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Minutes of the 5th Meeting of
Social Services and Community Development Committee (3/20-21)

Date : 15 September 2020
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Members

Mr WONG Ka-wa (Chairman)
Ms CHAN Kim-kam (Vice Chairman)
Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH
Mr LI Hung-por
Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus
Mr LAM Sek-tim
Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly
Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio
Mr LAU Chi-hung
Mr LAU Cheuk-yu
Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy
Mr LAU Jackson
Mr LAI Man-fai
Mr TSE Man-chak
Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Government Representatives

Ms LEE Lai-kiu, Winnie	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tsuen Wan District Office
Ms LUI Ka-wing	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing) ³ , Social Welfare Department
Miss LAM Shuk-fan, Janice	Senior School Development Officer (Tsuen Wan) ¹ , Education Bureau

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

Representatives

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr YIM Hong-yue, Owen (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) ³ , Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss CHEUNG Wai-nga, Katherine	Executive Officer (District Council) ⁴ , Tsuen Wan District Office

Attendance by Invitation:

For Discussion of Item 8

Ms CHUNG Dip-fun, Sarah

Senior Housing Manager/Wong Tai Sin,
Tsing Yi & Tsuen Wan 2, Housing
Department

Mr CHU Tung-fai

Senior Health Inspector (Joint Office)
Tsuen Wan, Food and Environmental
Hygiene Department

For Discussion of Item 10

Ms CHAU Regin

Outreaching Supervisor, Christian
Concern For The Homeless Association
Senior Outreaching Officer, Christian
Concern For The Homeless Association

Ms CHAN Olivia

Absent:

Members

Mr SHUM Lester

Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH

Mr CHIU Yan-loy

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments and the organisation to the 5th meeting of the Social Services and Community Development Committee (SSCDC).

2. The Chairman said that for Members' information, Mr YAU Kam-ping, Mr CHAN Sung-ip and Mr CHIU Yan-loy were absent with apologies.

3. The Chairman reminded Members of section 28 that according to the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the "Standing Orders"), unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, each Member could speak for each agenda item once at the meeting. For each agenda item, a maximum of four Members could speak and each of them could speak up to 1.5 minutes. Each Member who submitted a paper could have up to three minutes to introduce the paper and speak. Each representative from government departments could have up to three minutes for giving response.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 4th Meeting held on 26.6.2020

4. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendments to the minutes prior to this meeting. The minutes of the 4th meeting held on 26.6.2020 were confirmed without amendment.

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

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

IV Item 3: Application for District Council Funds by District Organisations
(SSCDC Paper No. 13/20-21)

6. The Chairman said that the Secretariat received a total of one application for District Council funds submitted by district organisations and the sum of the application amounted to \$4,177.50.

7. The Chairman asked if any Members needed to make declaration of interests immediately. No Member made declaration of interests.

8. The SSCDC unanimously endorsed one funding application as follows:

<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Applicant Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1) Children Latin Dance Training Class	International (Hong Kong) Dance Association	4,177.50

V Item 4: Application for District Council Funds as regards Activities Co-organised by the Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education and District Organisations
(SSCDC Paper No. 14/20-21)

9. The Secretary introduced the paper and read out the list of Members who were concurrently the Members of the Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education so as to indicate that they had made declaration of their membership. The membership list was set out in Annex I.

10. The Chairman said that he had made declaration of his membership of the Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education and membership of the Tsuen Wan Safe and Healthy Community Steering Committee which were both nominal post titles and did not involve pecuniary interest. Therefore, he could continue to chair the meeting and to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the matter. Besides, he determined that Members who were concurrently the Members of the Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education could participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the matter according to section 48(12) of the Standing Orders.

11. The Chairman asked if any Members needed to make declaration of interests immediately. No Member made declaration of interests.

12. The SSCDC unanimously endorsed seven funding applications as follows:

<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Applicant Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1) Care for Families in Tsuen Wan district amid Epidemic	Tsuen Wan Safe and Healthy Community Steering Committee	40,000.00
(2) Physical and Arts Training Programme for Families in Tsuen Wan	Caritas Community Centre - Tsuen Wan	40,000.00
(3) Echo	Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Tsuen Wan Centre	20,000.00
(4) Life Planning and Interview Skills Workshop	Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Tsuen Wan Centre	40,000.00
(5) Becoming Resilient	Caritas Wellness Link - Tsuen Wan	40,000.00
(6) Relaxation Activities in Winter	Hong Kong Children and Youth Services Jockey Club Belvedere Garden Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre	28,000.00
(7) Concern over Mental Health Programme in Tsuen Wan	Caritas Wellness Link - Tsuen Wan	40,000.00

VI Item 5: Application for District Council Funds as regards Activities Co-organised by the Task Force on Care for the Elderly, Rehabilitation and Community Information

(SSCDC Paper No. 15/20-21)

13. The Secretary introduced the paper and read out the list of Members who were concurrently the Members of the Task Force on Care for the Elderly, Rehabilitation and Community Information so as to indicate that they had made declaration of their membership. The membership list was set out in Annex I.

14. The Chairman said that he had made declaration of his membership of the Task Force on Care for the Elderly, Rehabilitation and Community Information which was a nominal post title. Therefore, he could continue to chair the meeting and to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the funding application concerned. Besides, he determined that Members who were concurrently the Members of the Task Force on Care for the Elderly, Rehabilitation and Community Information could participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the funding application concerned according to section 48(12) of the Standing Orders.

15. Mr LI Hung-por made declaration of his Presidency of an affiliated member of the Tsuen Wan Culture & Recreation Co-ordinating Association Limited. The Chairman determined that the Member who concurrently held a nominal post title in the organiser of the activity concerned could participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the funding application concerned in accordance with section 48(12) of the Standing Orders.

16. After discussion and voting, the SSCDC unanimously endorsed one funding application as follows:

<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Applicant Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1) Cantonese Opera Gems for Celebration in Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Culture & Recreation Co-ordinating Association Limited	165,000.00

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 2:41 p.m.)

