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Minutes of the 8th Meeting of
Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee (1/21-22)

Date: 15 April 2021

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Members

Mr LAI Man-fai (Chairman)

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu (Vice Chairman)

Mr LI Hung-por

Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus

Mr LAM Sek-tim

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen, MH

Mr CHIU Yan-loy

Mr LAU Chi-hung

Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy

Mr LAU Jackson

Mr TSE Man-chak

Government Representatives

Ms YUEN Chi-ling, Margaret

Manager (New Territories South) Marketing &
District Activities, Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Ms SIU Yuen-ching, Sara

Deputy District Leisure Manager(Tsuen Wan)1,
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms WONG Chun-ying

Assistant Social Work Officer 3 (Planning &
Coordinating), Social Welfare Department

Ms CHAN Tsz-ye, Emily

Senior Liaison Officer (1), Tsuen Wan District
Office

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat Representatives

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy

Senior Executive Officer (District Council),
Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr SIU Chung-sing, Johnson

Executive Officer (District Council)1, Tsuen
Wan District Office

Miss WONG Hoi-kiu, Hosanna
(Secretary)

Executive Officer (District Council)2, Tsuen
Wan District Office

Attendance by Invitation:

For discussion of item 8

Ms LEUNG Kit-ling, Esa

Head (Intangible Cultural Heritage), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr NG Chi-wo

Curator (Intangible Cultural Heritage), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Absent:

Members

Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH

Mr TAM Hoi-pong

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 8th meeting of the Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee (RSACFAC), and introduced Ms YUEN Chi-ling, Margaret, Manager (New Territories South) Marketing & District Activities (M(NTS)M&DA), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), who attended this meeting on behalf of Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine.

2. The Chairman stated that Members who introduced the paper might speak up to 2 minutes and each Member who submitted the paper might make supplementary remarks once. The Member might choose to speak up to 2 minutes after the responses from the representative(s) from government department(s) or make concluding remarks before the discussion of the agenda item ended. Except for the Member(s) who submitted the paper, each Member might speak only once for each agenda item in the meeting. The Chairman would confirm the number of Members who would speak before discussion. Each Member might speak up to 2 minutes if five or fewer Members spoke for the agenda item and up to 1.5 minutes if more than five Members spoke for the agenda item. The representatives from government departments might speak up to 2 minutes twice.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 7th Meeting held on 25.02.2021

3. The Chairman said that the Secretariat did not receive any proposed amendment before the meeting. The minutes of the 7th meeting held on 25 February 2021 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: Proposal on Funds Allocation for the Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee 2021/22

(RSACFAC Paper No. 1/21-22)

5. The Secretary introduced the paper.

6. The Vice Chairman stated that in 2021/22, the RSACFAC was allocated a sum of \$3,247,000 (including 5% budget deficit) for implementation of the District Council Funds (Community Involvement Projects). The more than 10 funding programmes set out in last year's proposal were consolidated into the several funding programmes shown in the proposal on funds allocation for the RSACFAC 2021/22. The programmes dedicated to Arts and Sports Festivals, the Hong Kong Games, celebration activities for festivals and excursions had been retained. The Strategy Group on Promotion of Recreational, Sports, Cultural and Arts Activities had been allocated additional funding for organising more activities jointly with district organisations. All activities related to culture and arts or sports had been consolidated into one programme, and so had the programmes on inter-school and inter-district sports events. As \$1 million had been earmarked for organising the Sports Festival this year, he proposed investing more resources in cultural and arts activities.

7. Mr WONG Ka-wa said that the Sports Festival was a large-scale district-level event which by nature differed from activities for which funds for district sports events were sought. Thus, he opined that the funds for supporting district sports activities should not be cut.

8. Members unanimously endorsed the proposal on funds allocation for the RSACFAC 2021/22 and relevant administrative arrangements.

9. The Chairman said that as the next agenda item was raised by him, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily.

V Item 4: A Motion to Issue a Clarification Letter to the Hong Kong Football Association Limited and Leisure and Cultural Services Department to Explain that without Authorisation from the Tsuen Wan District Council the Tsuen Wan Football Association Cannot Represent Tsuen Wan District and is not Eligible for the Benefits Enjoyed by District Football Teams

(RSACFAC Paper No. 2/21-22)

10. The Acting Chairman stated that Mr LAI Man-fai and Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were Ms SIU Yuen-ching, Sara, Deputy District Leisure Manager(Tsuen Wan)1 (DDL(M)(TW)1), LCSD and Ms CHAN Tsz-ye, Emily, Senior Liaison Officer (1) (SLO(1)), Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO). Besides, the written reply of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) was tabled at the meeting.

