

## **Summary of the Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) was held on 25 September 2012. The major issues discussed were summarised as follows -

### **Visit of Director of Leisure and Cultural Services to Tsuen Wan District Council**

2. The Director of Leisure and Cultural Services briefed Members on the work of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LSCD). Members in general appreciated the LCSD's efforts in managing and improving community facilities in the district and indicated their support to the implementation of the Tso Kung Tam Valley Ecological Park Scheme by adopting the approach of "dealing with the simple issues before tackling the difficult ones". They put forth recommendations on the Community Libraries Partnership Scheme, extension of existing library services, sports centre at West Rail Tsuen Wan Area 6 site, support to district-based sports development, provision of recreational facilities such as beach volleyball court, water sports centre, cricket ground, pet park, grass soccer pitch, etc. The Director of Leisure and Cultural Services duly responded to Members' concerns and recommendations and the LCSD would introduce details of the Tso Kung Tam Valley Ecological Park Scheme to the Tsuen Wan District Facilities Management Committee in November.

### **Enhancing the Collaboration between Women's Commission and District Councils**

3. The Women's Commission (WoC) briefed Members on its work especially on strategy about gender mainstreaming and introduced two initiatives, namely the Funding Scheme for Women's Development and the Capacity Building Mileage Programme, for women's empowerment and community harmony. The Labour and Welfare Bureau appreciated the TWDC's funding allocation to district-based women training programme since 2009 and hoped to maintain close collaboration with the TWDC over promotion of women's issues. Members in general supported the work of the WoC and put forth recommendations on ways to further improve support to women at district level. In response, the WoC elaborated the Capacity Building Mileage Programme and stated that safeguarding women's safety was of prime concern and it had published reports on "Women's Safety in Hong Kong: Eliminating Domestic Violence" in 2006 and 2009 for public reference. Further opinions could be conveyed to the WoC through the gender focal point of the WoC in the TWDC.

### **2012-2013 Work Plan of the Yan Chai Hospital**

4. The Yan Chai Hospital (YCH) introduced its work plan in 2012-13, measures on retaining staff, caring culture, focal progress on YCH specialist development and community partnership scheme. Members praised YCH's services and facilities and indicated their concerns over YCH's medical services, recent cases on Novel Coronavirus and Hong Kong's current alert response level. The YCH duly responded to Members' concerns and pointed out that the Novel Coronavirus was comparatively less infectious, internal control guidance had been issued and the

Hospital Authority would stay vigilant to monitor its latest development.

### **“Employee Choice Arrangement” of Mandatory Provident Fund**

5. The Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (MPFA) gave Members a brief account of the operation of the MPF Employee Choice Arrangement (ECA) and preparations for its implementation, enhanced regulation of MPF intermediaries and efforts on publicity and education. Members expressed concerns over implementation details of ECA, Government’s provision of relevant advisory services, role of the MPFA and ways to ensure reasonable administrative charges by trustees, etc. In response, the MPFA further explained details of ECA and stated that implementation of ECA would help facilitate market competition so as to encourage trustees to reduce fees and provide better products and services. The “Trustee Service Comparative Platform” would be offered at the MPFA website to provide more information and MPF investment education would be enhanced to foster better understanding on investment risks.

### **Joint University Research Archive**

6. The University Grants Committee (UGC) Secretariat and the University of Hong Kong (HKU) introduced the proposed project of a Joint University Research Archive to be constructed at the site of ex-Kwai Chung Public School at Castle Peak Road. Members in general welcomed the proposal and put forth a number of recommendations. The TWDC in principle supported the proposed works project of the Joint University Research Archive and requested the UGC Secretariat and HKU to consider Members’ views on transport, design and other aspects.

### **Transport Services of Ma Wan**

7. The Transport Department (TD) briefed Members on improvement measures of Ma Wan’s transport, ferry and residential coach services and recommendations on further relaxation of urban taxis and coaches accessing Ma Wan. The Chairman stated that Ma Wan residents and residents’ organisations had reflected opinions on transport services of Ma Wan to the TD, Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited and Park Island Transport Company Limited and urged the three parties to give comprehensive consideration. Members expressed various views and recommendations concerning transport services of Ma Wan and the TD duly responded. The TWDC welcomed further relaxation of urban taxis and coaches accessing Ma Wan and requested the TD to maintain discussion with relevant stakeholders such as residents, residents’ organisations, rural committee and DC member of the constituency with a view to reaching a consensus and then brief the Traffic and Transport Committee.