community, and he hoped that the Police could join hands with the community to combat fraudsters.

53. Mr. MUI Siu-fung suggested that the Police use smart technology to ensure smooth traffic

flow and effective law enforcement.

54. Mr. WU Cheuk-him suggested that law enforcement be stepped up to address the problem of street prostitution. In addition, there were shops in Tung Mau Square suspected of holding marketing talks that targeted at the elderly, and he suggested that the Police distribute anti-scam leaflets there.

55. The Chairman also suggested that anti-scam leaflets be distributed jointly with the FCC.

56. In response to Members' suggestions and questions, Mr. Adrian MA of HKPF responded as follows:

- (i) The Little Grape Ambassadors Programme had been implemented since 2021. As the number of scam cases was on a continuous rise at that time, approachable upper primary students were arranged to serve as Little Grape Ambassadors to promote anti-scam messages to the public. Consideration might also be given to extending the Programme to junior secondary students in the future. The Police had been conducting anti-scam talks at secondary schools and universities, actively holding anti-scam talks for various groups of people through the Senior Police Call and Care Teams activities, as well as disseminating anti-scam messages to various trades (such as banks and exchange shops), in the hope of preventing scam cases and minimising victims' loss. The Police would explore with the Police Community Relations Office ("PCRO") the resources required for and the feasibility of the expansion of the Programme.
- (ii) The Police would recruit university students to be Police Constables (Auxiliary) through the Auxiliary Undergraduate Scheme, and had also held recruitment talks from time to time at various tertiary institutions in the past. The Police would work with PCRO to study increasing the number of recruitment talks.
- (iii) The Police would prioritise the installation of CCTVs in areas with higher crime rates or larger people flow. CCTVs were relatively sizeable and easily noticeable by the public, and the Police would also display signs of "CCTV in Operation". The Police would provide the locations where CCTVs were to be installed in Tai Po after the meeting.
- (iv) The Special Duties Squad of the Police and the Immigration Department had continued to mount joint operations against street prostitution, but arrests could be made only with concrete evidence. The Special Duties Squad had to deal with the problems of vice, gambling and drugs at the same time, and would allocate manpower according to the priority of the problems. Should Members have any intelligence, they could notify PCRO in the hope of minimising the impact on the public.

- (v) At present, the officers of the Police Traffic Management Division would monitor real-time traffic conditions through the CCTV system of the TD, and would deploy officers to handle traffic congestion or accidents at the scene when such occurrences were found. However, the CCTVs concerned did not have a recording function. The Police would upgrade some of the cameras in the future, such that they would be equipped with recording or license plate recognition functions to support the recognition and tracking of fleeing vehicles. Such measures had made use of technology to prevent and detect crimes, while facilitating resource consolidation. He pointed out as an example that in the past, when handling a traffic accident with no injuries, the Police had to deploy officers to attend the scene. Now that the Police console had been enhanced, the two parties involved in the collision would be instructed over the phone on how to handle the situation and provided with a case number. The driver at fault could drive away without waiting for the Police to attend the scene, thereby reducing congestion time.
- (vi) The Police could make an appointment with Members to distribute anti-scam leaflets outside shops at Tong Mau Square together with members of the Senior Police Call and Care Teams. He believed that it would be more effective in communication to have members of the Senior Police Call conducting publicity to the elderly.

57. Ms. CHENG Nga-see, Ellen, of CEDD briefed on the District Work Plan of CEDD as set out in Appendix V to the captioned paper.

58. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu's comments were as follows:

- (i) The works of “Provision of Universal Accessibility Facilities at Footbridges, Elevated Walkways and Subways — Package 5 Contract 3” (“PUAFFEWS — Package 5 Contract 3”) had been underway for a long time. She hoped that its progress could be expedited.
- (ii) The works of “PUAFFEWS — Package 8 Contract 1” would involve the retrofitting of a lift at the footbridge (Structure No. KF04) spanning across Plover Cove Road near Kwong Yan House, Kwong Fuk Estate (“Retrofitting of Lift at PCR Footbridge”). The project was not initiated by her, and she had visited the site with the works contractor and provided suggestions for improvement, but no modifications had been made by the department. She pointed out that the enclosure of the construction site would cause obstruction to nearby passengers waiting for buses and there was a flooding problem on the podium in Kwong Fuk Estate, while the location of the lift was not connected to the nearby shopping centre by covered walkway. She suggested that an alternative site be selected

in this regard.

59. Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan said that on the project of “Drainage Improvement Works in Tai Po (“DIWTP”) — Phase 1”, residents and the school near the stormwater storage tank had reflected that the entrance/exit for large vehicles of the construction site was too close to the school, posing a safety risk to students. She hoped to follow up on the suggestion to set up an alternative entrance/exit for large vehicles on Tai Wo Road, as well as the progress of the Traffic Impact Assessment of the road.

60. Mr. CHAN Cho-leung said that the problem of water pressure at Ng Tung Chai Village, Chai Kek Village and Pak Ngau Shek Tsuen remained unresolved, and hoped that the CEDD would propose a works plan to resolve the problem completely.

61. Mr. WU Cheuk-him said that the works timetable of “Tolo Harbour Sewerage of Unsewered Areas, Stages 2 and 3” was still under review, and hoped that the department would reflect this to the relevant bureaux to prioritise the laying of sewerage systems in rural areas of Tai Po.

62. Mr. Rex LI’s comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) The department had mentioned in its works progress report in 2017 that a sewerage drainage system would be constructed in Sai Kung North in 2031, but no timetable had been available to date.
- (ii) He asked about the completion time for the sewerage system works at Nin Wah Road and Nin Ming Road (Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary).
- (iii) He asked about the timetable for pipeline connection of the sewerage system works at Villa Rhapsody and Villa Concerto of Symphony Bay.

63. In response to Members’ comments and questions, Ms. Ellen CHENG responded as follows:

- (i) On the works of “PUAFFEWS — Package 5 Contract 3”, she responded on behalf of the HyD that the works were currently undergoing test pit excavation, as it was necessary to first confirm that the underground utilities beneath the lift would not impede the foundation works; otherwise, the works would have to be re-routed or have its design modified. The department understood that the works would cause inconvenience to the public and that members of the public were deeply concerned about the works progress. She would reflect Members’ comments to the HyD after the meeting and review whether the works could be expedited, in the hope of minimising the impact on the public.

(Post-meeting note: The project team of HyD conducted a site visit on 16 June with Ms. WONG Pik-kiu and Mr. MUI Siu-fung at the footbridge (Structure No. KF02)

where a lift was proposed to be retrofitted and reported on the latest progress. As the said footbridge (Structure No. KF02) fell under the purview of the HD, the HyD had to submit a complete design and construction plan to the HD before commencement of construction. The contractor could only go forward with the works after obtaining the approval from the HD. The HyD contractor was currently carrying out test pit excavation to review the relocation plans for the existing underground utilities and the design of the lift tower foundation, and would have to submit any proposed changes to the design for the vetting of the HD.)

- (ii) Regarding the Retrofitting of Lift at PCR Footbridge, she would reflect to the HyD the flooding problem on the podium in Kwong Fuk Estate, as well as comments on the lack of a covered walkway connecting to other areas, and would respond after the meeting.
- (iii) There was no information on the stormwater storage tank works at the moment, and she would follow up on the arrangements for adjusting the entrance/exit for large vehicles with the DSD after the meeting, in the hope of minimising the impact on the nearby school.
- (iv) She was aware that Members had followed up with the WSD on the water pressure problem at Ng Tung Chai Village, Chai Kek Village and Pak Ngau Shek Tsuen. The department would find out from the WSD after the meeting about the situation. Relevant drainage works would be followed up by the DSD.
- (v) The works timetable for the provision of a sewerage system in the rural areas was currently under review. The department would convey Members' concerns about the need and urgency for pipeline connection to the DSD, but hoped Members could understand that the implementation schedule for various water works would be adjusted with due regard to the priority of these projects and the fiscal position of the Government.

64. Mr. LI Yiu-ban said that the sewerage need of Shap Sze Heung was on a rise with the growing resident population, and it was in urgent need for an expeditious completion of the sewerage system so as to prevent pollution of Tolo Harbour.