11. Mr LAI Man-fai and Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus introduced the paper.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por and Mr TSE Man-chak joined the meeting at 2:37 p.m.)

12. SLO(1) of the TWDO responded that according to the information of the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA), the Tsuen Wan Football Association (TWFA), which was one of the 18 district football teams, had entered the Third Division of the HKFA league in 2020-21 as the district football team of Tsuen Wan district. In the 2020-21 football season, the TWFA received funding from the HAB through a funding scheme for improving its performance and governance as well as stimulating interest in football among members of the local community. The district football teams were also accorded priority in booking recreational facilities according to the LCSD's established procedures, and enjoyed 36 free sessions at LCSD venues for training.

13. DDLM(TW)1 of the LCSD responded that the LCSD was responsible for promoting sports in the community and administering funding support for relevant organisations under the established sports policy. It would also develop and manage recreational facilities for general recreational use of the public, and for use as venues of training programmes of National Sports Associations and arenas of local and international sporting events. Besides, the LCSD would provide the district football teams with 36 free sessions at its venues for training purposes.

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

- (1) he enquired why the TWFA could continue to be the district football team of Tsuen Wan district and receive funding from the HAB at present when it had not made any application for authorisation and funding from the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC). In addition, he pointed out the poor performance of the TWFA in the Third Division, and opined that there was room for improvement. In his opinion, if the TWFA accepted the proposals put forth by the TWDC for strengthening the whole football team, the TWDC could give the TWFA a second chance by granting it authorisation and a subsidy (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
- (2) he pointed out that if the TWFA was still a district football team at present, the departmental response would be in conflict with the motion endorsed at the RSACFAC meeting on 10 September 2020. In other words, the motion had become void. He agreed to the motion put forth by the Members concerned at this meeting, and opined that if the TWFA continued to use its current name even though no authorisation had been granted, its poor performance would tarnish the reputation of the TWDC. As such, he also suggested that the TWFA should be renamed “荃足” (literally “Tsuen Football”) (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
- (3) he enquired whether it was necessary to obtain authorisation from the TWDC in order to become the district football team, and whether the TWDO could appoint a football team as the district football team at its discretion (Mr LAU Jackson);
- (4) he pointed out that the appointment of district football teams involved the use of public funds. As such, he enquired whether there were established procedures for the appointment of a district football team, for instance, whether the appointment was to be decided by an open and transparent process after steps such as tendering and completion of application forms.

He also enquired of the HAB about the funding amounts allocated to the district football teams under the District Football Funding Scheme. In addition, he pointed out that in the paper there was a mention of the need for the TWFA to obtain authorisation from the TWDC before it could name itself “Tsuen Wan Football Association”. He was thus unsure whether the name of a football club could be changed arbitrarily. He also hoped to clarify whether it was necessary for a football team to obtain authorisation from the TWDC in order to become the district football team (the Acting Chairman); and

- (5) he pointed out that according to the current list of district football teams announced by the HKFA, the current district football teams of Yuen Long district and Sai Kung district had also not been authorised by their respective District Councils to represent the two districts in the matches of the HKFA in 2020-21. He enquired which football teams in Yuen Long district and Sai Kung district were allocated funding by the HAB in 2020-21 (Mr LAI Man-fai).

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 2:40 p.m. and Mr LAU Chi-hung joined the meeting at 2:43 p.m.)

15. SLO(1) of the TWDO responded that the appointment of the district football team was not decided by the TWDO, but was decided by the HKFA. The district football team was also a Member of the HKFA. The HAB would, depending on the division of the HKFA league that the district football teams appointed by the HKFA fell into, provide different amounts of funding to support every district football team through the District Football Funding Scheme. For a district football team playing in the Third Division, the funding amount was \$400,000. The TWDO did not have information on the funding amounts allocated to the football teams of other districts for the time being, and would provide supplementary information after the meeting. In addition, according to available information, the HKFA had not announced the list of participating football teams in the 2021-22 football season yet.