VII Item 6: Application for Funding Scheme for Women's Development for Activities Co-organised by the Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education and District Organisation
(SSCDC Paper No. 16/20-21)

17. The Secretary introduced the paper and read out the list of Members who were concurrently the Members of the Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education so as to indicate that they had made declaration of their membership. The membership list was set out in Annex I.

18. The Chairman said that he had made declaration of his membership of the Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education which was a nominal post title. Therefore, he could continue to chair the meeting and to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the funding application concerned. Besides, he determined that Members who were concurrently the Members of the Working Group on Integrated Community Services and Community Education could participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the funding application concerned according to section 48(12) of the Standing Orders.

19. The Chairman asked if any Members needed to make declaration of interests immediately. No Member made declaration of interests.

20. The views and enquiries of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) the funding application in the previous item was about a Cantonese Opera performance and the amount under application was relatively large. He had reservations about its effectiveness in promoting care for the elderly and rehabilitation and hoped that Members would consider whether the funding

application concerned was related to the corresponding Task Force (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu);

- (2) he suggested that the Member should put forth the enquiries at the meetings of the said Task Force and keep in view similar applications in 2021 to see if they complied with the terms of reference of the said Task Force (the Chairman); and
- (3) in his opinion, activities such as Cantonese operas and Cantonese Opera excerpts were appealing to the elderly. If messages such as respecting the elderly and taking care of one's health were added in the activities, the activities concerned could then comply with the terms of reference of the said Task Force (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly).

21. Members unanimously endorsed one funding application as follows:

<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Applicant Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1) "Happiness Works" Women Health Scheme	SAHK Shek Wai Kok Parents' Resource Centre	49,143.00

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming joined the meeting at 2:45 p.m.)

VIII Item 7: Concern about Consumers' Rights and Request for Combating Online Fraud through Strict Regulation

(SSCDC Paper No. 17/20-21)

22. The Chairman said that Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus submitted the paper. The representatives from the government departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Miss LAM Shuk-fan, Janice, Senior School Development Officer (TW)1 (SSDO(TW)1) of the Education Bureau (EDB); and
- (2) Ms LEE Lai-kiu, Winnie, Senior Liaison Officer (2) (SLO(2)) of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO).

Besides, the consolidated written reply from the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Customs and Excise Department as well as the written replies of the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) and Consumer Council (Council) were submitted prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

23. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus introduced the paper.

(Note: Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy joined the meeting at 2:52 p.m.)

24. SSDO(TW)1 of the EDB responded as follows:

- (1) the EDB was responsible for school education. It did not liaise with other enforcement departments to conduct publicity on online fraud on a regular basis;
- (2) however, in light of the development of the internet in recent years, contents regarding the promotion of students' information literacy had been included

in primary and secondary education so that students could master the skills of “retrieval and analysis” and “differentiating the authenticity” of the information. Besides, the EDB also provided education accessories such as resources kits and websites containing learning and teaching resources to help school teachers to prepare relevant school-based materials;

- (3) besides, as there were many reports about online fraud in the media nowadays, teachers could quote real-life examples or analyse current affairs when scheduling classes. She believed that this could help raise students’ awareness of online fraud; and
- (4) if enforcement departments decided to launch relevant community education programmes or provide resources, the EDB could assist in promoting them in schools. The schools could also make use of the relevant resources according to their school-based needs.

25. SLO(2) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) District Fight Crime Committees (DFCCs) were established in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong. The DFCCs made an all-out effort to work closely with the HKPF at the district level and organised regular meetings as well as various types of publicity and education campaign on fighting crimes, with a view to promoting the message of combating crimes in society and encouraging residents to join hands in fighting crimes;
- (2) the representatives from government departments in the District Fight Crime Committee (Tsuen Wan District) (TWDFCC) came from various departments including the HKPF, TWDO, EDB, Social Welfare Department (SWD) and Independent Commission Against Corruption. They would conduct discussions and put forth views on the law and order in the district or relevant issues, as well as organise publicity and education campaigns on fighting crimes according to the types of crimes that were common or of public concern, including thematic activities on the prevention of telephone deception or social media deception;
- (3) she would convey Members’ concern and views about enhancing the publicity on preventing and combating crimes related to online fraud to the TWDFCC; and
- (4) as the TWDO had not received any requests for assistance on the matter concerned, it could not provide the number of cases requesting for assistance.

26. The views and enquiries of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he opined that the issue of online fraud and provision of commodities not matching their descriptions were serious. On the other hand, though being the major enforcement department, the HKPF failed to send its representatives to attend the meeting. He was disappointed with that and criticised the lack of elected representatives in the appointment mechanism of the DFCCs (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (2) he opined that the Council had not played its role effectively and, as a result, it had to rely on the HKPF for law enforcement. Nevertheless, the HKPF

did not send its representatives to attend the meeting. In addition, he agreed that there were quite a number of victims of various types of deception cases in Tsuen Wan district. He had brought up a case requesting for assistance which might involve criminal elements at a past meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC). In the said case, the victim called a drainage company found online, whose staff gave a quotation of \$800. However, the said company charged the victim \$15,000 when carrying out maintenance at the victim's dwelling. The victim later found out that the reported address of the said company was in fact an insurance company. The case was still being processed at the moment, but he suspected that the HKPF had persuaded the victim to downplay the incident. He opined that the HKPF had an undeniable responsibility to enhance enforcement besides educating the public so as to enhance the deterrent effect (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);