65. Mr. WAN Koon-kau asked about the details of carrying out "DIWTP — Remaining Works" in Ping Long.

66. Ms. Ellen CHENG of CEDD responded as follows:

- (i) The Environment and Ecology Bureau ("EEB") and the DSD were both highly concerned about the impact of sewage on the environment. The department would reflect Members' views on the Shap Sze Heung sewerage system to the

DSD, and remind the DSD to reflect the importance of the matter to the EEB.

- (ii) There was no information on the drainage improvement works in Ping Long Village at the moment. The DSD would be asked to directly report to the relevant Members after the meeting.

67. The Chairman said that the departments would submit their Work Plans to the Full Council annually, and the TPDC also had the DFWC. If necessary, Members could follow up on relevant projects at the DFWC. The TPDC would, when necessary, also invite representatives from departments which were not of regular attendance to attend meetings, so as to brief Members on the progress of relevant projects.

68. Ms. Esther SZETO of HD briefed on the District Work Plan of HD as set out in Appendix VI to the captioned paper.

69. Mr. WU Cheuk-him requested the department to follow up with him on matters relating to the implementation of estate improvement works in Tai Yuen Estate after the meeting. In addition, he suggested that the use of electric mobility devices (“EMDs”) in housing estates be included under the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates (“Marking Scheme”).

70. Mr. LEE Man-kit said that there had been a recent increase in the use of EMDs in housing estates. In addition, some members of the public had reflected that they had received leaflets on illicit cigarettes in their mailboxes, and he asked the department to follow up on it.

71. Ms. Jeanne LEE was pleased to learn that the department had been carrying out whitewashing in the public areas of Tai Yuen Estate, and hoped that the issue of uneven ground surfaces could be dealt with concurrently.

72. Mr. YU Chi-wing suggested that the HD check the condition of electrical wiring for flats in housing estates where the wiring had been in use for a relatively long period of time to avoid a fire caused by short-circuiting.

73. In response to Members’ comments and questions, Ms. Esther SZETO of HD responded as follows:

- (i) She would follow up with the relevant Members on comments on the implementation of estate improvement works in Tai Yuen Estate after the meeting.
- (ii) She would reflect the suggestion of including the use of EMDs in housing estates under the Marking Scheme to the relevant section for consideration.

- (iii) The HD had been conducting joint publicity operations with relevant departments to combat illicit cigarette activities in housing estates. If suspected illicit cigarette activities were found in housing estates, the department would take timely follow-up actions and reflect them to relevant departments.
- (iv) For PRH flats with electrical wiring that had been in use for many years, the HD would conduct inspections and carry out replacement works having regard to the condition of the wiring. In addition, the department would step up publicity on safety of power use and pay special attention to singleton and doubleton elderly households to minimize the risk of fire.

74. Ms. WONG Yee-fang, Eva, of TD briefed on the District Work Plan of TD as set out in Appendix VII to the captioned paper.

75. Mr. LEE Man-kit suggested that KMB route 271 plying between Tai Po (Fu Heng) and West Kowloon Station of High Speed Rail be operated by buses equipped with luggage racks.

76. Ms. Jeanne LEE suggested the installation of countdown timers on pedestrian crossing lights at the intersection near Tai Po Centre, Eightland Gardens and Jade Plaza.

77. Mr. WU Cheuk-him asked about the progress of the Traffic and Transport Review Study for Tai Po (“TTRSTP”).

78. Mr. LI Yiu-ban suggested that the TD discuss with the bus companies the introduction of two-way section fares for long-haul bus routes so that passengers could travel on these routes at lower fares.

79. Mr. MUI Siu-fung said that Members had been striving continuously to improve the ancillary transport facilities in Tai Po to and from the boundary control points, such as upgrading the service of route B8 to and from Shap Sze Heung and Liantang Port/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point (“HYW BCP”). He hoped that the department could provide a response at the meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee (“TTC”).

