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Minutes of the 7th Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee (5/16-17)

Date: 3 January 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 NG Hin-lung, Norris

Mr LI Hung-por

Ms LAM, Lam Nixie

Mr LAM Faat-kang, MH

Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen

Mr CHENG Chit-pun

Mr CHUNG Wai-ping, SBS, MH

Mr LO Siu-kit

Mr TAM Hoi-pong

In Attendance:

Mr CHONG Kong-sang, Patrick Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr CHAN Shiu-man, Simon Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Tsuen Wan District Office

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
(Secretary) Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr LEE Shing-fai Executive Officer (Development), Tsuen Wan District Office

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

Ms CHEUNG Yuk-king, Dilys Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr CHAN Ming-cheong, Horman	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
Ms NG Lai-fong, Agnes	Manager (New Territories South)Marketing & District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr TSE Hing-chit	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department

Absent:

Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH
 Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis
 The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, JP
 Mr CHOW Ping-tim

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 7th meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC).

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

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 6th Meeting held on 1.11.2016

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: Report on Progress of District Minor Works
 (DFMC Paper No. 31/16-17)

5. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) reported the relevant information.

V Item 4: Request for Planting of Special Plants in the Urban Parks in Tsuen Wan

(DFMC Paper No. 32/16-17)

6. The paper was submitted by the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr CHENG Chit-pun. The representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) responsible for giving response was Mr CHAN Ming-cheong, Horman, District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)).

7. Mr CHENG Chit-pun introduced the paper.

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

- (1) a number of places in Tsuen Wan district were available for planting of trees. The LCSD was responsible for the planting work in the parks under its management and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) was responsible for the planting work in the country parks;
- (2) generally, the Landscape Architects would carry out the design for the park according to the design guidelines and the design would be confirmed after vetting by the LCSD. The design concepts of the Landscape Architects included planting the right tree species at the right place and making arrangements for planting of flowering plants that blossomed in different seasons. Some major parks were therefore planted with different species by the LCSD;
- (3) the LCSD planted ten Bald Cypress trees, which were of exotic origin, native to the temperate area and suitable for growth in a relatively moist environment, as well as several Sweet Gum trees at the suspension bridge near the lakeside in Tsuen Wan Park. Many flowering trees, such as Madagascar Almond along the waterfront and African Tulip Tree and Flame Tree which produced red flowers in summer, were also planted. The LCSD also planted ten Sweet Gum trees in Sam Tung Uk Garden and the plants with Chinese characteristics including Tall Bottle-brush and Weeping Willow in the lotus pond by the lakeside in Shing Mun Valley Park;
- (4) the leaves of Bald Cypress and Sweet Gum might turn red in winter if the temperature was right. However, the leaves of these trees did not turn red possibly due to the fact that the temperature in Tsuen Wan district was not very low. The LCSD found that the leaves of Bald Cypress and Sweet Gum were still in bright green when conducting the site inspections recently. It was believed that their leaves were more likely to turn red only in cooler places such as Tai Tong;
- (5) in view of the limited area of the park, the LCSD would only replant the trees when trees were removed due to special reasons. Having regard to the actual circumstances, the LCSD would plant the tree species as appropriate when tree replacement was necessary; and
- (6) the LCSD would draw reference to the Greening Master Plan of the Civil Engineering and Development Department and accord priority to the

planting of native flowering trees in future. If large-scale parks were commissioned in future, the LCSD could give views on tree species for planting to the Landscape Architects, with a view to planting the appropriate tree species.

9. The Chairman said that the discussion focused on the plants in the urban parks in Tsuen Wan. He learnt that Members considered that more thoughts were given to the vegetation for planting in some parks under the management of the LCSD, such as the peach blossoms in Tsing Yi Park. It was an example of large-scale planting of one species in the same place, which did not only enhance the visual impact of Tsing Yi Park, but also made its environment distinct. He therefore hoped that the plant mix in Tsuen Wan Park could create seasonal effects throughout the year. Despite having planted various species of vegetation in Tsuen Wan Park at present, the visual impact was still not as strong as that of designated species.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por and the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael joined the meeting at 2:50 p.m. and 2:52 p.m. respectively.)