16. DDLM(TW)1 of the LCSD responded that upon appointment, the district football teams would be provided with 36 free sessions at LCSD football venues for training.

17. Mr LAI Man-fai moved a motion: “a motion to issue a clarification letter to the Hong Kong Football Association Limited and Leisure and Cultural Services Department to explain that without authorisation from the Tsuen Wan District Council the Tsuen Wan Football Association cannot represent Tsuen Wan district and is not eligible for the benefits enjoyed by district football teams”. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus seconded.

18. The Acting Chairman enquired whether Members would move an amended motion. No Members moved an amended motion.

19. The Acting Chairman asked Members to vote on the captioned motion. Members unanimously endorsed the motion.

20. The Acting Chairman requested the Secretariat to send a letter to the HKFA and LCSD for follow-up.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed the captioned motion to the HAB and LCSD in writing on 24 May 2021.)

21. The Chairman resumed the chair.

VI Item 5: Ways to Promote Sports Activities in Tsuen Wan District under the Ongoing Epidemic

(RSACFAC Paper No. 3/21-22)

22. The Chairman stated that Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio submitted the paper. The representative from the department responsible for giving response was Ms SIU Yuen-ching, Sara, DDLM(TW)1, LCSD.

23. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio introduced the paper.

24. DDLM(TW)1 of the LCSD responded that regarding the provision of utilisation rates of the tennis courts and squash courts under the LCSD and data on the relevant training courses, competitions and fun days organised in 2000, 2008 and 2020, the LCSD only had the record for 2020 at the moment, which had been issued to Members. As the records for 2000 and 2008 were first compiled 21 and 12 years ago respectively, it was difficult for the LCSD to trace back these records. Under the epidemic of COVID-19, the LCSD launched the Online Interactive Sports Training Programmes from January to March 2021, which included a total of eight types of courses covering aerobic dance, fitness exercise, body-mind stretch, parent-child fitness, Tai Chi, fitness exercise for children, fitness yoga and hip hop dance. The objective of these courses was to motivate people of different ages to seize the opportunity to exercise more. In view of the overwhelming response, the LCSD would launch the second phase of the aforementioned programmes from April to June 2021, which would include new courses on badminton, "Play Tennis" and table tennis, in the hope that members of the public would exercise more while staying at home during the epidemic.

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

- (1) he opined that the Online Interactive Sports Training Programmes organised by the LCSD could not provide sufficient incentives to the general public for their participation. He pointed out that many families in Tsuen Wan district lived in cramped conditions, and so residents could hardly make room for home exercises. On the other hand, if exercises were to be performed outdoors, wireless Internet service might not be available. Hence, he opined that there was certain difficulty in implementing the Online Interactive Sports Training Programmes (Mr LAM Sek-tim);

- (2) he opined that the LCSD had not made enough publicity efforts in the past to promote sports, and had failed to motivate members of the public to do exercises. He pointed out that although the LCSD currently engaged celebrities to promote exercising, the celebrities themselves might not truly understand the sports being promoted. Thus, he suggested that the LCSD should cooperate with active athletes and invite them to join the LCSD's promotion to teach the basic skills of relevant sports activities, so that people who were new to the sports activities could have a better grasp of the basic knowledge. He hoped that the publicity work of the LCSD would be more in-depth and ingenious to enable members of the public to learn more about practical sports knowledge, thereby achieving more desirable outcomes in promoting sports (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);
- (3) he suggested that the LCSD should organise more sports competitions, such as inter-school and inter-district competitions. In his opinion, when participants represented a school or a district in a competition, their sense of belonging could be enhanced and the relevant sports could be better promoted. In addition, he was concerned about the elderly's involvement in sports. He suggested that the LCSD should provide fitness equipment tailor-made for the elderly so that they could have more space for stretching exercises. He also suggested that the LCSD should draw reference from popular sports activities in the community, such as yoga, and move with the times by carrying out corresponding promotional work to enhance the attractiveness of its publicity activities (Mr LAU Chi-hung);
- (4) he agreed that the collaboration with active athletes could enhance the effectiveness of the promotion of sports. On the other hand, given that 2021 was the year of the Olympic Games, he hoped that the Tsuen Wan Sports Festival could be held successfully and that the LCSD could resume its large-scale sports events after the epidemic had eased. In addition, regarding the data on the usage of squash courts provided by the LCSD, he enquired about the criteria for determining the peak hours and non-peak hours (the Chairman); and
- (5) he opined that the LCSD had all along been playing an important role in promoting cultural and sports activities, both in the past and at present. Given the advanced technology in today's society, the LCSD should step up its effort in promoting relevant sports activities even further to prevent the public from being addicted to electronic games and leading a sedentary lifestyle. He pointed out that, as 2021 was the year of the Olympic Games and the 60th anniversary of the founding of the satellite town of Tsuen Wan, he hoped that the LCSD would take the lead in organising more sports activities in the district during the period of the Olympic Games. With the epidemic easing, he also suggested that the LCSD should first consider organising events such as volleyball and athletics competitions, so that relevant sports competitions could be held as early as possible upon further relaxation of social distancing restrictions (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio).

