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Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of  
Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (1/2024)

Date : 26 February 2024  
Time : 2:30 p.m.  
Venue : Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH (Chairman)  
Mr CHAN Chun-chung (Vice Chairman)  
Ms WONG Shuk-fan, Luparker  
Mr NG Chun-yu  
Mr CHU Tak-wing, MH  
Ms LAM Yuen-pun  
Mr CHOW Sum-ming  
Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH  
Ms CHEUNG Man-ka, Marcella  
Ms CHAN Shun-shun  
Mr MOK Yuen-kwan  
Mr CHAN Hiu-chun, MH  
Mr TSANG Tai  
Mr FUNG Cheuk-sum  
Ms WAH Mei-ling  
Mr WONG Kai-chun  
Mr KOT Siu-yuen, MH  
Mr LAU Chung-kong  
Mr CHENG Chit-pun

In Attendance:

Mr LEE Soeng-him, Sean	Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office
Ms TSE Sai-lin, Jasmine	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) District Support, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LEE Wai-man	Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHAN Pak-woon	Senior School Development Officer (Tsuen Wan)2, Education Bureau

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat Representatives:

Mr LIM Kuen	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss MAK Wing-yan, Wendy (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)3, Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr NG Cheuk-pong, James	Executive Officer (District Council)4, Tsuen Wan District Office

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC). He introduced the government departments which would be in regular attendance at meetings of the CICRC, namely the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) (including the Leisure Services Branch, the Cultural Services Branch and the Libraries & Development Division under its purview) and Education Bureau (EDB).

2. The Chairman stated that according to the requirements stipulated in the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders, if a District Council (DC) Member found that he/she had any direct personal or pecuniary interests in a discussion item or relevant matters when attending a meeting of the Council or dealing with matters related to the Council, the DC Member should declare the interests. The Secretariat had not received any declaration of interests prior to this meeting. No Member made a declaration of interests immediately.

3. The Chairman said that Members could speak once and make supplementary remarks once on each agenda item at the meeting. Each Member could speak up to two minutes in the first round of speeches and up to one minute in the second round of speeches.

II Item 1: Information Paper

Report on the Recreational and Sports Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 1/2024)

4. The Chairman asked Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) District Support (DDLMTW)DS of the LCSD to introduce the paper.

5. DDLMTW)DS of the LCSD reported that the “18 Districts’ Pledging cum Cheering Team Competition” of the 9<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Games (HKG) had been held on 25 February 2024. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)) of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) had attended the aforementioned event on behalf of the district. It was a pity that the Tsuen Wan District Cheering Team had not received any prizes despite their all-out efforts made to deliver an impressive performance. She encouraged Members to keep up the good work in training the cheerleading team and be well prepared to strive for success in the next HKG.

6. DDLM(TW)DS of the LCSD said that the “Tsuen Wan District Delegation’s Pledging Ceremony” would be held on 2 March 2024. She encouraged Members to actively participate in the said event and support the local athletes.

7. DDLM(TW)DS of the LCSD said that the “Jockey Club Vitality Run” (the “Vitality Run”) would be held on 3 March 2024.

8. The Chairman supplemented that ADO(TW) and ten DC Members would take part in the Vitality Run. He had prepared dragon-themed costumes for the participants to compete for the “Overall Best Team Costume Prize” in the competition.

9. DDLM(TW)DS of the LCSD said that the Hong Kong Flower Show 2024 (the “Flower Show”) would be held at Victoria Park from 15 to 24 March 2024. The Green Campaign Section of the LCSD would later send out invitations to all Members with the assistance of the Secretariat.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD thanked the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) for supporting the Flower Show. On 15 March 2024, a total of ten DC Members attended the opening ceremony of the Flower Show. In addition, Chairman of the TWDC and six DC Members went to the Flower Show on 19 March 2024 to show support for the LCSD’s major annual event of greening promotion. They visited the “Globes of Delicate Flowers” garden plot presented by Tsuen Wan district and other characteristic flower fields.)

### III Item 2 & 3: Information Papers

Report on the Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department & Report on the Performing Arts Programmes to be Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Tsuen Wan District for 2024/25

(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 2/2024 & No. 3/2024)

10. The Chairman asked Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion (SM(NTS)P) of the LCSD to introduce the paper.

11. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD reported that in 2024-25, the LCSD would launch an array of schemes in Tsuen Wan district, including the “Venue Partnership Scheme”, “School Culture Day Scheme”, “Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme”, “School Performing Arts in Practice Scheme”, “Arts Experience Scheme for Senior Secondary Students”, “18dART Community Arts Scheme”, as well as other music promotional activities offered by the Music Office. Apart from encouraging members of the local community and arts groups to participate in performing arts activities, the said schemes would also contribute to fostering the local community’s and students’ interests in performing arts. The LCSD planned to hold a total of 137 activities which were expected to attract about 43 000 participants.

12. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) a Member wished to gain a better understanding of the participation rate of local activities, and asked the LCSD to provide relevant data for reference;
  - (2) a Member stated that the former committee had set up two working groups (responsible for publicity and activities respectively) in the past, and suggested that this approach should be followed to facilitate community participation;
  - (3) a Member pointed out that many free programmes had been suspended due to the epidemic. With the epidemic now coming to an end, the Member asked whether the LCSD would resume those activities;
  - (4) a Member pointed out that many local organisations had submitted funding applications for co-organising activities with the TWDC in the past, and successful applicants might even be able to hire venues that would not be accessible to general organisations. The Member had received enquiries from many organisations and schools, expressing their wishes to hire the facilities at Tsuen Wan Town Hall to hold graduation ceremonies as well as cultural and recreational activities, etc.;
  - (5) a Member said that several DC Members would lead teams to participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> HKG. The Member looked forward to strengthening communication with the LCSD so as to support and take part in the event;
  - (6) a Member pointed out that Members of the CICRC would also need to assist in the publicity and promotion of civic education activities in addition to community involvement, cultural, sports and arts activities. The Member suggested that the CICRC should cooperate with schools more often and strengthen publicity targeted at schools so as to encourage parents and students to participate in relevant activities;
  - (7) a Member opined that the LCSD should provide venues for schools to hold activities so as to make effective use of the facilities in the district;
  - (8) a Member said that if schools planned to hire venues of the LCSD to hold activities, they would need to submit applications to the LCSD at least six months in advance. The Member enquired about the possibility of streamlining the application process and shortening the six-month period required for an application; and
  - (9) a Member hoped that the LCSD would provide schools and DC Members with information on activities, including the target audiences and the age groups of the target audiences, etc.
13. The Chairman responded that he would study the proposal of setting up working groups and it would be followed up at the next meeting.
14. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD responded as follows:
- (1) the participation rate of free and fee-charging cultural activities held in Tsuen Wan district depended on factors such as the programme's nature, the time and its attractiveness, etc. Members could refer to the information on the attendance of cultural activities mentioned in the captioned paper;

- (2) in addition to the local cultural programmes and the Community Arts Scheme organised and sponsored by the LCSD mentioned in the captioned paper, programme information would be uploaded onto the website of the LCSD and announced in the monthly programme schedules of performing arts venues. Members were welcome to assist in the publicity of the activities to promote community involvement;
  - (3) following the return of normalcy in the community, the Community Programmes Office and Audience Building Office under the LCSD had successively organised various free or fee-charging activities, including performances, lecture demonstrations, workshops and exhibitions, etc. Such activities were to promote performing arts to the public or different communities, arouse their interests in performing arts, broaden their artistic experiences, and to enhance their abilities in art appreciation so that the development of community arts would be facilitated. Information on the programmes could be found on the website of the LCSD;
  - (4) organisations should submit applications for hiring the facilities at Tsuen Wan Town Hall in accordance with the established procedures. If organisations wished to hire major facilities, they could submit ordinary booking applications to the LCSD three to seven months prior to the month of hire. The LCSD would review and consider factors such as the nature of the event (mainly performing arts activities), artistic value, whether the event demonstrated contribution to promoting culture and arts in the community, the experience of the applicant in organising similar activities and the attendance rate of past activities, etc.; and
  - (5) the Audience Building Office under the LCSD would organise a series of school activities, including the “School Culture Day Scheme” and “Arts Experience Scheme for Senior Secondary Students”. Every year, the LCSD would distribute an annual programme plan to schools based on the list provided by the Education Bureau. The website of the LCSD would also provide information on various performing arts activities that teachers and students were welcome to take part in.
15. The Chairman concluded the discussion as follows:
- (1) the CICRC would consider setting up a working group (community involvement and promotion); and
  - (2) the CICRC would co-organise activities with organisations concerning culture, arts and sports in the district, and apply for funding from the Community Involvement Programme.
16. The Chairman said that Members were welcome to express views on the cultural and recreational activities in the district.

(Post-meeting note: After the meeting, the Secretariat received the supplementary information from the LCSD regarding the recreation and sports activities programme in Tsuen Wan district for 2024-25, and forwarded the information to Members for their perusal on 12

March 2024.)

IV Item 4: Information Paper

Report on the Promotional Activities of Public Libraries in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(TWDC CICRC Paper No. 4/2024)

17. The Chairman asked Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) (SL(TW)) of the LCSD to introduce the paper.

18. SL(TW) of the LCSD said that the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) would organise the activity “Read Together for Half an Hour” in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao on 23 April 2024. It was currently identifying suitable reading locations, and there were no restrictions as to the venue and format. Details of the activity would be forwarded to Members through the Secretariat after the meeting.

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

- (1) a Member asked about the possibility of offering training courses on how to use e-books; and
- (2) a Member asked whether the HKPL would organise the activity “Read Together for Half an Hour” every year.

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

- (1) the libraries would regularly organise user education sessions to teach members of the public how to use the online resources of the libraries, including how to use e-books. Members of the public were welcome to contact library staff for enquiries; and
- (2) 23 April every year had been designated as the “Hong Kong Reading for All Day”, and the activity “Read Together for Half an Hour” was held for the first time this year.

(Post-meeting note: After the meeting, the Secretariat received the supplementary information from the LCSD regarding the promotional activities of public libraries to be organised in Tsuen Wan district from April 2024 to March 2025, and forwarded the information to Members for their perusal on 12 March 2024. In addition, the Secretariat forwarded information regarding the activity “Read Together for Half an Hour” to Members on 21 March 2024 for their perusal.)

V Item 5: Any Other Business

21. The Chairman said that in order to promote “Sports for All” in the district and publicise the importance and benefits of regular participation in sports and other physical activities to the public, the Community Sports Section of the LCSD had invited the TWDC to nominate no less than two DC Members to serve as the “Sports Ambassadors”. The two-year term of office started from January 2024 to the end of December 2025. The LCSD hoped that the “Sports Ambassadors” would encourage

and assist more members of the local community to take part in community sports activities organised by the department so that they could establish a healthy lifestyle. He said that he would submit the names of Mr MOK Yuen-kwan and Mr CHOW Sum-ming to the Chairman of the TWDC for nominating them to serve as the “Sports Ambassadors”, and asked Members to take note of the proposal.

VI Adjournment of Meeting

22. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 29 April 2024 (Monday) and the deadline for submission of papers was 12 April 2024 (Friday).

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat  
22 March 2024