10. The views and enquiries of Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly, Mr WONG Ka-wa, Ms LAM, Lam Nixie, Mr TAM Hoi-pong, Mr LAM Faat-kang, the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael, Mr MAN Yu-ming and the Chairman were summarised as follows:

- (1) the public wished to see different kinds of flowers in the park;
- (2) the flowers in a myriad of colours were planted along the entire road in some parks in Korea and Japan, which was very beautiful and attracted quite a number of visitors from Hong Kong. Comparatively, it was considered that only ten trees for some species, which were too small in number, were planted in Tsuen Wan Park. It thus failed to create a force of sheer unity. It was hoped that the LCSD could improve the planting design and increase the number of plants of the same species when replanting the vegetation;
- (3) it was hoped that the LCSD could plant trees of the same species according to the characteristics of the respective parks when conducting design or replanting trees for the parks under its management, so as to give members of the public a sensation of uniformity;
- (4) as many plants withered and were felled in Kwok Shui Road Park earlier, it was hoped that the LCSD would plant more special plants when carrying out the replanting works;
- (5) as the country parks in Tsuen Wan covered quite an extensive area, it was hoped that the AFCD would plant more special plants in these country parks;
- (6) the large quantity of fallen leaves of plants would cause blockage of sewers and some fruits fallen from the trees might also affect the hygienic conditions of the streets, it was hoped that the LCSD would consider the locations suitable for planting of the trees of these kinds;
- (7) it was learnt that currently, a sea of shrubs flowering in the same season was planted at the rose garden in Kowloon Park, Tsim Sha Tsui and

attracted flocks of visitors when in bloom. It was hoped that the LCSD would explore to follow the said practice to plant a sea of shrubs such as Camellia, Azalea and Kwai-fah in the parks in Tsuen Wan;

- (8) it was noted that the trees mentioned above were no longer planted in recent years because the LCSD considered that the roots of some of these trees caused unevenness on the ground. At present, the trees mentioned above were planted along the waterfront off Belvedere Garden. These trees still had a great ornamental value, even though they were evergreens. It was hoped that the LCSD would consider growing plants of the same species over a whole piece of land in the parks;
- (9) support was given to the planting of special plants in the urban parks in Tsuen Wan;
- (10) as the waterfront was a place with characteristics in Tsuen Wan, it was opined that the plants with more special features such as Jacaranda could be planted. The climate in Tsuen Wan district was relatively suitable for planting of these plants. Jacaranda in bloom was very beautiful although it would take several years of cultivation before flowering and a lot of fallen petals and fallen leaves would be produced after the flowers withered, that might require considerable manpower for clearance. It was hoped that the LCSD would consider looking for a place suitable for planting of this species intensively;
- (11) the planting work was insignificant when the Lands Department managed the plants at zero to ten metres from road kerbs. It was hoped that the LCSD would arrange to plant special plants at roadside after undertaking the management of these plants since early 2016;
- (12) as beautiful flowers always produced a large quantity of fallen petals and fallen leaves, members of the public needed to give preference to the ornamental value or clearance work. At present, there was no policy on proper handling of dead branches and fallen leaves. It was hoped that the LCSD would take into consideration the said problem when selecting plant species. It was also suggested that Shing Mun Valley Park could be selected as a trial site for planting of special plants;
- (13) it was opined that special plants could be planted in view of the specific environment of Tsuen Wan so as to enhance the attractiveness of the place. For example, many visitors were attracted to appreciate the beauty of lotus in Shing Mun Valley Park and took pictures of them;
- (14) Tsuen Wan was distinct in many aspects. Meanwhile, it was hoped that the plants in Tsuen Wan would be regarded as a visitor attraction. It was also suggested that the planning for the hillside in the vicinity of Chiu Tam Path should be conducted as appropriate. The trees with red leaves could be planted over the whole hillside and made it another ideal place for appreciation of red leaves besides Tai Tong;
- (15) enquiry was raised on the Government's policies on planting of vegetation and whether the LCSD would replace the trees only after they withered. It was pointed out that the existing "one-for-one" policy was not conducive to ensuring the uniformity of the plant species and the

harmony of artistic composition of the landscape. It was therefore considered that the Government should grow a wide spectrum of plant species with different features in chief until they reached a considerable amount, so as to attract the general public to pay a visit and take pictures for their beauty;