26. DDLM(TW)1 of the LCSD responded that he understood that the level of participation in the Online Interactive Sports Training Programmes might be affected by space and time constraints, and the courses in question were all delivered by qualified coaches who would guide the participants through the training. On the other hand, the LCSD had all along been considering resuming community activities; however, as it had to take into account the epidemic situation to prevent the spread of virus among people who gathered together, it had decided to launch the Online Interactive Sports Training Programmes first. The LCSD would continue to closely keep in view the development of the epidemic situation, and adjust the arrangements for holding community activities. All the land-based venues which were closed earlier had been re-opened progressively. As the epidemic situation gradually eased, the LCSD was ready to resume recreational and sports programmes in May 2021 to provide members of the local community with more opportunities to exercise. Noting Members' views on the publicity work for sports activities and their concern over sports activities for the elderly, the LCSD would give consideration to these aspects when organising activities in the future.

27. The Chairman said that he requested the LCSD to consider Members' views on the promotion of sports activities.

VII Item 6: Request for the Establishment of a District e-Sports Team for Tsuen Wan
(RSACFAC Paper No. 4/21-22)

28. The Chairman stated that Mr LAM Sek-tim submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were Ms CHAN Tsz-yee, Emily, SLO(1), TWDO and Ms SIU Yuen-ching, Sara, DDLM(TW)1, LCSD. Besides, the written reply of the Innovation and Technology Bureau (ITB) was tabled at the meeting.

29. Mr LAM Sek-tim introduced the paper.

30. SLO(1) of the TWDO responded that electronic sports (e-sports) had yet to be popularised at the district level, and was still considered an emerging sports event. If an e-sports team was to be established in Tsuen Wan, the TWDO would suggest that consideration should be given to promoting an e-sports culture in the district by cooperating with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or industry players with experience in organising e-sports activities in Tsuen Wan district. The TWDO would be willing to provide appropriate assistance in that regard.

31. DDLM(TW)1 of the LCSD responded that e-sports was not within the scope of the LCSD at the moment. The LCSD noted Members' views, and was open to the promotion of e-sports.

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

- (1) he had mentioned a number of examples of e-sports in the previous meetings, such as the Formula One e-sports racing during the epidemic and the 1st Challenger Cup held in Hong Kong. These examples showed that e-sports could bring additional economic benefits, and thus was a sports item worthy

of development in the future. In his opinion, e-sports should fall into the purview of the LCSD. Thus, he hoped that the LCSD would lend its support in respect of venues and reserve its multi-purpose rooms for e-sports training so as to assist in the promotion of an e-sports culture (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);

