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Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (4/17-18)

Date: 7 November 2017

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr WONG Wai-kit (Chairman)

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael, BBS, JP

Mr KOO Yeung-pong

Mr LI Hung-por

Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis

Ms LAM, Lam Nixie

Mr LAM Faat-kang, MH

The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, JP

Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen

Mr CHOW Ping-tim

Mr CHENG Chit-pun

Mr CHUNG Wai-ping, SBS, MH

Mr LO Siu-kit, MH

Mr TAM Hoi-pong

In Attendance:

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy Senior Executive Officer (District Council),
Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr YUNG Chi-wai Senior Inspector of Works (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen
Wan District Office

Mr LAU Shun-tak, Donald Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen
(Secretary) Wan District Office

Miss TAI Tsz-yan, Angie Executive Officer (Development), Tsuen Wan
District Office

Ms PUN Sze-yan, Mickey Executive Assistant (District Council)3, Tsuen
Wan District Office

Ms HO Sau-fan, Fanny Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris	District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms TSE Ka-ye, Carmen	Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Kit-ye, Kitty	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr TSE Hing-chit	Administrative Assistant Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 12th meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) and introduced the government representatives who attended the meeting for the first time, including:

- (1) Ms HO Sau-fan, Fanny, who replaced Ms CHEUNG Yuk-king Dilys to assume the post of Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD); and
- (2) Miss TAI Tsz-yan, Angie, who replaced Mr LEE Shing-fai, Henry, to assume the post of Executive Officer (Development) (EO(D)) of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO).

2. The Chairman reminded Members of section 28 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders that unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, a Member might speak and make supplementary remarks for each agenda item once respectively at the meeting. Each Member could speak up to 3 minutes each time.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 11th Meeting held on 5.9.2017

3. The Chairman said that the Secretariat did not receive any proposed amendment before the meeting. The minutes of the meeting were confirmed without amendment.

III Item 2: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

4. The Chairman said that there were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

IV Item 3: Proposed New Items under District Minor Works
(TWDC DFMC Paper No. 30/17-18)

5. EO(D) of TWDO and District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)) of the LCSD introduced two proposed new projects under district minor works in Tsuen Wan in 2017-18.

(Note: Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly, Mr KOT Siu-yuen and Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m. The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben left the meeting at 2:42 p.m. Mr WONG Ka-wa joined the meeting at 2:43 p.m.)

6. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he asked whether the materials used for maintaining the wooden pavilion in the improvement works to the two pavilions beside the catchwater of the Shing Mun Reservoir (Catchwater) in Tsuen Wan were wood (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (2) he asked whether the operation of the swimming pool would be affected in the course of the improvements to the pool water heating system of the indoor main pool in the Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool (Swimming Pool) (the Chairman);
- (3) he said that the two pavilions beside Catchwater had been used for a long time and the design of the wooden pavilion and concrete pavilion had become outdated as well. He therefore asked whether the project cost would be used for renovation or redevelopment of these pavilions (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
- (4) proposed to use new materials that facilitate integration with the environment of the Shing Mun Reservoir Country Park (Country Park) for the improvement project because the original material of constructing the concrete pavilion was easy to make the pavilion filthy (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping); and
- (5) he expected that the LCSD could replace the pool water heating system of the indoor main pool of Swimming Pool as soon as possible to avoid danger because the system had been used for 18 years (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping).

7. Senior Inspector of Works (Tsuen Wan) (SIOW(TW)) of TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) as the wooden pavilion situated near Country Park and Catchwater, the original design and material type of the wooden pavilion would remain unchanged for maintenance works;
- (2) the improvement works included addition provision of barrier-free access and handrails for use by people with disabilities; and
- (3) TWDO would carry out refurbishment for the concrete pavilion and there would be no substantial change to the structure of the pavilion. The finish material to be considered for use by TWDO would facilitate easier cleaning of the pavilion.

8. DLM(TW) of the LCSD said that the LCSD would not carry out the improvements to the pool water heating system of the indoor main pool of Swimming Pool in winter and thus the operation of the swimming pool would not be affected.

9. Members unanimously endorsed the fund application of \$2,220,000 in total for the two proposed new projects under district minor works in Tsuen Wan in 2017-18.