80. In response to Members’ comments and questions, Ms. Eva WONG of TD responded as follows:

- (i) The department would explore with the bus companies on the operation of bus routes with suitable vehicle types.
- (ii) The suggestion of installing countdown timers on pedestrian crossing lights would be referred to the Traffic Engineering Division for follow-up after the meeting.
- (iii) Departmental engineers had earlier circulated the findings of TTRSTP to Members

through the Secretariat. As the next step, the department would study the feasibility of traffic improvement recommendations with the works departments, and the project implementation timetable would be determined based on resources, feasibility and traffic demand priorities.

- (iv) The department had all along been encouraging the bus companies to offer concessionary fares to passengers where resources permitted, but the two-way section fare measure had to be handled with care. For instance, consideration had to be given to whether such concessions would lead to the issue of “taking long-haul routes for short journeys” or affect the demand of passengers for other modes of transport. Members might make suggestions to the TD on individual routes and the department would examine carefully their feasibility.
- (v) Owing to space constraints at the HYW BCP Public Transport Interchange, it was impossible to allow all districts to be served by direct bus routes to the BCP. The department encouraged the public to choose the existing public transport services and make full use of the interchange arrangements to make effective use of the resources. The department had taken note of Members’ comments and would keep a close watch on the service level and passenger demand of the existing bus routes with the bus companies, and explore with them the feasibility of adjusting the services in a timely manner.

81. The Chairman thanked the departments for briefing Members on their Work Plans for 2025-2026. She asked Members to continue to follow up at the relevant committees as necessary.

III. Highways Department — Larger-scale footpath resurfacing works in Tai Po District (TPDC Paper No. 12/2025)

82. Mr. SUN Chung-leung of HyD briefed on the captioned paper.

83. Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan was pleased to learn that the pavement of Chui Lok Street would be resurfaced and hoped that the department by then would pay attention to the problem of uneven ground surface caused by the roots of large trees there. In addition, simple resurfacing works had been carried out at Ting Kok Road near the traffic lights at Treasure Garden but failed to address the problem of stagnant water. She wished to know whether the department had any plan to resurface the surface of carriageway there.

84. Mr. MUI Siu-fung said that as Ma Chung Road and Ma Wo Road would be widened or modified in future as a result of the PRH developments in the vicinity, it would be a waste to resurface the relevant road sections now.

85. Mr. MAK Shing-ho, Gary, asked whether the department had any plan to replace the tactile guide paths for the visually impaired in the district with anti-skid materials, and suggested that anti-skid materials be used to pave the tactile guide paths for the visually impaired in future.

86. Ms. LOK Siu-luen said that the department would accord priority to resurfacing pavements in the vicinity of new residential developments. She suggested that public opinion on the resurfacing locations could be collected in future, and that monitoring of the materials used in the works could be stepped up.

87. Mr. LO Hiu-fund said that there were quite a number of large trees on both sides of Ma Chung Road and Ma Wo Road, and he would like to know the specific operation of the footpath resurfacing works by the department and whether the works would be kept away from the tree roots on the roads. As there were quite many works projects being carried out on the periphery concurrently, he asked the department when the relevant footpath resurfacing works would commence and whether they would be carried out in phases. In addition, he suggested that the HyD establish a mechanism to review the surface conditions of pavements with relatively high pedestrian flow in the district and resurface them as and when necessary.

88. Mr. CHAN Cho-leung suggested that the department give priority to tackling the problem of uneven pavement surface caused by the roots of large trees. In addition, as some carriageway surfaces had been deformed soon after the resurfacing, he hoped that the department would strengthen the monitoring of relevant materials used.

89. Mr. WONG Wai-tung considered that road sections with uneven surface due to the roots of large trees were in more urgent need of resurfacing, and suggested that the department could consult Members before selecting locations for resurfacing works in future. In addition, he would like to know the details of the resurfacing works to be carried out at Chui Lok Street, including the works commencement date, work sequence and arrangements for pavement enclosure, etc.

90. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu said that the department had not properly levelled the ground surface after removing the granites from the footpaths on both sides of Lam Tsuen River. In addition, as some of the granites beside trees and under benches were no longer useful but had not yet been removed, she hoped that the department would follow up on it.