- (2) he enquired of the LCSD whether it had divided various sports into categories and promoted only the popularised ones. On the other hand, he also cited bowling and archery as examples to illustrate that the Government had nevertheless also assisted in promoting some of the less popular sports items. Hence, he opined that the LCSD should keep up with the times and include e-sports as one of the sports items for subsequent promotion (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
- (3) he opined that the establishment of a district e-sports team required the cooperation of the ITB and the LCSD, but the Government did not have any ancillary measures to support the development of newer sports. He suggested that government departments should invite community organisations to conduct a joint study on how to establish a district e-sports team in the local community. He also expressed his discontent at the ITB's repeated failures to send its representatives to attend the meeting to give response to Members' enquiries (the Vice Chairman);
- (4) he opined that many government departments had not actively developed new sports items. He thus enquired whether the TWDC could allocate additional resources for the establishment of a district e-sports team, which would participate in relevant competitions representing the TWDC (Mr TSE Man-chak); and
- (5) he pointed out that e-sports had been included as a medal sport in the next Asian Games. The flourishing e-sports industry in Mainland China had seen the e-sports player's annual salary exceeding \$1 million, the relevant manpower requirement amounting to as high as 500 000, and the output value of e-sports surpassing RMB100 billion. Given the relatively high unemployment rate for youths in Hong Kong in recent years, e-sports was exactly the kind of high value-added industry particularly suitable for young entrants. Because of that, the LCSD and even the entire Government should keep up with the times by including e-sports in the list of sports items and actively promoting the development of the e-sports industry (the Chairman).

(Note: Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy joined the meeting at 3:18 p.m. and Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 3:19 p.m.)

33. DDLM(TW)1 of the LCSD responded that the promotion of e-sports required many more complementary policies. The LCSD noted Members' views, and was open to the promotion of e-sports. It had all along been keeping in view international and local sports developments, as well as the position of the International Olympic Committee on e-sports. Where feasible in all aspects, the LCSD would make complementary efforts as far as possible to assist in promoting e-sports.

34. The Secretary responded that all organisations were welcome to make an application for District Council funds as long as the Guidelines on the Tsuen Wan District Council Funds were complied with.

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

- (1) he suggested that the Strategy Group on Promotion of Recreational, Sports, Cultural and Arts Activities under the RSACFAC should be tasked with arranging e-sports activities and cooperating with organisations with relevant experience in the district to establish a district e-sports team (the Vice Chairman);
- (2) he thought that although organisations in the community could promote e-sports on their own initiative, the Government had the responsibility to take the lead in developing the e-sports industry. Citing the HAB's funding support for the district football teams as an example, he hoped that the Government would fund the establishment of district e-sports teams as well rather than emphasise the development of a few sports items only. He agreed that the issue of establishing a district e-sports team should be discussed at the meetings of the Strategy Group on Promotion of Recreational, Sports, Cultural and Arts Activities under the RSACFAC. Besides, he requested that the discussion of the captioned item should be continued at the next meeting, and that a letter should be sent to the ITB to request an explanation of its terms of reference (Mr LAM Sek-tim); and
- (3) he agreed that the TWDC should promote e-sports and establish a district e-sports team, and should study how a district e-sports team could be established in Tsuen Wan district after the meeting. He hoped that the HAB would enhance communication with the TWDC to discuss how the e-sports industry should be promoted in the district. The captioned item would be included in the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting at the next meeting. The RSACFAC would also send a letter to the ITB again to request an explanation of its terms of reference (the Chairman).

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' views to the ITB in writing on 24 May 2021.)

VIII Item 7: Proposal for a Trial Run of the "Art in MTR" Programme at the Stone Wall at the Chiu Tam Path Section of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot
(RSACFAC Paper No. 5/21-22)

36. The Chairman stated that Mr LAU Cheuk-yu submitted the paper. The representative from the department responsible for giving response was Ms YUEN Chi-ling, Margaret, M(NTS)M&DA, LCSD. Besides, the written reply of the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) was tabled at the meeting.

37. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu introduced the paper.

38. M(NTS)M&DA of the LCSD responded that the captioned programme was an art project launched by the MTRCL. The LCSD had nothing to add for the time being.