- (3) he was disappointed that the HKPF failed to send its representative to attend the meeting and gave its own interpretation of the terms of reference of the SSCDC in its written reply. He expressed his wish to have a chance to discuss the HKPF's roles in the TWDC. In addition, he pointed out that the HKPF did not act according to its written reply to allow its crime officers to investigate the cases involving criminal elements thoroughly. Also, frontline police officers might have downplayed the incidents intentionally to discourage the informants. Thus, he opined that the HKPF should not only step up the prevention work such as publicity in the community, but should also arrest the criminals so that they could receive punishment (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (4) he was disappointed with the HKPF's written reply and its failure to send its representatives to attend the meeting. He pointed out that the situation of various types of online fraud was serious, and victims with whom he had maintained contact all claimed that the Police made perfunctory responses and discouraged them. Hence, he opined that the Police had the responsibility to investigate the cases and provide support to the victims. Besides, he opined that the efforts made by the HKPF on publicity and education were insufficient as it disseminated anti-deception messages only through the distribution of leaflets and social media. The HKPF should at the same time step up detection, take law enforcement action including decoy operations and send its representatives to attend the meetings to give response to Members' enquiries (Mr LAU Chi-hung);
- (5) he had just received a fraudulent call before the discussion of the captioned item. On the other hand, he pointed out that it was surprising that the HKPF failed to send its representatives to attend the meeting given its large establishment. He pointed out that deception cases related to online shopping platforms happened from time to time, and teenagers often came across with modelling frauds. He hoped that the EDB would attach importance to the education on this aspect (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
- (6) he agreed that the issues of telephone deception and online fraud were becoming increasingly serious. He opined that there was room for

improvement in the detection skills of the Police and amendments had to be made to the legislation. He suggested that the HKPF should liaise with other government departments to enhance the cooperation with the International Criminal Police Commission for a discussion on how to conduct investigation into the syndicates and joint efforts in solving the technical problems with a view to detecting cases involving foreign phone calls or servers (Mr MAN Yu-ming);

- (7) he was angry about the written reply of the HKPF and opined that the TWDC was allowed to discuss about the views and suggestions regarding the enforcement actions taken by the Police. He did not understand how the DFCC TW could represent the members of the public in Tsuen Wan district to discuss the work of the HKPF. He suggested sending a letter to the HKPF to sternly state that the DFCC TW was not a suitable platform for discussing particular enforcement actions in the district as well as the coordination work on combating crimes by the Police. Besides, Members had expressed their wish to discuss the matter on safety and security in the community of Tsuen Wan district at the meetings of the Committees or Working Groups. However, as these meetings could not be arranged for the time being, he hoped that the HKPF would give response as to why the TW DFCC was a more suitable platform for discussing the said matter than the TWDC despite its smaller scale (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy);
- (8) he had joined the anti-deception talks held by government departments in schools and enquired of the EDB whether it had stipulated the number of times that the government departments were required to hold the same type of talks in schools every year. He also enquired of the TWDO whether it could arrange for Members of the TWDFCC to attend the meetings of various Committees under the TWDC (the Chairman); and
- (9) he enquired of the EDB and TWDO whether they could provide the teaching materials currently used for teaching anti-deception awareness or the future direction of education on anti-deception for Members' reference. He also opined that before launching new teaching materials, public views should be gauged or exchange of views with Members should first be conducted. Besides, he enquired of the HKPF how the Police Licensing Office could supervise finance companies and whether it was possible to consider online fraud as an individual item for handling so that clearer data could be provided and supervision of online frauds could be enhanced. In addition, he urged the HKPF to improve its attitude towards the informants and remind the public because education was one of the work of the Junior Police Call under the HKPF (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus).

27. SLO(2) of the TWDO responded that she would convey Members' concern and views about enhancement of publicity and education work in schools and among teenagers to the DFCC TW or relevant Committees. She noted Members' views.

28. SSDO(TW)1 of the EDB responded that she believed that schools would be willing to tie in according to their school-based needs if government departments held

talks on prevention of online fraud or provided relevant information in the future.

29. The Chairman said that the Police Community Relations Office used to send its officers to represent dedicated departments of the HKPF to attend the meetings in the past. The SSCDC would send letters to the department concerned to convey Members' views.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' enquiries to the departments concerned in writing on 12 October 2020.)

IX Item 8: Search for Short-term Accommodation for Tenants in Old Buildings Who Were Affected by Serious Water Seepage
(SSCDC Paper No. 18/20-21)

30. The Chairman said that Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio submitted the paper. The representatives from the government departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Ms CHUNG Dip-fun, Sarah, Senior Housing Manager/Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi & Tsuen Wan 2 (SHM/WTT2) of the Housing Department (HD);
- (2) Mr CHU Tung-fai, Senior Health Inspector (Joint Office) Tsuen Wan (SHI(JO)TW) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD);
- (3) Ms LUI Ka-wing, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (TW/KwT)3 (ADSWO(TW/KwT)3) of the SWD; and
- (4) Ms LEE Lai-kiu, Winnie, SLO(2) of the TWDO.

Besides, the SWD, HD and Buildings Department (BD) had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

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

32. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio added as follows:

- (1) the paper emphasized on "serious" and "tenants" specifically to indicate that the reason for concern over tenants in old buildings was that these tenants included tenants of subdivided flats as well as low-income grassroots in general;
- (2) he had earlier received a request for assistance on water seepage which the SWD could not entertain. He had made a site visit to the flat concerned personally and found that the problems of swelling, water dripping and spalling of concrete at the ceiling were very serious. Fungus-like organisms were even found at the corners. Hence, he was worried about the safety of the young children of the tenant concerned;
- (3) he had contacted the BD in this regard. After inspection and diagnosis by the unit responsible for building structure in the BD, it was confirmed that the flat concerned did not have imminent structural risks. Therefore, the tenant concerned was ineligible for the temporary accommodation in the transit centres or interim housing under the HD;
- (4) he understood that some people might choose not to move in to the said temporary accommodation because of location or environmental issues, but he opined that government departments should provide options for the

affected people in the borderline cases that were similar in nature so that assistance could be provided to them through a more lenient mechanism;

- (5) he hoped that the HD, SWD or Joint Office (JO) would arrange a site visit to the transit centres for Members who were interested so that Members could relay the actual situation of the temporary accommodation to the people who requested assistance; and
- (6) he noted that temporary accommodation was provided for a stay of three months only. Hence, the arrangement of providing these accommodations for people who were affected by serious water seepage should be able to facilitate the faster handling of water seepage cases by the JO formed by the FEHD and BD.