91. The Chairman said that the TPDC was keen to have the HyD attended the meetings when the relevant items were discussed. It was of great significance to Members to be able to learn about the progress of works and reflect their views directly to the department at the meetings.

92. Mr. LI Yiu-ban said that the road surface of the unextended section of Sai Sha Road (from Mak Pin roundabout to Tai Tung Tsuen) had become thicker as a result of repeated resurfacing,

and the road surface and drain gullies along the road did not align. He asked the department to explore ways to resolve the problem to ensure driving safety.

93. Mr. LEE Man-kit suggested that priority be given to carrying out footpath resurfacing works outside Tai Yuen Market and Yuen Shin Market.

94. In response to Members' comments and questions, Mr. SUN Chung-leung of HyD responded collectively as follows:

- (i) The department had plans to resurface the carriageway near Treasure Garden to address the problem of stagnant water.
- (ii) The resurfacing works at Ma Wo Road for the section of footpath from Ma Shing Path to Tat Wan Road would only be carried out upon completion of the site formation works by the CEDD.
- (iii) The department would reflect the issue of tactile guide paths for the visually impaired at Heung Sze Wui Road to the ArchSD.
- (iv) The resurfacing locations were determined based on pedestrian flow and condition of pavers, and not on new residential developments.
- (v) The HyD would work with the LCSD in tackling the tree root problem by inspecting the condition of the tree roots after removing the pavers, and the LCSD would examine whether it could assist in removing the tree roots. In addition, the Development Bureau had plans to remove trees causing uneven ground surface in the district, such as the trees at Tai Po Central Bus Terminus, and would carry out levelling works at Tai Po Tai Wo Road and Plover Cove Road to address the tree root problem which would provide an opportunity to remove trees causing uneven pavement surface.
- (vi) Members were welcome to give their views on the locations of footpaths where they would like to see resurfaced and the department could also attend the TPDC meetings to listen to their views if necessary. The department would carry out the works as prioritised.
- (vii) There was no implementation schedule for the resurfacing works at Chui Lok Street at present. If necessary, the department could attend relevant committee meetings to explain the arrangements for the footpath resurfacing works.
- (viii) Regarding the situation of Sai Sha Road, he would reflect the views to the relevant responsible officers for follow-up action.
- (ix) The department would inspect the conditions of ground surface outside Tai Yuen Market and Yuen Shin Market, and arrange resurfacing works to be carried out if necessary.

95. The Chairman thanked the HyD for attending the TPDC meeting, and looked forward to strengthening co-operation with the HyD on district affairs.

IV. Follow-up on the improvement proposal for facilities on both sides of Lam Tsuen River
(TPDC Paper No. 13/2025)

96. The Secretary briefed on the captioned paper.

97. Mr. SUN Chung-leung of HyD briefed on the part of the captioned paper on resurfacing of footpaths and cycle tracks.

98. Mr. LEE Chi-kin, Clive, of CEDD gave a brief account of the follow-up work on the touch-up of the river bank of Lam Tsuen River. He pointed out that in September 2023, two low walls of the river bank of Lam Tsuen River near Tai Po Centre were damaged and after reinstatement, there were comments that their pattern was not consistent with the neighbouring low walls. After inspection, the department proposed to make reference to the style of existing stone walls in the vicinity by adding a stone-like coating of a relatively similar colour to the walls.

99. Mr. MUI Siu-fung said that he had conducted a site visit and considered that the anti-skid effect of the new material used was satisfactory after resurfacing of footpaths by the HyD, but the black colour was relatively heat-absorbent and not visually appealing. He suggested that other colours of material be used. In addition, he also asked whether the CEDD would carry out beautification works for the concrete at the top of the low walls concerned.

100. Mr. WU Cheuk-him suggested that the CEDD apply a stone-like coating to a small portion of the low walls of the river bank to see if the result was ideal. At present, Kwong Fuk Bridge Garden and Nam Wan Road Sitting-out Area (“SOA”) were not suitable for dog walking. He suggested that the LCSD provide additional relevant ancillary facilities (such as washing facilities for pets). In addition, he hoped that the contents of the heritage trail could be more coherent and closely related to the history of Tai Po. He would follow up on this issue after the meeting.