V Item 4: Report on Progress of District Minor Works
(TWDC DFMC Paper No. 31/17-18)

10. EO(D) of the TWDO briefed Members on the progress of the district minor works in Tsuen Wan.

VI Item 5: Proposal for the Name of the New Leisure Facility by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(TWDC DFMC Paper No. 32/17-18)

11. DLM(TW) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

12. Members unanimously supported the inclusion of the new leisure facility provided in Tsuen Wan 5 at Tsuen Wan West Station of Mass Transit Railway West Rail Line (WRL) as part of Tsuen Wan Park and the naming of the park as “Tsuen Wan Park”.

VII Item 6: Proposal for the Newly-added Pet Access by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(TWDC DFMC Paper No. 33/17-18)

13. DLM(TW) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael joined the meeting at 2:55 p.m.)

14. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) she thanked the LCSD for following up on the proposal promptly and pointed out that the existing proposal could provide a pet access facilitating direct access of the public to the pet garden with the least resources and bring convenience to the residents. She hoped that the pet access could be completed expeditiously (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (2) she believed that many housing estates to be completed near the park in future might permit their residents to keep pets. As such, provision of facilities such as pet access would help reduce conflicts (Ms Lam, Lam Nixie);
- (3) he had reservations on the proposed new pet access. He pointed out that as residents in Riviera Gardens and Waterside Plaza were not allowed to keep dogs,

users of the new pet access would mainly be residents of City Point. In his opinion, no corresponding measure was provided in the proposal of pet access to protect persons who feared dogs and effectively separate them from pet owners. He expected that the LCSD could give more consideration to this (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);

- (4) he opined that the pet access in the existing proposal was too wide and long and its management could not rely on security guards alone. Without effective control measures, the inappropriate behavior of some users of the access who did not act according to the respective rules would easily cause conflicts with other persons (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (5) he thought that the management of the park should adopt effective management of pet access which might cause environmental health problems (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (6) he supported the proposed new pet access, hoping that the LCSD would provide the works schedule and complete the works as soon as possible (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (7) he said that residential intake of the private residential developments at areas around City Point would take place gradually. Residents of most of these housing estates would be allowed to keep pets. Apart from providing a convenient access for dog owners to walk their dogs to and from the pet garden, the proposed new pet access would also regulate the activity area of the dogs in Tsuen Wan Park (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (8) he welcomed the provision of pet friendly facilities. He asked what additional facilities to safeguard public hygiene would be provided along the access and whether the cleansing work would be enhanced by the LCSD after the new pet access was open for use (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (9) he proposed to provide panels along the pet access for educating pet owners on keeping their pets properly to reduce the conflict among park users (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (10) they opined that Tsuen Wan Park was spacious and it was feasible to provide more space for pets there. They asked whether the LCSD would provide more space for pets by slightly expanding the area of the pet garden along its boundary growing with grass. This might help separate pet owners and persons unwilling to contact with pets effectively (Mr TAM Hoi-pong and Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (11) he supported the proposed new pet access. However, he opined that the pet access in the existing proposal was too wide. Under such circumstances, it would be more difficult for cleansing after a dog had excreted at a kerb. Besides, it would be needless for dog owners to walking their smaller dogs to the

pet garden because these dogs could play at the spacious pet access. As suggested, the LCSD might refer to the pet access in Park Island and other standard pet accesses for design, encouraging pet owners to make use of the pet garden (Mr LO Siu-kit);

(12) he asked about the width of the pet access (the Chairman);

(13) he asked whether the LCSD could provide information on the current utilisation of the pet garden (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping); and

(14) he hoped that the new pet access would be well received by the public. To facilitate convenient use by visitors, he suggested that the LCSD should consider providing the pet access on the other side of the footbridge on Wing Shun Street to separate pedestrians from dog keepers, and providing a wider pet access (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping).

15. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

(1) the LCSD would paint the boundaries of the pet access with yellow lines and provide lettering on the ground for guiding the public to the pet access;

(2) as there would be two junctions on the pet access between Wing Shun Street and Tai Ho Road, there were intersections between the pedestrian walkways and pet access. The LCSD would indicate such walkways with yellow lines and hoped that the passers-by would pay more attention to them;

(3) the LCSD would provide dog excreta collection bins at both sides of the pet access to facilitate dog owners to dispose of dog faeces;

(4) the LCSD would study on additional provision of facilities displaying educational information along pet access and expand the area of the pet garden;

(5) dog owners using the pet access had to be self-disciplined. To avoid access obstruction, they should not stay on the pet access chatting with other dog owners as far as possible. If such situation was found, the LCSD would provide advice in this respect;

(6) the LCSD was also concerned about the hygiene condition of the pet access. It therefore would step up the cleansing of the pet access to remove the smell of dogs as soon as possible; and

(7) the LCSD anticipated that the pet access would be two metres wide and a pedestrian walkway which was three to four metres in width would be provided beside it for pedestrians. The access constructed by the LCSD underneath the footbridge would provide direct access to WRL station for persons fearing dogs .

16. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) she said that, in addition to City Point, most private residential developments on Sha Tsui Road permitted their residents to keep pets. Therefore, she earnestly hoped to provide an additional pet access (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
 - (2) she noted that, as indicated by the residents of City Point and Chelsea Court, they had to walk a very long distance to reach the pet garden and the access they were using was narrow and dangerous (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
 - (3) she noted that the LCSD would deploy staff to clean the pet garden at 10:00 a.m. every day. The sandpit would be cleaned twice a day and the sand therein would be replaced once every three months. For this reason, she was confident in the hygiene of the pet garden maintained by the LCSD (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
 - (4) she thought that it would be very conspicuous to distinguish the pet access with yellow lines (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
 - (5) she agreed to Members' proposed addition of educational resource and welcomed Members to submit paper to the Coastal Affairs Committee for discussion (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
 - (6) she opined that the legislation of on parks in Hong Kong was outdated. She hoped that the LCSD would reflect this to the Government for amendment of the ordinances in phases to fulfill different needs (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
 - (7) he said that most of the newly completed housing estates were allowed to keep pets and there was demand for pet access (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
 - (8) he clarified that pets referred not only to dogs and therefore the pet garden should be provided with diversified facilities for use by different kinds of pets (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
 - (9) he said that many dog owners would gather in Tsuen Wan Park and Tsuen Wan Riviera Park talking and walking dogs at night. Actually, dogs were not allowed to enter these places and he believed that the LCSD might find it difficult to effectively manage such behaviour (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
 - (10) he said that a pet garden was provided in Tsuen Wan Park. Having balanced the interests of various stakeholders of the park, he considered it unreasonable for non-provision of a pet access and thus hoped that the project could be implemented as soon as possible. However, the hygiene and management of the pet garden were issues worthy of concern. He hoped that the LCSD would report to the DFMC the utilisation of the pet access after it was open for half a year and conduct a review for improvement (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
 - (11) he opined that as it was difficult to completely separate visitors and dogs in the park, dog owners had to be self-disciplined (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);

- (12) he recommended expansion of the existing park if there was suitable place to do so (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly); and
- (13) he opined that the original intent of Members' proposed addition of educational panels was good. Nonetheless, he worried that the spacious access would be affected by the panels the pillars of which would be abused by dog owners for roping their dogs and would become places where dogs excreted, thus creating environmental hygiene problems. He therefore suggested that the LCSD should consider placing the educational panels inside the pet garden (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly).

(Note: Mr CHOW Ping-tim left the meeting at 3:18 p.m.)

17. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the specific information on the utilisation rate of the pet garden was not available by the LCSD. According to observation, the utilisation rate of the pet garden was quite high. The LCSD would continue to monitor the utilisation of the pet garden;
- (2) the LCSD would record comments made by the public after opening the pet garden and would report to Members at the DFMC meeting subsequently; and
- (3) the LCSD noted Members' proposal of installing educational panels inside the pet garden, and would consider such proposal after data collection and discussion with the Architectural Services Department (ASD).

18. Mr CHUNG Wai-ping noted that the utilisation rate of the pet garden was high, hence he recommended the LCSD to consider about providing an additional pet garden at areas around Tsuen Wan Town Lot No. 393 to meet the needs of the future development.