33. SHM/WTT2 of the HD responded as follows:

- (1) the water seepage problem faced by the tenants in old buildings was outside the purview of the HD; and
- (2) the beneficiary under the HD's rehousing policy included the eligible persons affected by the Squatter Clearance Programme of the Lands Department or enforcement actions taken by the BD against illegal structures. For the victims of natural disasters and other emergency incidents, accommodation in the transit centres would be arranged for them upon referral by relevant departments.

34. SHI(JO)TW of the FEHD responded that investigation of the water seepage cases was undertaken by the JO formed by the FEHD and BD, but the provision of temporary accommodation was not the work of the JO. If other government departments requested the relevant investigation results and information, the JO could provide them if no objections from the complainants were received.

35. ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD responded that the SWD could not provide any temporary accommodation. However, if the family concerned had welfare needs such as stress or emotional distress from the incident, it could seek assistance from the Integrated Family Services of the SWD.

36. SLO(2) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the provision of temporary accommodation or formulation of housing policy were outside the service area of the TWDO;
- (2) the owners had the responsibility to deal with the management and maintenance of the flats. The TWDO encouraged the tenants to communicate with the owners to seek methods for solving the water seepage problem. Tenants could also contact the JO which would conduct investigation and follow up on the complaint cases about water seepage; and
- (3) if a case involved the common parts of a building, it should be handled by the owners' corporation (OC) because the OC should bear the responsibility for the management and maintenance of the common parts.

37. The views and enquiries of the Chairman and Members were summarised as

follows:

- (1) given the poor environment of Po Tin Transit Centre in Tuen Mun, he opined that a person would not wish to stay in the said transit centre unless he or she was homeless. In addition, he enquired whether the Light Housing or Compassionate Rehousing of the SWD could help members of the public who were in need of short-term housing (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (2) the number of tenants of subdivided flats was relatively large in Tsuen Wan district and he often received requests for assistance regarding water seepage in subdivided flats. The tenants concerned relayed the great difficulty to look for a department to which the cases of water seepage could be referred. In addition, he opined that the TWDO had a lack of manpower for following up the matter of OCs in the district. Also, the assistance provided to the tenants of subdivided flats was wholly insufficient as they had no means to initiate contact with the owners who had moved out long ago (Mr LAU Jackson);
- (3) he had learnt about the cases mentioned in the paper in person and agreed that the situation was very severe. He hoped that the JO would review its work efficiency. In addition, he pointed out that the HD should consider adjusting its policies so that people who were ineligible under the vetting guidelines at present could also be allocated a temporary accommodation. He understood that the SWD could not provide temporary accommodation, but he enquired of the SWD whether it could provide financial support for the households in need and hoped that the TWDO would introduce measures to request the owners to handle the water seepage problem in addition to facilitating the establishment of OCs by owners (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (4) he opined that the statement made by the TWDO on requesting the tenants to communicate with the owners was unrealistic because owners might hide the situation of the flats and walk away after leasing the flats to the grassroots at a relatively low rate. He pointed out that the TWDO failed to ensure coordination between the owners and tenants or assist in establishing the OCs for the buildings in which water seepage was identified. He also opined that the TWDO should not shift the responsibility to the tenants. Besides, he agreed that the JO should review its work efficiency and hoped that the JO would consider stepping up the use of devices using infrared radiation or microwave to conduct tests to expedite the identification of the source of water seepage (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);
- (5) at the beginning of 2020, he had received a request for assistance in the district in which an elderly was suspected of dying from falling from height due to water seepage at the ceiling of the flat below. He opined that all the stakeholders would shift responsibilities among each other in the end despite the identified source of water seepage. Although the building in question had an OC, the tenant might not be able to find the members of the OC and the OC might not be able to handle the case properly. Thus, he hoped that the Government and TWDO would truly help members of the public to solve the water seepage problem in buildings (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
- (6) tenants in old buildings also often faced the situation that the owners refused

to carry out maintenance of the spalling concrete of the inner walls. He hoped that the SWD would consider allowing this type of affected persons to stay temporarily in Light Housing. He also enquired whether it was still possible to move into Shek Lei Interim Housing. Besides, he hoped that relevant government departments would learn from previous experiences, enhance efforts in the coordination among various departments and expedite the handling of cases referred by District Councillors instead of returning the cases to District Councillors for handling because the District Councillors had very limited resources. In addition, he opined that the cause of the housing problem in Hong Kong at present was the approval of excessive One-way Permits by the Government (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);

- (7) he understood that one of the principles the HD adopted when vetting the application for temporary accommodation was that the affected persons had to be recommended by other departments in order to move into the accommodation. In his opinion, there was certain difficulty to comply with this vetting principle (the Chairman); and
- (8) he was disappointed with the responses of all the departments. Given that the cases mentioned in the paper had already been held for more than six months, he opined that the efficiency of the JO was very low. In addition, he opined that the responses given by the representative of the HD were callous and criticised that the SWD failed to tentatively refer the borderline cases such as serious water seepage in dwellings to the HD and to accomplish its vision, mission and values. He urged all the departments to face squarely the said problem (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio).

38. SHM/WTT2 of the HD responded as follows:

- (1) Shek Lei Interim Housing was still in operation at present;
- (2) the transit centres were mainly used for accepting homeless people to provide temporary accommodation for them. During their stay therein, they still had to look for a premise on their own initiatives or wait for the Administration to consider their eligibility for moving into the interim housing; and
- (3) Po Tin Interim Housing was still open for accommodation by the eligible persons at present, but Long Bin Interim Housing in Ping Shan had been cleared.

39. ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD responded as follows:

- (1) the Lighting House was not a project coordinated by the SWD; and
- (2) the purpose of Compassionate Rehousing was to provide assistance to individuals with genuine and imminent long-term housing needs instead of arranging for temporary accommodation.

40. SLO(2) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) she reiterated that the management of private buildings and properties was the owner's responsibility;
- (2) the Government's established policy on building management was to encourage and assist the owners to establish suitable residents' organisations

- such as OCs for the effective management of buildings by the residents;
- (3) the TWDO would enhance publicity so that members of the public could learn about the responsibility of the OCs and owners in respect of the management and maintenance of properties; and
 - (4) the Urban Renewal Authority had launched the Integrated Building Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme for providing financial and technical assistance to the OCs or owners of individual flats. In the said scheme, the Building Maintenance Grant Scheme for Elderly Owners, the Home Renovation Interest-free Loan and the Building Safety Loan Scheme could provide subsidy for fees incurred from the maintenance works related to water seepage. The TWDO would enhance the effort in promoting the said schemes among the OCs and residents.

41. The Chairman said that the SSCDC would send a letter to the BD to convey Members' enquiries about stepping up the use of devices using infrared radiation and microwave. In addition, he hoped that the HD would contact Members after the meeting to arrange for a site visit.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' enquiries to the BD in writing on 12 October 2020.)

X Item 9: Request for Discussion on the Provision of Appropriate Cantonese Courses for Persons in Need of Them in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(SSCDC Paper No. 19/20-21)

42. The Chairman said that Mr LAM Sek-tim submitted the paper. Besides, the LCSD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

43. Mr LAM Sek-tim introduced the paper.

44. SLO(2) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the Home Affairs Department (HAD) provided support services to new arrivals from the Mainland and ethnic minorities including provision of language courses as well as financial assistance for taking language examinations for the relevant non-school-attending persons of the said groups to encourage them to pursue continuous learning and self-enhancement;
- (2) the HAD provided subsidy for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to organise language courses for ethnic minorities and granted funding for non-profit-making organisations (NPOs) to operate support service centres for ethnic minorities, such as the Hong Kong Community Network LINK Centre in Kwai Chung. This type of centres would organise different thematic learning classes and after-school tutorial classes regularly as well as youth activities;
- (3) the HAD launched the "District-based Integration Programmes" which made good use of the district networks to provide adaption courses and various

kinds of activities to the new arrivals and ethnic minorities to facilitate their integration into society. Besides, revised versions of the guide and handbook would be printed every year to give a brief on the situation of Hong Kong and various services related to the daily lives of the members of the public for the new arrivals to draw reference;

- (4) as far as she knew, other government departments including the EDB, Labour Department, Legal Aid Department and Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency had prepared pamphlets and leaflets about the application method of some of the subsidy and services in different languages. These materials were also uploaded to the websites of the departments concerned for the new arrivals to browse through; and
- (5) the TWDO would continue to assist new arrivals to integrate into society as soon as possible at the district level.

45. The views and enquiries of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) the pamphlets prepared by the TWDO for the new arrivals to read were well received by the new arrivals in the district. He hoped that the TWDO would provide a set of them for each Member after the meeting for their perusal. In addition, he enquired of the EDB whether it had arranged for South Asians to enrol in designated schools (the Chairman);
- (2) he suggested that a Cantonese ability test should be arranged for the new arrivals. If the test results were not satisfactory, the Government could arrange corresponding tutorial class or elementary courses of Cantonese for them. He believed that this arrangement would be more effective in assisting them to integrate into society than the distribution of pamphlets (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (3) the number of South Asians was relatively large in his constituency and he learnt that they had difficulty in choosing schools. Though not being able to understand the magazines in Chinese or English of the parent-teacher associations, they could only make a decision based on the information in these magazines without fully understanding the pros and cons of qualifications of the teachers in the schools. He hoped that there would be more volunteers who were willing to communicate with these people and share the information that only locals would understand with them to facilitate their assimilation into the culture of Hong Kong (Mr LAU Jackson);
- (4) he opined that people who did not know Cantonese should be banned from arriving in Hong Kong where practicable and the quotas for One-way Permit should be reduced. If the arrival of the said type of persons in Hong Kong was to be accepted, assistance should be provided for their integration into Hong Kong. However, according to the data of the Census and Statistics Department from 2006 to 2019, the number of people who used Putonghua as their major language and second language had increased significantly in Hong Kong, reflecting the failure of the current policy to facilitate social integration of new arrivals through learning the local language (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);

- (5) he opined that the provision of guides or pamphlets could not help the new arrivals to learn Cantonese and liaison with district organisations should be established first to actively guide the new arrivals to learn about their community. Secondly, adjustment should also be made to the education system in Hong Kong so that ethnic minorities could understand that Chinese characters were of equal importance. Otherwise, they could hardly achieve self-improvement or look for a job in the future (Mr LAU Chi-hung);
- (6) he enquired of the TWDO about the current definition of new arrivals and whether the definition would vary according to the region of origin or years of stay in Hong Kong of the new arrivals. For instance, if a child whose parents were South Asians who had been staying in Hong Kong for a few years was born in Hong Kong, he enquired whether the child was also considered as a new arrival (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
- (7) he agreed with the views of the Members. He said that new arrivals which had less than seven years of residence in Hong Kong had come to his ward office to inquire about the welfares that they could enjoy. This showed that some of the new arrivals came to Hong Kong solely because of the welfare that they were eligible for instead of the intention to make contribution to Hong Kong society. Thus, he was concerned about how to encourage the new arrivals to actively integrate into society through education and opined that the provision of elementary Cantonese courses could allow them to support themselves (Mr YICK Shing-chung); and
- (8) according to his observations, most of the Southeast Asians would take the initiative to learn Cantonese upon arrival in Hong Kong, and the South Asians knew simple English in general and thus did not have much problem in communication. However, for the new arrivals who spoke dialects, there was nothing he could do. At the same time, he noticed that some of the people who knew Mandarin were unwilling to learn Cantonese. They thought that Cantonese was insignificant and intentionally belittled the language. The Government's policies also indirectly led to the suppression of Cantonese. He hoped that the government departments would face squarely the situation so that new arrivals would be willing to integrate into Hong Kong society through learning Cantonese (Mr LAM Sek-tim).