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

- (1) as there was plenty of space on the stone wall next to the fences and rails of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot, he supported the optimal use of the space for creative art. He enquired whether the stone wall at the Chiu Tam Path Section of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot was owned, managed and maintained by the MTRCL. On the other hand, he pointed out that since many current street art projects were launched by organisations in the community or commercial organisations on their own initiative, he hoped that the Government would draw reference from the examples of different railway facilities in Taiwan or Europe, and designate certain places as locations for arts organisations to create art to unleash the creativity of the community. He hoped that the LCSD or other departments would take up the role of coordinator and collaborate with the MTRCL to use public space in the community optimally and make a contribution to society (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
- (2) he supported the concept of using public space in the community optimally. Citing the recent creation of murals in Sham Tseng as an example, he explained that the participation of artists and primary school students in the creation could not only beautify the neighbourhood, but could also encourage local residents to take part in community activities. He also hoped that the departments could take the lead in related promotion, and use appropriate resources to motivate the general public to beautify community facilities (Mr LAU Chi-hung);
- (3) he expressed his regret at the MTRCL's failure to send its representatives to attend the meeting. Concerned about the use of public space, he opined that since public space belonged to the general public, the issue of using public space optimally was also important to the general public. Separately, he suggested that apart from the Chiu Tam Path Section of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot, the external wall off Exit B of MTR Tsuen Wan Station could also undergo beautification works, which could introduce artistic and cultural elements to the primarily single-coloured wall surface. He also hoped that the Government would collaborate with the MTRCL to enhance the effectiveness of the "Art in MTR" Programme (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy); and
- (4) he agreed to the inclusion of the external wall off Exit B of MTR Tsuen Wan Station in the "Art in MTR" Programme. In addition, he hoped to include the captioned item in the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting, and again invite the MTRCL to send its representatives to attend the meeting to explain the programme (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu).

40. M(NTS)M&DA of the LCSD responded that the stone wall at the Chiu Tam Path Section of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot was not within the confines of the LCSD's properties. The LCSD supported the optimal use of public space, and she stated that she would relay Members' views to her colleagues of relevant sections to explore the feasibility of

inviting artists to carry out arts promotion activities in the district.

41. Head (Intangible Cultural Heritage) (H(ICH)) of the LCSD responded that the Intangible Cultural Heritage Office (ICHO), which was responsible for the management of Sam Tung Uk Museum in Tsuen Wan, was also studying the possibility of cooperating with organisations in Tsuen Wan district to identify spaces for mural painting activities in the community. The ICHO would be glad to communicate with Members on possible locations for mural creation in the district, and hoped to promote intangible cultural heritage (ICH) in artistic ways in the district.

42. The Chairman said that mural creation on the stone wall at the Chiu Tam Path Section of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot would give artists, students and other members of the community an opportunity to unleash their creativity and bring about a beautification effect for community facilities. He was pleased with the LCSD's active response, and proposed including the captioned item in the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting for further discussion.

IX Item 8: Discussion on Promoting the Heritage of Sham Tseng
(RSACFAC Paper No. 6/21-22)

43. The Chairman stated that Mr LAU Chi-hung submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were Ms LEUNG Kit-ling, Esa, H(ICH) and Mr NG Chi-wo, Curator (Intangible Cultural Heritage) of the ICHO, LCSD.

44. Mr LAU Chi-hung introduced the paper.

45. H(ICH) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the ICHO set up the Hong Kong Intangible Cultural Heritage Centre (HKICHC) at Sam Tung Uk Museum in 2016. All exhibitions in the HKICHC were scheduled for a revamp in 2021 in three phases, with the first phase already completed in April 2021, and the second and third phases scheduled for completion in the third quarter of 2021;
- (2) to tie in with the revamp, the ICHO would arrange visits and a series of workshops in the two school years following the summer vacation for the participation of students and teachers. The ICH Mobile Centre would also travel to schools or public venues in different districts from Monday to Friday starting from 2022 to promote ICH;
- (3) while the Government would lead certain ICH promotion projects, persons or non-profit organisations capable of transmitting and promoting ICH could also apply for funding under the "Intangible Cultural Heritage Funding Scheme" to take forward projects on the study, educational promotion and transmission of Hong Kong's ICH; and
- (4) the ICHO was studying ICH items in Tsuen Wan district, including the Birthday of Jade Emperor and Earth God, and Yulan Festival at Sham Tseng,

and was considering including these two items in the ICH inventory. If Members intended to include other items of significant value in the inventory, they were welcome to submit relevant information and application forms to the ICHO.

46. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he pointed out that the activities and festive customs practised in many villages in Tsuen Wan district were worth preserving. Thus, he hoped that these could also be considered for inclusion as items in the ICH inventory. As far as he knew, some organisations in the community would carry out record-keeping work for individual cultural items upon receipt of funding. Some NGOs in the district had also collated oral folk histories and converted them into archives, thereby facilitating the continuous preservation of such histories. He hoped that whenever the LCSD conducted a study on ICH, it would simultaneously promote stories of a historical or cultural nature relevant to the study (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
 - (2) he was pleased with the LCSD's active and positive response to the captioned item, and hoped that items currently not included in the ICH inventory, such as the charcoal roasted goose, would be included in the inventory in the future. He also suggested exhibiting local ICH in a more vivid and tangible way to enhance the attractiveness of the exhibition contents (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
 - (3) he had earlier conducted a site visit at Ma Wan. As ICH of high historical value could be found in Ma Wan, he hoped that the items under study would be included in the ICH inventory. In the light of the ongoing development of Phase II of Ma Wan Park, he learnt that the Tin Hau Temple thereat would also be relocated. He hoped that the traditional worshipping practices in the temple would be preserved after relocation. On the other hand, he was pleased with the reopening of the renovated HKICHC at Sam Tung Uk Museum, hoping to visit the centre and then promote it among residents in the district. He also enquired whether the name "Sam Tung Uk Museum" would be replaced by "HKICHC" (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy);
 - (4) he agreed to the proposal on inviting NGOs to carry out various promotional activities on cultural themes in Sham Tseng area, and opined that Members could proceed to discuss the relevant considerations and matters on coordination at the meetings of the Strategy Group on Promotion of Recreational, Sports, Cultural and Arts Activities. Besides, he enquired whether Sam Tung Uk Museum had been renamed "HKICHC" (the Vice Chairman);
 - (5) he pointed out that Tsuen Wan was once a place where Hakka people inhabited, and both Sam Tung Uk Village and Sham Tseng area were previously Hakka villages with a very long history. The greatest challenge in preserving the Hakka culture was that the Hakka dialect was only a spoken language that could not be written. He hoped that relevant studies could be conducted and consideration could be given to promoting the Hakka dialect so as to prevent it from going extinct (the Chairman); and

(6) he was pleased with the LCSD's positive response to the captioned item. In addition, he suggested exploring whether currently idle government land in the district could be used for setting up culture galleries, and the feasibility of dovetailing revitalisation work with the development of the cultural industry (Mr LAU Chi-hung).

47. H(ICH) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) she looked forward to more collaboration between the ICHO and the TWDC in the future. The ICHO could arrange a site visit to the revamped HKICHC at Sam Tung Uk Museum for Members after the meeting;
- (2) the ICHO did not intend to rename Sam Tung Uk Museum. As the site of the museum was historically where Sam Tung Uk Village was located, the museum converted from the village was named Sam Tung Uk Museum, and this was a well-known name. What the ICHO had done was merely using Sam Tung Uk Museum for the additional task of promoting Hong Kong's ICH and using it as to house the HKICHC;
- (3) the current highlights of the exhibitions in the HKICHC included not only the well-established introduction to the history and rural life of Sam Tung Uk, but also details on ICH items in Hong Kong;
- (4) the Government had already put in place relevant funding schemes to assist in conserving and promoting unique local festivals and cultural activities; and
- (5) the ICHO was currently studying various ICH items, and would consider including items of significant value in the ICH inventory to enable the promotion and transmission of such items.

48. The Chairman said that he was pleased with the LCSD's positive response, and hoped to visit Sam Tung Uk Museum with Members after the meeting. He also hoped that the LCSD would provide introductory information on the revamped exhibitions in Sam Tung Uk Museum and the ICH Mobile Centre after the meeting to facilitate collaborative promotion of ICH in the community.

X Item 9: Information Papers

49. Members noted the content of the following information paper:

- (1) Financial Summary of Recreation, Sports, Arts and Culture For All Committee Funds 2020-21
(RSACFAC Paper No. 7/21-22).

XI Item 10: Any Other Business

50. Mr LAM Sek-tim said that he hoped to visit Sam Tung Uk Museum and the ICH Mobile Centre, and enquired about the parking location of the ICH Mobile Centre.

51. H(ICH) of the LCSD responded that owing to the epidemic, the ICH Mobile Centre was expected to come into service in February 2022. The ICH Mobile Centre would visit schools at arranged times, and would also be parked at various locations in the 18 districts of the territory during weekends. She would contact Members by then to arrange a visit.

52. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 24 June 2021 and the deadline for submission of papers was 8 June 2021.

XII Adjournment of Meeting

53. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

4 May 2021