- (16) it was opined that the planting work and landscape in a number of parks in Tsuen Wan could be improved. For example, the lotus pond and Weeping Willow in Shing Mun Valley Park were very beautiful and might attract the residents from other districts to pay a visit to the park. What remained a fly in the ointment was that these plants looked monotonous in colours. Hence, it was hoped that the plants in more attractive colours would be grown in the park so as to enhance the usage and ornamental value of the park;
- (17) at present, no special plants were densely planted for appreciation by the local residents in Tsuen Wan or for attracting residents from other districts to pay a visit to Tsuen Wan. It was hoped that the special plants could be grown in a large scale for the parks in Tsuen Wan;
- (18) it was noted that the LCSD had adopted the principle of according priority to the management of the plants and would consider planting the vegetation which were long-lasting, with fewer blooms or fallen leaves and less dangerous; and
- (19) it was opined that the parks managed by the LCSD was pre-conditioned for better outlook in planting. It was also hoped that the departments concerned would consider Members' views on the green belt under planning and adopt innovative approaches in planting.

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

- (1) it was understood that Members wished for thematic planting in the parks under the management of the LCSD and preferred planting of flowering and colourful plants;
- (2) the lotus pond in Shing Mun Valley Park was a feature in Tsuen Wan district, which attracted a lot of photographers to take pictures or pay a visit to the park in summer. The LCSD had tried to plant Giant Water-lily in the lotus pond in 2016, with a view to highlighting its characteristics. However, it was unsuccessful due to the fast flow of water in the lotus pond. The LCSD would make another attempt in 2017. Besides, Breadfruit Trees with beautiful shapes were grown in Shing Mun Valley Park;
- (3) as the flowering period of roses generally lasted for six months only and they would just grow green leaves for long after blooming, it would give the general public an impression that there was only a sea of greenery at the rose garden most of the time. The LCSD would endeavour to plant various species of roses at the rose garden in Shing Mun Valley Park, so as to prolong the flowering period of the roses on the whole;
- (4) it was noted that Members did not wish that frequent deployment of staff for clearance was required due to excessive fallen leaves and fruits from

the trees and this would increase the burden on landfills. However, the leaves of some special plants such as Sweet Gum and Bald Cypress trees would fall in cold weather during winter;

- (5) although there were only ten Bald Cypress trees along the waterfront in Tsing Yi, these trees were more noticeable because they had grown stronger over a period of time. On the other hand, as the ten Bald Cypress trees in Tsuen Wan Park were still growing and other plants such as Hainan Elaeocarpus and Weeping Willow were also planted next to them, these Bald Cypress trees seemed less apparent;
- (6) the cost of relocation of a tree would be in hundreds of thousands dollars. Generally, the LCSD seldom took the initiative to arrange for removal of the plants which was followed by replanting. However, the LCSD would arrange for replanting of trees after typhoon as well as under the circumstances of a substantial amount of trees were damaged and when the trees were sick. The LCSD would plant right tree species at appropriate time. At present, it was preferable to plant native plants, mainly shrubs, because the shrubs were easier to manage. They were also available in many species and flowered more often;
- (7) given that everyone had his own preference for trees, the Landscape Architect would consider the colourful blooms in four seasons when creating the design for the park. The LCSD would consider planting new tree species at the right locations, say, to make an attempt to plant Jacaranda in Tsuen Wan Park; and
- (8) there would be a greater room for rezoning and more funding when planting work was conducted extensively along the waterfront or new large-scale project was underway. For example, there would be more spaces for landscape design along both sides of the cycle track upon completion in future. It would be the opportune time to plant the species as preferred by Members.