(Note: Mr LAU Chi-hung left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.)

46. ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD responded as follows:

- (1) the SWD had provided subsidy for NGOs in March 2020 to establish three Outreaching Teams for Ethnic Minorities to provide support for ethnic minorities. The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Outreaching Team for Multi-Cultural Community was responsible for the provision of services in Tsuen Wan district. It proactively reached out to ethnic minorities in the district to help them to adapt to the life in Hong Kong more easily and assist them to integrate into the local community;
- (2) support services were also provided to the ethnic minorities by all NGOs in the district, such as the Caritas Jockey Club Integrated Service for Young

People – Lei Muk Shue, Hong Kong Children and Youth Service Jockey Club Belvedere Garden Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre and HKSKH Lady MacLehose Centre; and

- (3) the SWD, service units for families and other service units funded by the SWD also included new arrivals as their service targets. Besides, the District Social Welfare Office of the SWD also liaised with the TWDO and other organisations in the district to support the new arrivals and ethnic minorities on a project basis.

47. SLO(2) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) she would provide Members with the guide and handbook that they had mentioned after the meeting for their perusal;
- (2) she did not have the exact information about the definition of new arrivals. However, if reference was drawn from the scheme of “Subsidy for Non-school-attending Ethnic Minorities and New Arrivals from the Mainland Participating in Language Courses” launched by the HAD, in respect of the arrival in Hong Kong from the Mainland, a new arrival would be considered as a beneficiary of the scheme if he/she arrived in Hong Kong from the Mainland using a One-way Permit and had less than 7 years of residence in Hong Kong; and
- (3) the said scheme provided subsidy for new arrivals and ethnic minorities to participate in dedicated language courses of the Employees Retraining Board such as Elementary Cantonese, Vocational Cantonese, Employment Cantonese and English courses.

48. SSDO(TW)1 of the EDB responded that the EDB would assist non-Chinese speaking students including ethnic minorities to enrol in schools. Since the abolishment of the so-called “designated schools” system in the 2013/14 school year, the EDB encouraged non-Chinese speaking students to enrol in public sector primary and secondary schools as well as the schools under Direct Subsidy Scheme which provided local curriculum so that students could come across with and immerse in a Chinese language environment as early as possible.

49. The Chairman hoped that the TWDO would note Members’ views on language test and convey the views to the departments concerned.

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming left the meeting at 3:56 p.m.)

XI Item 10: Support for Street Sleepers in Tsuen Wan District
(SSCDC Paper No. 20/20-21)

50. The Chairman said that Mr LAU Jackson submitted the paper. The representatives from the government departments and organisations responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Ms LUI Ka-wing, ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD;
- (2) Ms CHAU Regin, Outreaching Supervisor (OS) of the Christian Concern For The Homeless Association (Association); and

- (3) Ms CHAN Olivia, Senior Outreaching Officer (SOO) of the Association.
Besides, the SWD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

51. Mr LAU Jackson introduced the paper.

52. ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD responded that the SWD provided subsidy for the NGOs to operate the Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers to provide integrated services including outreaching service, emergency shelter and short-term accommodation, counselling service and financial assistance for the street sleepers. Besides, the Integrated Family Service Centres also provided various welfare services for the street sleepers.

53. SOO of the Association responded as follows:

- (1) as the service areas of the Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers covered the entire New Territories and Kowloon district except the Yau Tsim Mong district, resources were limited and workload for the workers was very heavy. Therefore, it was necessary to cooperate with the churches and recruit volunteers in order to achieve the goal of visiting 700 to 800 street sleepers annually;
- (2) the Association had a wide scope of services which covered various needs of the homeless people. The Association provided accommodation for male and female street sleepers and visited nearly 100 homeless people who could no longer stay in McDonald's over the territory due to the epidemic in April 2020. Besides, the Association also operated on a self-financing basis and made use of social resources to provide emergency shelters;
- (3) as the HAD did not open the shelters for the homeless people at that time, the Association had to look for other resources. Thanks to the assistance and support from various sectors in society, the Association could continue to provide all-round care services for the homeless people; and
- (4) the Association actively looked for social resources so that the term of residence of the short-term accommodation provided by the Association could be longer than that of the emergency shelter funded by the SWD. It could take 10 years or above to follow up on the cases about street sleeping.

54. The views and enquiries of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) many people had become street sleepers during the epidemic due to underemployment or unemployment. He had followed other Members to conduct outreach visits. After learning about the needs of the street sleepers in the district, he had contacted the business sector to arrange for meal distribution. He thanked the Association for its contribution made for the street sleepers and hoped that the support for street sleepers in the district would be enhanced (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu);
- (2) he did not have particular comments on the services previously provided for the street sleepers in the district, but he opined that communication should be

enhanced. He had called the SWD and service centre of the Association with a view to helping a street sleeper to seek assistance. However, the parties concerned called back to follow up on the matter only after five days. In his opinion, a waiting time of five days during the epidemic was acceptable, but it would consider to be relatively slow under the normal standard. He hoped that similar cases would be handled faster after the epidemic. In addition, he enquired whether the street sleeper cases in the New Territories should be followed up by the SWD or the service centres funded by the SWD. He also pointed out that the Caritas Hong Kong did not have any outreaching team for street sleepers and thus opined that it was ineffective to request for assistance from the said organisation (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);