19. The Chairman concluded that most Members supported the proposed addition of a pet access in Tsuen Wan Park for access to the pet garden. He requested the LCSD to expeditiously implement the project and pay more attention to the management and hygiene issues to aid timely review as well as report to the DFMC.

VIII Item 7: Request the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to Fully Review the Play Equipment for Children in its Parks and Playgrounds
(TWDC DFMC Paper No. 34/17-18)

20. The Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr CHENG Chit-pun. The representative from the LCSD responsible for giving response was Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris, DLM(TW).

21. Mr CHENG Chit-pun and The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael introduced the paper.

22. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the Technical Unit of the LCSD was responsible for purchase and maintenance of facilities in children's playgrounds. Factors including area of playground, restrictions on site and demand of district, etc. were considerations of the Technical Unit for selecting play equipment for children;
- (2) during an inspection to Yi Pei Square Playground earlier, staff of the Technical Unit of the LCSD found that only facilities for the elderly were provided in the playground, and that many channel covers of the public utilities were on the ground. In this connection, the playground could not be floored with rubber mat by Tsuen Wan District Leisure Services Office to facilitate installation of larger play equipment for children. However, the fund application for addition of play boards for children had been submitted to the Technical Unit; and
- (3) Tsuen King Circuit Playground was larger in area and the play equipment had been in use over ten years. The LCSD would discuss with the Technical Unit on the details of facility replacement having regard to residents' comments.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael left the meeting at 3:33 p.m.)

23. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) swings, slides and merry-go-round were provided in playgrounds in the past but some facilities were replaced due to safety concern (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (2) play equipment in most playgrounds could not achieve the purpose of integrating the elderly and the children. They hoped that the LCSD could make good use of the venues and install safe facilities that could be shared among the elderly and the children (Mr KOO Yeung-pong and Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (3) he agreed that play equipment in the past were worth remembering. With change of the times, the design safety factor of facilities warranted more attention nowadays. He also opined that facilities provided for the elderly were more than that for the children in the playgrounds in Tsuen Wan (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (4) he pointed out that it required a long time to repair the damaged facilities in playgrounds due to lack of additional maintenance spare part. As such, he hoped that the Technical Unit of the LCSD could set up a spare part reserve (Mr MAN Yu-ming);

- (5) she indicated that the play equipment for children in Tsuen Wan was less than that in many other districts (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
- (6) she recommended collaboration between the LCSD and the Social Welfare Department to liaise with appropriate experts specialising in child development for selection of appropriate play equipment in the playgrounds. She said that she could provide advice in this respect (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis); and
- (7) she pointed out that some worn-out play equipment was not replaced. She therefore asked the LCSD about the timetable of retrofitting and review the play equipment, hoping that the LCSD officers could be deployed for more frequent inspection of the facilities concerned (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis).

24. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the LCSD noted Members' views on installation of play equipment integrating the elderly and the children. He pointed out that such facilities were provided in the Shing Mun Valley Park. The LCSD would consider installing such play equipment in playgrounds where the venues allowed;
- (2) during site inspection of the playgrounds, staff of the LCSD would examine the equipment carefully for safe use by the public;
- (3) the Technical Unit of the LCSD would replace the ageing facilities in the playgrounds and replace the facilities that had been used for more than ten years. The LCSD noted Members' views and would invite Members' to provide advice when replacement of facilities was required; and
- (4) the LCSD noted that many specific theories about the mental development and hand-eye co-ordination of children were available in the educational sector, the LCSD would incorporate the appropriate theories in the design of the play equipment for children.

25. The Chairman concluded that the design of the facilities in the playgrounds had to be suiting to local conditions. He suggested that the LCSD could hold discussion with Members and District Councillor of the constituency concerned in the case of proposed replacement of play equipment in large scale, which was similar to that of Tsuen King Circuit Playground, in future. He opined that the Technical Unit of the LCSD should not only consider the safety and maintenance of the facilities but also balance the feasibility of the views raised by Members with a view to constructing appropriate facilities in the playgrounds of local areas. Members might reflect to LCSD for further comments on the playgrounds not listed if necessary.