12. The views and enquiries of Mr CHUNG Wai-ping, the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael, Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly, the Chairman and Mr LO Siu-kit were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was hoped that the LCSD would replace the trees in Tsuen Wan Park, Shing Mun Valley Park and Sam Tung Uk Garden through an enhancement scheme;
- (2) as the temperature at Rotary Park was generally lower than that of other places, it was suggested that the Country Parks Authority could grow more long-lasting plants of the same species with ornamental value for visitors' appreciation at Rotary Park;
- (3) it was noted that the LCSD would consider the issue of street cleaning when selecting plant species. It was indeed difficult to identify a species that would not cause blockage of sewers and would be easy to manage. Taking Tree Cotton as an example, it soiled the environment more easily despite its good-looking appearance;

- (4) as there were many passers-by along the footpath in Tsuen Wan Park, it was hoped that the LCSD would re-examine its design of soft landscape, in order to give the passers-by and users of Tsuen Wan Park a refreshing look;
- (5) it was agreed that sufficient funding should be available for carrying out the beautification works. However, it was hoped that the improvement works of the ecological park (Tso Kung Tam Valley, Tsuen Wan), which was scaled down, would be implemented as soon as possible. As the LCSD planned to construct facilities including an insectarium, it was hoped that the LCSD would remove the trees which were dislocated at the places concerned and plant special plants for beautification, in order to enhance the ornamental value of the entire place and attract more visitors;
- (6) it was considered that the characteristics of the trees would fail to stand out if only a small number of them were planted. It was hoped that the LCSD and Landscape Architects would discuss the planting of trees or plants of the same species in a large scale for different parks in Tsuen Wan;
- (7) felling of a large number of healthy trees due to the beautification works of the park was undesirable;
- (8) as the completion date of the cycle track was uncertain for the time being, it was enquired whether other green belts were available for consideration;
- (9) it was considered that Sai Lau Kok Garden was a trial site suitable for planting of some special plants;
- (10) objection to the relocation of trees was raised because it involved a considerable sum of expenditure and over 50% of the trees would die after relocation, according to some statistical analysis; and
- (11) it was hoped that thematic planting would be drawn up for the parks before the release of the Greening Master Plan for the district.

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

- (1) the theme for Tso Kung Tam Valley was an ecological park. The LCSD did not favour removing the existing plants at Tso Kung Tam Valley and then replanting some alien species, so as to prevent the existing living creatures from inadaptation. The LCSD would mainly preserve the native plants at Tso Kung Tam Valley as far as possible and also consider planting native species such as peach blossom tree, Sweet Gum and Tree Cotton in the ecological park, including at its entrance;
- (2) a lot of species as well as some pests and diseases were introduced to Hong Kong because of globalisation. As a result, the plant resistance to these pests and diseases was weakened. If a single species of trees or plants were planted extensively over the same place, all the trees might be infected when the pests such as Erythrina Gall Wasp or bacteria targeting a specific species of trees invaded. According to the LCSD's guidelines, the number of trees of the same species planted in the same

- place should not be accrued to more than 10% and the most ideal approach was to plant the native tree species, with a view to providing more shelters for the local insects;
- (3) the LCSD would attempt to adopt specific themes on the design of planting for the parks in future;
 - (4) the camellia garden of Tsuen Wan Park would become very beautiful during the months of flowering of the camellia. For the rest of the year, however, only a sea of greenery could be seen at the camellia garden. Therefore, the LCSD took the position that plants of different species and colours should be planted in different places, so as to create seasonal landscape throughout the year; and
 - (5) there was still room for discussion of the planting of vegetation in Sai Lau Kok Garden and the existing trees at Sai Lau Kok Garden would be preserved. On plant species, the LCSD would study the viable options with the Landscape Architects and submit further information to the District Council (DC) for discussion when they were available. He also opined that as everyone had his own perception on the aesthetic appeal of flowers, Members should consider whether a single species or several species that would flower at different times should be planted when selecting the options for planting.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.)