- (3) he thought that it was difficult to settle the issue of homeless people in society. At the beginning, he thought that the issue of homeless people in Tsuen Wan district was not serious. He only discovered later that there were homeless people gathering together in several places in the district, which was a serious situation. In addition, he had slept in the streets for half a year and suffered hardships such as sleeping in the parks. Thus, he opined that the senior officers in the Government did not understand the hardships of the street sleepers. As far as he knew, the SWD seldom sent social workers to help street sleepers directly; instead, it mostly provided support for street sleepers through the NGOs (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
- (4) he was truly thankful for the workers of the Association. In addition, when McDonald's suspended the provision of dine-in service at the beginning, all Members went to the Tsuen Wan town centre to assist the street sleepers every night, and members of the community and organisations had also provided short-term accommodation for the street sleepers. He was helpless against the decision made by the government departments which refused to open up the community halls for the street sleepers at the request of the District Councillors. He hoped that the Government would understand that the homeless people were also Hong Kong residents and it was necessary to face squarely their needs (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
- (5) he admired the Association as it still managed to provide assistance to the street sleepers in various aspects despite of the lack of support. He thought that workers of the Association had enormous workload and understood that they needed time to establish relationships with the homeless people. In this connection, he suggested that the Government should take the initiative to allocate more resources or land for launching service schemes or providing temporary accommodation for the street sleepers (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (6) he was surprised at the enormous workload of the workers of the Association and enquired of the government departments about the allocation of resources. In addition, he hoped that the Association would invite Members to participate in its service activities after the meeting (the Chairman); and
- (7) he appreciated the contribution of the Association and opined that the HAD was inconsiderate to the members of the public because it had decided not to

open up the community halls during epidemic. Contrasting to the assistance provided to the street sleepers by other NGOs, the resources allocated to this aspect by the Government were clearly insufficient. He hoped that the Government would provide additional assistance to the street sleepers (Mr LAU Jackson).

55. ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD responded as follows:

- (1) if there was referral of cases regarding street sleepers in Tsuen Wan district, the Tsuen Wan (West) Integrated Family Service Centre or Caritas Integrated Family Service Centre - Tsuen Wan would first contact the persons who referred the cases. After learning about the situation of the street sleepers and providing support services for a period of time, if the street sleepers were willing to accept the services of the Association and agreed to the referral, the cases would be referred to the Association for follow-up. The Integrated Family Service Centres would also maintain coordination with the Association;
- (2) the organisation had also raised enquiries and views on allocation of resources to the SWD. The SWD would relay them to the departments concerned; and
- (3) the Caritas Hong Kong did not operate an Integrated Services Team for Street Sleepers in Tsuen Wan district, but the Integrated Family Service Centre under its management would first confirm with the homeless people their service needs. Upon receipt of their approval for referral, the cases would be taken over by the Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers. Hence, Members might also contact the Caritas Integrated Family Service Centre - Tsuen Wan for enquiries if necessary.

56. SOO of the Association responded as follows:

- (1) she thanked the Members for their acknowledgement of the Association's work. As there were many reasons for the homeless people to sleep in the streets, its workers had to spend a large amount of time on establishing relationship with them;
- (2) she had received Members' enquiries and replied to the SWD on the same night. Nevertheless, she would pay attention to the communication problem;
- (3) many homeless people chose not to accept the services out of various reasons. For instance, they did not wish to live with others so they decided not to move into the accommodation. Also, as the Association did not have accommodation in every district, the homeless people might refuse to receive services because they did not wish to stay in a certain district; and
- (4) about 30% to 40% of the homeless people had mental problems and had slept in the streets for quite some time. Thus, it was relatively difficult for the workers to build up deep relationships with them in a short period of time.

57. OS of the Association responded as follows:

- (1) the Association received a funding of \$4,500,000 from the SWD during the

epidemic. However, as the Association hoped to develop a wider range of services rather than those stipulated in the guidelines of the Government, it did not accept the funding; and

- (2) the Association had night-time outreaching teams in Sham Shui Po district for provision of services. Nevertheless, it still had a great demand for assistance from the churches in the said district and volunteers in conducting night-time outreaching.

58. SLO(2) of the TWDO responded that the opening up of community halls involved the considerations of the policy measures of the HAB or HAD as well as the limitation of resources. She believed that the HAD had given response to the relevant views put forth by Members, hence she had nothing to add.

59. The Chairman said that given that there might be an increasing number of people losing their jobs and becoming homeless people due to epidemic in the future, the SSCDC would send a letter to the Secretary for Labour and Welfare to strive for the allocation of additional resources.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' views to the Labour and Welfare Bureau in writing on 12 October 2020.)

XII Item 11: Request for Government Allocation of Additional Resources for Enhancing the Anti-epidemic Protective Gear of Healthcare Personnel in the Public Hospital in Tsuen Wan District

(SSCDC Paper No. 21/20-21)

60. The Chairman said that Mr LAU Cheuk-yu submitted the paper. Besides, the consolidated written reply from the Food and Health Bureau (FHB), Department of Health and Hospital Authority was submitted prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

61. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu introduced the paper.