101. Mr. WONG Wai-tung asked how the HyD would remove the granite from the footpath surface and the commencement time of the relevant works.

102. Ms. LOK Siu-luen said that members of the public were keen to have more portable toilets on both sides of Lam Tsuen River. Members had made a site visit with the FEHD to give suggestion on the locations, but the department had rejected the suggestion on grounds of various factors. She suggested that the department propose a feasible option.

103. Mr. Gary MAK asked about the tolerance of footpath materials to dirt.

104. The Chairman noted Members' request for toilets on both sides of Lam Tsuen River, which would be further followed up with the FEHD by the Secretariat after the meeting. In addition, regarding the comments on footpath materials, she suggested that Members follow up with the HyD in detail after the meeting.

105. Ms. Jeanne LEE welcomed the setting up of Inclusive Parks for Pets without affecting other members of the public. She suggested that an area at Nam Wan Road SOA be enclosed by low scrubs so that pets would be allowed to move around without leashes.

106. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu said that the HyD expected the testing of new material for footpath surface would be completed by the end of October 2025, but she hoped that the testing could be completed in this month. In addition, she would like to know the commencement date of the works for additional barrier-free facilities.

107. In response to Members' comments on the resurfacing with new material, Mr. SUN Chung-leung of HyD responded as follows:

- (i) The resurfacing of footpath with new material would be carried out in October as the material worked better in relatively dry conditions, during which its effectiveness in the rainy season could also be tested. The department would start removing the granite next to the trees in August.
- (ii) The department had conducted tests and found that using white material for paving the surface was very easy to get dirty and worn out. As such, black material was chosen eventually.

108. Regarding Members' comments on the coating of the low walls of river bank, Mr. Clive LEE of CEDD said that a stone-like coating would be applied to the concrete on top of the low walls of river bank so as to achieve consistency in the colour and pattern of the river bank as far as possible. In addition, the department would try to arrange with the contractor to provide a small amount of coating material for trial coating.

(Post-meeting note: After co-ordination with the contractor, the department provided a larger piece of the palette of stone-like coating for Members' reference. Members indicated that the suggested stone-like coating palette was acceptable, but would request for follow-up if the finished product had a large deviation.)

109. The Chairman suggested that Members continue to follow up with the HyD and CEDD after the meeting.

110. Regarding the opening up of existing LCSD venues for use as Inclusive Parks for Pets, Mr. Harris FUNG of LCSD said that dog excreta collection bins would normally be provided in Inclusive Parks for Pets, and washing facilities would be provided where permitted by the venues. To prevent pets from affecting other users when they were free to move around without a leash, an area had to be fenced off. If only low scrubs were used for fencing off the area, dogs could pass through the gaps in the scrubs, which was unsatisfactory. As such, the department would normally provide fences up to chest height. In addition, even though Nam Wan Road SOA was relatively large in size, it had a relatively high pedestrian flow. He suggested that a site visit be conducted by the department with Members and then decided whether it was suitable to set up a pet garden there.

111. Regarding the provision of additional portable toilets, Mr. Patrick MA of FEHD said that the department would need to confirm that the locations were permissible and that the portable toilet contractor could work with the department before portable toilets would be provided.

112. The Chairman said that the Works Section of TPDO would commence the works on the wheelchair access connecting Tai Po Tung Cheong Street Leisure Building (“Leisure Building”) and the footpath at Lam Tsuen River as soon as possible, which was expected to commence in the third quarter of this year.

V. **Suggestion for holding the Tai Po Lunar New Year Fair at the football pitch of Tai Po Tung Cheong Street Leisure Building**
(TPDC Paper Nos. 14/2025 and 14a/2025)

113. Mr. LAM Yick-kuen briefed on the captioned paper (No. 14/2025).

114. Mr. WU Cheuk-him said that the LCSD should upgrade the electrical equipment for the football pitch at the Leisure Building so as to provide one more venue for holding large-scale activities in the district.

115. Mr. WAN Koon-kau asked whether it was necessary to upgrade the electrical equipment before the Lunar New Year (“LNY”) Fair could be held, or else, he suggested that generators be rented first and then the suitability of the location be examined later.