14. The Chairman hoped that the LCSD would take note of the DFMC's attitude towards planting of vegetation. The LCSD could propose the large-scale planting strips in future, if any, for DFMC's discussion and offer of advice, so as to formulate the better directions and make decisions. Moreover, he noted that there was still room for discussion of the options of planting vegetation in Sai Lau Kok Garden and looked forward to discussing this matter again at the DFMC meetings in future.

VI Item 5: Programme Plan on Recreation and Sports Activities in Tsuen Wan District from April 2017 to March 2018 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DFMC Paper No. 33/16-17)

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

16. Members unanimously agreed to the recreation and sports activities in Tsuen Wan district from April 2017 to March 2018 by the LCSD, and approved two funding applications of \$2,107,000 for the activities to be organised from April to September 2017 and \$2,053,000 for the activities to be organised from October 2017 to March 2018, of which \$185,500 would be payable in the financial year 2018/19.

VII Item 6: Annual Plan on District Free Entertainment Programmes in Tsuen Wan District in 2017/18 organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper No. 34/16-17)

17. Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion (SM(NTS)P) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

18. Members unanimously agreed to the district free entertainment programmes in Tsuen Wan district from April 2017 to March 2018 organised by the LCSD, and approved a funding application of \$603,600, of which \$50,000 would be payable in the financial year 2018/19.

VIII Item 7: Programme Plan on the Extension Activities of the Public Libraries in the Tsuen Wan District from April 2017 to March 2018 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper No. 35/16-17)

19. Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) (SL(TW)) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

20. Members unanimously agreed to the programme plan on the extension activities carried out at the public libraries in Tsuen Wan district from April 2017 to March 2018 by the LCSD, and approved a funding application of \$55,000, of which \$2,565 would be payable in the financial year 2018/19.

21. Mr CHUNG Wai-ping enquired why the amount of funding and number of activities in the application made by the public libraries in Tsuen Wan district were fewer than those of the recreation and sports activities and entertainment programmes; and whether the Public Guided Tour could be promoted to different age groups and schools, so as to enhance the general public's understanding of the libraries.

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

- (1) the amount of funding allocated by the DC to the LCSD's libraries was comparable every year. The LCSD would cooperate with the DFMC as far as possible if the DFMC agreed to increase the amount of funding;
- (2) the Book Exhibition would be held in the libraries in the district by the LCSD on a regular basis. The Librarians undertook to select and recommend suitable books for readers. Therefore, no additional funding was required;
- (3) the funding allocated to the LCSD would primarily be used for engaging tutors/speakers to host the extension activities, such as the Storytelling for Children which was held on a weekly basis and the activities, including talks and workshops, which were organised for different readers according to their age groups;
- (4) Hong Kong Public Libraries would also organise the territory-wide extension activities to promote reading and literature from time to time. The details were available in Annex III to the captioned paper; and

- (5) the participants of the Public Guided Tour were not only limited to students and different community groups had also taken part in the Public Guided Tour in the past. The Librarians would also visit different schools and organisations to launch promotional activities and arrange annual meetings with teacher-librarians, with a view to enhancing liaison with the schools, learning more about the schools' needs and providing support to the schools as appropriate.

23. The Chairman said that the funding allocated to the DFMC by the DC was limited and the funding for recreation and sports activities, entertainment programmes and extension activities of the public libraries should also be taken into consideration. Therefore, the future budgetary arrangements would be discussed later.

IX Item 8: Report on Recreational and Sports Activities and Facilities Management in Tsuen Wan in October and November 2016 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper No. 36/16-17)