IX Item 8: The Initiatives on Reduction of Yard Waste for the Venues of the Leisure Cultural Services Department

(TWDC DFMC Paper No. 35/17-18)

26. The Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr TAM Hoi-pong. The representative from the LCSD responsible for giving response was Mr. CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris, DLM(TW).

27. Mr TAM Hoi-pong introduced the paper.

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.)

28. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the LCSD had taken note of Members' views;
- (2) the horticultural maintenance of the LCSD was undertaken by contractors. As stipulated in the respective contracts, the withered tree branches and fallen leaves collected by contractor were required to convey to the gardens recognised by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) for recycling and producing the recycled nutrients essential to soil. Given the limitations in space, the current practice of contractors was to transport the yard waste collected from Kwok Shui Road Park, Tsuen Wan Park and Tsuen King Circuit Playground to Ngau Tam Mei for manufacturing of compost. As at September 2017, the LCSD had transported yard waste up to 3 000 kilograms to Ngau Tam Mei;
- (3) the LCSD launched a "Composting Bin Scheme" in 2014 by placing compost bins in Tsuen Wan Park, Tsuen Wan Riviera Park, Shing Mun Valley Park, Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground and Tso Kung Tam Nursery. The shredded grass, withered tree branches and fallen tree leaves would be put into the bins for biological decomposition to turn them to organic matters for reusing. The LCSD would continue to locate other suitable sites for placing compost bins and would apply the compost obtained from its study to the soil inside parks under the management of the LCSD; and
- (4) the LCSD had purchased a wooden grinder which was over \$200,000 in value, and selected Lei Yue Mun Park and Holiday Village as the venue to carry out the test run of using the machine. Four to five persons were required to work together for operation of the wooden grinder. Only after removing the withered parts first could operators wearing protective clothing put the wood into the wooden grinder. During operation, the wooden grinder would make loud noise and eject wood chips continuously. The LCSD therefore had to consider the actual operation of the machine and the occupational safety and health issues of

operators before coming to a decision of purchasing more wooden grinders for other districts or not.

29. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) they had reservations on Members' suggestion of placing the withered branches and fallen leaves at the venue where they were collected. They considered the LCSD's current practice more appropriate in that yard waste were transported to the EPD's recognised gardens for central treatment, preventing the breeding of biting midges and mosquitoes in yard waste and affecting visitors of the park (the Vice Chairman and Mr LAM Faat-kang);
- (2) he agreed that it was inappropriate to place yard waste in small parks. He recommended trial run of placing yard waste in large parks which were less accessible for visitors such as Shing Mun Valley Park, and would search for information on smaller wood grinders for the LCSD's reference (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (3) his housing estate once attempted to keep yard waste for natural decomposition and reusing as nutrients of soil. Subsequently, it caused the breeding of large quantities of biting midges. Only the biting midges on the surface of the break-down products could be killed even if aerosol insecticide was sprayed. The housing estate had to hire a cleaning company to remove all yard waste at last (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
- (4) he opined that it was a good concept of environmental protection which had to be implemented in a scientific manner. He hoped the LCSD to have a clear stance about handling of yard waste and practically deliberate over the feasibility of Members' suggestions in order to avoid using more resources in other aspects and prevent the LCSD from losing more than it gained (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
- (5) he indicated that the last two typhoons had resulted in large quantities of broken trees and withered tree branches. Despite the LCSD's effort in removal, the cleaning up could not complete in time due to the enormous amount of refuse (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (6) he did not agree that the yard waste collected would be placed or handled in individual parks, holding that users of the large parks such as Shing Mun Valley Park were not only residents of the housing estates nearby. It was inappropriate to reserve space for disposal of yard waste since people from other places might visit the park (Mr MAN Yu-ming); and
- (7) the recycled yard waste would be reused by the LCSD and other nurseries as fertilizer. He opined that, to increase the economic benefits, the yard waste

collected by government departments should be centrally processed by one dedicated department (Mr MAN Yu-ming).

30. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the LCSD adopted an open mind in Members' views and would endeavor to promote the recycled resources;
- (2) yard waste was a good habitat for breeding of biting midges and mosquitoes indeed, and hence the LCSD would enhance its anti-mosquito efforts to prevent mosquito breeding;
- (3) the EPD's recognised gardens could not receive all yard waste collected at this stage. For this reason, the LCSD had all along been using compost bins to some yard waste collected; and
- (4) compost bins were covered plastic bins for containing yard waste which would then undergo fermentation and decomposition by micro-organism automatically without causing much impact on the environment.

31. The Chairman requested the LCSD to note Members' views and try to strike a balance by promoting environmental protection and carrying out other practical work at the same time.

X Item 9: Report on Recreational and Sports Activities and Facilities Management in Tsuen Wan in August and September 2017 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(TWDC DFMC Paper No. 36/17-18)

32. DLM(TW) of the LCSD reported the relevant information.

XI Item 10: Leisure and Cultural Services Department Report on Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(TWDC DFMC Paper No. 37/17-18)

33. Senior Manager (NTS) Promotion (SM(NTS)P) of the LCSD reported the relevant information.

34. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he commended the LCSD for successfully organising two cultural activities at the podium of Luk Yeung Sun Chuen which were well received by the public (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
- (2) they hoped that the LCSD would enhance the facilities provided for staging performance at the podium and enhance the quality of activities since the

existing facilities provided at the podium were too simple for organising outdoor activities (Mr LAM Faat-kang and Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);

- (3) he thanked the LCSD for organising high-standard celebration events to mark the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. He expected that the LCSD might hold these activities at Tsuen Wan Town Hall in future for appreciation by residents in Tsuen Wan (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
- (4) they commended that the level of performance staged by the LCSD was high (Mr LI Hung-por and Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (5) he understood that it took time for setup of stage and the venue was floored with carpets only in general (Mr LI Hung-por);
- (6) he thought that the publicity efforts for these programmes were inadequate. He hoped that the LCSD could provide posters or banners to the housing estates for publicity early (Mr LI Hung-por);
- (7) he suggested that the LCSD should not only organise programmes like Cantonese opera and performance of Cantonese operatic songs but also programmes in various dialects such as Chiu Chow opera and Xiang Opera of Fujian Province because residents of the housing estates were of different native places (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly); and
- (8) he wished that the LCSD could remind the Chinese opera troupes to give a brief introduction to or provide subtitle for their programmes before performance, aiding the audience, who did not know the respective dialects and previously guessed the contents by watching the gesture and posture of the actors only, to understand the contents of such performances (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly).

35. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the LCSD had always provided free outdoor entertainment programmes in the district through performances held near the residential premises with a view to promoting cultural and performing arts to the public;
- (2) the LCSD noted Members' views and would refer them to its Entertainment Office for follow up;
- (3) the LCSD explained that support would normally be given in respect of stage setup, venue lighting and sound equipment when outdoor programmes were held. However, non-provision of stage and power supply for performance sometimes occurred due to constraints of individual sites;
- (4) the district free entertainment programmes was free of charge and no ticket was required for admission. The LCSD would publish posters for the programmes to be held each month, which would be distributed to the performing venues

under its management, other housing estates, schools in the district, community halls, social welfare organisations and so on for publicity. The publicity banners of these programmes would be put up about two to three weeks before staging the programmes. The free entertainment programmes of each district would also be uploaded to the website of the LCSD;

- (5) organisation of programmes to be held in 2018-19 by the LCSD was underway. The LCSD would study on putting aside resources to produce individual promotional leaflets for Members' distribution to the public where resources permitted; and
- (6) as it happened that this year was the 20th Anniversary of the return of Hong Kong to our Motherland, the LCSD was allocated with additional resources to organise the high-standard performance of "World Cultures Festival - Vibrant Africa". Apart from the opening ceremony of which was held at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre last month, a high-standard performance of African percussion music would be held at Tsuen Wan Town Hall this weekend.

36. The Chairman concluded that Members could reflect their comments on the cultural activities in the district to the LCSD, if any.

XII Item 11: Report on Promotional Activities and the Enrolment Rate in Tsuen Wan District Public Libraries by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(TWDC DFMC Paper No. 38/17-18)

37. Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) (SL(TW)) of the LCSD reported the relevant information.

38. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) as pointed out in Director of Audit's Report, the public libraries would arrange recycling for their old books as waste paper. He asked whether it would explore appropriate methods to donate the old books to people in need, such as placing the old books outside the library for distribution to the public or handing them over to the relevant organisations for distribution (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
- (2) the residents considered the parent-child reading workshop very useful since the parent-child relationship would be strengthened through storytelling and parents' techniques of storytelling would also be enhanced. He asked the LCSD whether it would continue to hold the workshop (Mr MAN Yu-ming).

39. SL(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the Librarians of the public libraries would from time to time screen the library materials of their libraries with a view to ensuring that the library materials available for public use were timely and useful as well as providing space for the new books purchased;
- (2) the LCSD would write off the old and damaged books after screening in accordance with the disposal procedures prescribed in the Government's "Stores and Procurement Regulations" and would deliver these books to its contractors for recycling as waste paper;
- (3) a trial run of donating books no longer used by public libraries to community libraries or school libraries had been conducted by the LCSD, which had also collected the feedback of the participating community organisations on the trial run for analysis;
- (4) in responding to the comments raised by Audit Commission and the community, the LCSD would study ways to maximise the resources of the public libraries subject to compliance with the relevant government rules and regulations, as well as the principles regarding maximisation of cost-effectiveness and availability of resources; and
- (5) parent-child reading workshops would be held in Tsuen Wan Public Library in December 2017 and January 2018. The programme aimed to introduce the storytelling skills to parents by instructors. Parent-child reading activities would also be included in the programmes to be organised by the LCSD next year.

XIII Item 12: Progress Report on the Working Groups under the Committee

(A) Working Group on Management of Community Halls

40. Mr LO Siu-kit said that the working group had no business to report.

(B) Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities

41. Mr LAM Faat-kang reported that redevelopment of the toilets in Tsuen Wan Tin Hau Temple Garden was completed. Having not only provided barrier-free toilets but also completely refurbished other facilities, the project was well received by the public. To tackle the problem regarding spilling of raindrops on concrete benches at the arbours, ASD had carpeted the kerb of planters outside the upper part of concrete benches with artificial turf, so as to weaken the splashing of rain, thereby reducing the chance of making the concrete benches wet. Moreover, regarding the resurfacing works of Sam Tung Uk Garden, ASD had completed the resurfacing with new floor tiles which had a coarser and better skid-resistant surface at the end of August 2017. It had also provided additional handrails for pedestrians at some road

sections that were relatively steep for enhanced protection of the safety of road users.

XIV Item 13: Any Other Business

42. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) she noted that Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool had been temporarily closed due to insufficient number of lifeguards on duty, and that one of the reasons for the inadequacy of lifeguards was strike for better labour condition. She opined that it was a waste of resources used by the District Council in this respect every year, thus suggesting that LCSD should improve the situation by adopting more effective measures such as appropriate allocation of resources for giving incentive payment to its lifeguards (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
- (2) he thanked SLOW(TW) of TWDO and the relevant departments for the provision of staircase at the hillside of Lei Muk Shue Estate to facilitate access by residents. He hoped that the works of the second phase could be completed as soon as possible (Mr WONG Ka-wa).

43. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) he had taken note of Members' views and hoped to see improvements in the next year; and
- (2) the main reason of the temporary closure of Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool was absence from duty of lifeguards due to sickness. The LCSD had tried its hardest but failed to temporarily redeploy the lifeguards from the Swimming Pool to Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool.

44. The Chairman said that the LCSD would invite Members through the Secretariat to conduct a site visit to Tsuen Wan Sports Centre on the morning of 11 December 2017.

(Post-meeting note: The date of site visit to Tsuen Wan Sports Centre was changed to the morning of 15 December 2017.)

(A) Information Papers

45. Members noted the following information paper:

- (1) Financial Statement of District Facilities Management Committee as at 23.10.2017
(DFMC Paper No. 39/17-18).

(B) Date of Next Meeting

46. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled at 11:00 a.m. on 9 January 2018, and the deadline for submission of paper was 20 December 2017.

XV Adjournment Meeting

47. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

13 November 2017