116. Mr. Harris FUNG of LCSD said that the LCSD had taken note of Members’ concern about the power supply to the football pitch at the Leisure Building and had followed up with the EMSD, which had confirmed that the power supply at the venue was sufficient to support all large-scale events, including the holding of ordinary LNY Fair.

117. Mr. Patrick MA of FEHD said that the FEHD had an open mind on the selected site for LNY Fair, subject to the consent of TPDC. The LNY Fair would have to provide each stall tenant with an individual electricity meter for payment of electricity charges to the Government, and, at the same time, factors such as venue borrowing, size, electrical equipment, traffic arrangements, crowd control and emergency vehicular access would also need to be considered. If the proposal was supported, he hoped that the TPDO could co-ordinate inter-departmental meetings and site visits so as to have a clear picture of the actual operational arrangements.

118. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu said that if the LNY Fair was to be held at the football pitch at the Leisure Building, she suggested that the TPDO consider providing a free shuttle bus service to pick up the public.

119. The Chairman suggested that this agenda item be referred to the DFWC for follow-up.

(Post-meeting note: At the TPDC DFWC meeting held on 7 May 2025, Members agreed that the 2026 Tai Po LNY Fair would be relocated from the Tin Hau Temple Fung Shui Square to the football pitch at the Leisure Building, and that the FEHD would continue to liaise closely with the LCSD on matters relating to the electrical equipment at the venue. Members unanimously hoped that an inter-departmental meeting could be convened as soon as possible to follow up on issues such as toilets, public transport and the demand for loading and unloading of goods by stall tenants. The TPDO discussed the relevant matters at the Tai Po District Management Committee on 25 June and the FEHD would arrange to follow up on Members' suggestions.)

VI. Planning suggestions for Tai Ming Lane Square

(TPDC Paper No. 15/2025)

120. Mr. LAM Yick-kuen briefed on the captioned paper.

121. Mr. Harris FUNG of LCSD said that there was a performance stage in the centre of Tai Ming Lane Square and the stage had been upgraded in the early years for hiring by organisations for holding activities or putting up festive decorations. However, its utilisation rate was not high as only about ten activities were held there each year. Based on daily observations, the department found that there was a greater demand for open space in the Square. As such, consideration should be given to whether there was a need to expand the stage. Moreover, based on the experience of groups in organising activities, the provision of audio and lighting equipment of uniform specifications by the department might not be able to meet the needs of different groups. As such, under the existing practice, it would be more effective in terms of resource allocation for performing groups to make their own arrangements for lighting and audio. If necessary, the department hoped that funding could be secured through the DMW Programme for carrying out the improvement works of Tai Ming Lane Square.

122. Mr. LAM Yick-kuen suggested that the stage be converted into a multi-purpose space which could be used as an open space for public enjoyment when there were no performances.

123. Mr. WU Cheuk-him suggested that the performance stage be converted into a flat land to save space.

124. The Chairman suggested that this agenda item be referred to the DFWC for follow-up.

VII. Reports of Committees and Working Group under TPDC

(TPDC Paper No. 16/2025)

District Facilities and Works Committee

125. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu reported that the second meeting in 2025 of the DFWC was held on 5 March 2025, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee

126. Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen reported that the second meeting in 2025 of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee was held on 5 March 2025, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee

127. Mr. CHAN Cho-leung reported that the second meeting in 2025 of the CCRC was held on 6 March 2025, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

Traffic and Transport Committee

128. Mr. LI Yiu-ban reported that the second meeting in 2025 of the TTC was held on 6 March 2025, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

Social Welfare, Housing and Development Planning Committee

129. Mr. LO Hiu-fung reported that the second meeting in 2025 of the Social Welfare, Housing and Development Planning Committee was held on 7 March 2025, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

Working Group on Boosting Local Economy

130. Mr. LAM Yick-kuen reported that the second meeting in 2025 of the WG was held on 4 March 2025, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

VIII. Any other business

131. Members did not raise other business.

IX. Date of next meeting

132. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 8 July 2025 (Tuesday).

133. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

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