24. DLM(TW) of the LCS D reported the relevant information.

25. The views and enquiries of Mr LAM Faat-kang, Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly and the Chairman were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was learnt that the first phase of the improvement works of Sam Tung Uk Garden was completed in late December 2016 and the second phase would be completed in early April 2017. As the works had already been in progress for six months and the daily lives of the elderly in the community were affected, it was hoped that the LCS D and contractors would discuss whether the works could be expedited;
- (2) the conversion works of toilets at Tin Hau Temple Garden had not been referred to the Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities for discussion. It was learnt that the entire toilets would be reconstructed after demolition instead of being repaired. It was hoped that the details of the works would be given;
- (3) it was considered that the improvement works of Sam Tung Uk Garden was not very difficult. Enquiry was raised on why this construction project would take as long as six months. This had indirectly increased the social costs and the members of the public did not have much opportunities to visit Sam Tung Uk Garden. It was hoped that the LCS D would monitor the works concerned; and
- (4) in the past, two Tai Chi Training Courses and two Tai Chi Sword Training Courses were held consecutively at Tsuen Wan West Sports Centre. The participants found it easier to master the skills after the courses. However, some members of the public learnt that the said Training Courses each would be held alternatively starting from 2017. In view of this, enquiry was raised on whether the LCS D adopted the said arrangement and if so, the reasons for that.

26. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:
- (1) the LCSD understood Members' concerns on the improvement works of Sam Tung Uk Garden. The improvement works was conducted in two phases, so that Sam Tung Uk Garden could be open for public use in phases when the improvement works was still underway;
 - (2) the second phase of the improvement works of Sam Tung Uk Garden was expected to be completed in April 2017. The LCSD would enhance the work efficiency of the contractors and conduct the site inspection with Members, so as to learn more about the progress of works and visit the areas which could be open for public use;
 - (3) the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) took the view that the toilets at Tin Hau Temple Garden had been in use for a long time and therefore, the ArchSD proposed that it would be more appropriate to demolish the toilets and construct new ones with better fittings. The LCSD would make arrangements for site inspection and discuss the details of the works with Members; and
 - (4) there was no specific form of arrangement for the Tai Chi Training Course and Tai Chi Sword Training Course organised by Tsuen Wan West Sports Centre. The said Training Courses each were actually held twice alternatively in the past. The LCSD would solicit views from the existing trainees of the constituency concerned. If the trainees considered that the current mode of operation was more appropriate for them, the LCSD would make adjustments to the unannounced Training Courses in order to meet the aspiration of the trainees.

X Item 9: Report on Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DFMC Paper No. 37/16-17)

27. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD reported the relevant information.
28. Mr TAM Hoi-pong said that Typhoon Signal No. 8 was issued by the Hong Kong Observatory one day before the activity which was scheduled to be held at the Shell Piazza of Park Island on 22 October 2016 as set out in Annex D to the captioned paper. The No. 8 signal was cancelled in the small hours on the same day after it was hoisted and the said activity was held as scheduled. He learnt that some members of the public were uncertain whether the LCSD had disseminated any typhoon updates regarding the said activity. He therefore enquired about the LCSD's guidelines and arrangements on the dissemination of typhoon updates.
29. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD said that under the existing mechanism, if the district free entertainment programme organised by the LCSD was cancelled due to typhoon, the LCSD would inform the general public through radio and press release around six hours before the programme started. Members of the public could also make enquiries by calling the government hotline 1823. The said activity was unaffected because the typhoon signal was not issued on the day of the said activity.

XI Item 10: Report on Promotional Activities and the Enrolment Rate in Tsuen Wan District Public Libraries by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper No. 38/16-17)

30. SL(TW) of the LCSD reported the relevant information.

XII Item 11: Progress Report on the Working Groups under the Committee

(A) Working Group on Management of Community Halls

31. Mr LO Siu-kit said that the Working Group had no special business to report.

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

32. Mr LAM Faat-kang said he hoped that the LCSD would arrange a time to discuss the management and improvements of the recreation and sports facilities with the Members of the Working Group.

XIII Item 12: Any Other Business

(A) Information Paper

33. Members noted the following information paper:

(1) Financial Statement of District Facilities Management Committee as at 14.12.2016

(DFMC Paper No. 39/16-17).

34. The Chairman said that it was the last time for Mr CHAN Ming-cheong, Horman, DLM(TW) of the LCSD to attend the DFMC meeting before he was posted out. He wished Mr CHAN every success in his new post and hoped that the DFMC would work together with his successor smoothly.

(B) Date of Next Meeting

35. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 7 March 2017 and the deadline for submission of paper was 20 February 2017.

XIV Adjournment of Meeting

36. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

13 January 2017