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

- (1) he thought that the healthcare personnel in Hong Kong had worked intensively and the Government failed to allocate the anti-epidemic resources as appropriate. Hence, he suggested that the Government should allocate additional resources to purchase anti-epidemic protective gear for the healthcare personnel in public hospitals (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
- (2) the government departments only included information that could be found online in their written reply to the issues faced by the healthcare personnel in the district. In addition, the Government had commended the healthcare personnel who came to Hong Kong from overseas for several times lately. He thus opined that the Government neglected the local healthcare personnel and was disappointed and saddened by the matter (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);
- (3) he was not sure about the amount of resources that the Government had spent at the district level on supporting the local healthcare personnel. The

TWDC had sent face masks to the Yan Chai Hospital (YCH) in the form of sponsorship to support the local healthcare personnel. He opined that the Government should formulate stronger measures to protect healthcare personnel from infection and enhance the supporting hardware and software related to the supply of anti-epidemic goods. In addition, he opined that the Government did not show enough care and encouragement to the local healthcare personnel who worked intensively (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);

- (4) he was thankful for the local healthcare personnel and was discontented with the Government which had only commended the test support teams from the Mainland and neglected the local frontline healthcare personnel who worked intensively. Besides, he agreed with the view on enhancing the supporting software and hardware for the healthcare personnel (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy);
- (5) he felt it was absurd that at the beginning of the epidemic, due to the insufficient number of masks in hospitals, the District Councillors of Tsuen Wan district and community members initiated the distribution of masks outside the entrance of the YCH. In addition, he was frustrated with the YCH because it did not conduct examination of the specimens of the pregnant women which were collected at the designated testing points on its own initiative. He also opined that the matter reflected the insufficiency of the resources provided by the Government for public hospitals (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
- (6) he thanked the frontline healthcare personnel in Hong Kong for their contribution and hoped that the funding from the Government would be used as appropriate. In addition, he had sent a letter to the FHB to urge for the enhancement of the anti-epidemic protective gear of the healthcare personnel. He had also contacted the private organisations to discuss whether it was possible to arrange for resale of masks with a higher specification to the healthcare personnel. He understood the hard work of the officers of the FHB, but he was discontented that there was a mistake regarding the information of a building on Ham Tin Street in the list of buildings with confirmed cases of COVID-19 announced earlier. The said building number was in fact unavailable on the street concerned. He opined that the incident showed that the departments concerned had not carefully reviewed the services it provided (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu).

63. The Chairman said that he agreed with the view that the local healthcare personnel worked intensively and suggested paying respect to them. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal with a view to expressing thanks and encouragement to the healthcare personnel. In addition, the SSCDC would send a letter to the FHB to convey Members' views.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' views to the FHB in writing on 12 October 2020.

XIII Item 12: Work Progress Report of various Working Groups under the Committee

(A) Task Force on Care for the Elderly, Rehabilitation and Community Information

64. Mr LAU Jackson reported that the Task Force had held a meeting on 9 July 2020. Two applications for DC funds submitted by the Task Force were endorsed by the SSCDC by circulation of paper between 27 August and 3 September 2020. An application for DC funds as regards an activity co-organised by the Task Force and a district organisation was also endorsed by the SSCDC.

XIV Item 13: Information Papers

65. Members noted the contents of the following information papers:

- (1) Items Endorsed by Circulation by the Social Services and Community Development Committee during the Period from 18 June to 7 September 2020 (SSCDC Paper No. 22/20-21); and
- (2) Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Social Services and Community Development Committee as at 31 August 2020 (SSCDC Paper No. 23/20-21).

XV Item 14: Any Other Business

66. The views and enquiries of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) she pointed out that under the SWD's approach of division, Kwai Tsing district and Tsuen Wan district were under the same administrative district of the SWD. Previously, a carer of a mentally handicapped person in Kwai Chung Estate strangled her mentally handicapped son and attempted suicide by slashing her wrists, allegedly due to the inability to cope with the stress brought about by long-term care. She thought that the incident reflected the dire necessity to face squarely the relevant issues. She said that the Government did not allow the premature departure from the special schools by the mentally handicapped persons, and the accommodation services for the persons with disabilities and mentally handicapped persons were in severe shortage. The number of persons waiting for the said services in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing District were even the second highest over the territory. To this end, she urged the SWD to identify suitable lands for social welfare uses in the Tsuen Wan district for provision of residential care homes for persons with disabilities, enhance community care services and provide additional respite places. In addition, although the Chairman had explained to her that her paper was not accepted because it was submitted after the deadline for submission of paper, she regretted that the Chairman refused her request to discuss the services provided to the persons with disabilities through a provisional motion (the Vice Chairman);
- (2) he opined that under the impact of the epidemic, the life of members of the public was affected. It might thus lead to more tragedies in society. He hoped to urge the Government and SWD to step up the efforts in following up and facing squarely the tragedies in the community of all the districts in Hong Kong (Mr LAM Sek-tim);

- (3) although the incident brought up by the Vice Chairman did not take place in the Tsuen Wan district, he thought that this type of incident was very common and hoped that the representative of the SWD would give a brief response (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu); and
- (4) he had discussed the services for persons with disabilities with the SWD and YCH. Relevant matter would be discussed in the TWDC Full Council (the Chairman).

67. ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD responded as follows:

- (1) she learnt that the TWDC would discuss the said issue. The SWD was preparing the relevant information and would give response at the said meeting;
- (2) the SWD also hoped to provide additional residential care homes for persons with disabilities in the district and thanked Members for their support for the said work. Nevertheless, it took time to identify suitable sites and some of the members in the community had reservations about the provision of residential rehabilitation services in the district. Therefore, she hoped that Members would continue to support the services and planning launched by the SWD;
- (3) the SWD would keep in view closely the mental health of the members in the community. As different strata of people in society suffered from severe mental stress due to various reasons, the SWD was currently launching the “Action Overcome” in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing District to provide assistance to the social welfare organisations for the early identification of service users who were in face of mental stress and arrangement of support for them through various social welfare organisations, integrated community centre for mental wellness, clinical psychological services and psychiatric services; and
- (4) despite the prevailing pessimism in society lately, the “Action Overcome” still actively carried out publicity work with the entire community as the target group. Members would be informed of further information, if any, via the Secretariat.

(A) Date of Next Meeting

68. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 23 October 2020 and the deadline for submission of paper was 8 October 2020.

XVI Adjournment of Meeting

69. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat
30 September 2020

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under Social Services and Community Development Committee in 2020-23

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Mr LI Hung-por
Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus
Mr LAM Sek-tim
Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio
Mr CHIU Yan-loy
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Mr TSE Man-chak

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