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Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Development, Planning and Transport Committee
6th Wan Chai District Council
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Date : 16 May 2023 (Tuesday)
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : District Council Conference Room, Wan Chai District Office.
21/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

<u>Present</u>	<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>
<u>Chairperson</u>		
Mr LAM Wai-man, Anson	2:35 p.m.	3:28 p.m.
<u>Members</u>		
Ms KOO Kwok-wai, Sabina	2:35 p.m.	3:28 p.m.
Ms LEE Pik-ye, Peggy, MH	2:40 p.m.	3:28 p.m.
Mr WONG Wang-tai, Ivan, MH	2:35 p.m.	3:28 p.m.

Representatives of Government Departments

Ms TONG Wing-ye, Winnie	Assistant District Officer (Wan Chai), Home Affairs Department
Ms TSANG Wai-ye, Olivia	Senior Estate Surveyor/Hong Kong East (2), Lands Department
Ms TSANG Yik-ting, Floria	Senior Town Planner/Hong Kong 3, Planning Department
Mr TSAI Tung-hung	District Operations Officer (Wan Chai), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr AU YEUNG Leung	Officer-in-charge, District Traffic Team (Wan Chai), Hong Kong Police Force
Miss LEUNG Hoi-kei, Christina	Senior Transport Officer/Wan Chai, Transport Department
Mr CHAN Quan Wai, Aaron	Engineer/Wan Chai 2, Transport Department
Mr LEUNG Ho-san, Tony	Senior Engineer/ 9 (S), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr CHAN Kai-yin	District Engineer/Wan Chai, Highways Department
Mr YEUNG Chun-kit	Engineer/ HK (Distribution 4), Water Supplies Department

Representatives of Other Government Departments and Organisations

Mr Sunny FU	Technical Manager, Drainage Services Department
Mr LO Kin-on, Calvin	Asst Engineer/E1, Drainage Services Department
Ms HO Wing-kam, Josephine	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South)4, Environmental Protection Department
Mr TANG King-wah, Eddie	Officer-in-charge, District Traffic Team (Eastern District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHOW Chung-kwong	Senior Engineer 8/ Works, Highways Department
Mr CHUNG Kok-lin	Project Coordinator 8-2/ Works, Highways Department
Mr CHAN Kin-fung	Senior Engineer/ Walkability 4, Transport Department
Mr NGAI Tik-ki	Associate Director, Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Limited
Mr LEUNG Kin-sze, Chris	Principal Transport Planner, Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Limited

Absent with apology

The Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP Member

Secretary

Miss HO Shun-kwan, Teresa Executive Officer (District Council) 2,
Wan Chai District Office, Home Affairs Department

Opening Remarks

The Chairperson welcomed all Members and representatives of government departments to the 18th meeting of the Development, Planning and Transport Committee (“DPTC”) of the Wan Chai District Council (“WCDC”).

2. The Chairperson asked Members to pay attention to the papers and the agenda with the estimated discussion time frames placed on the conference table. In order to make the meeting more efficient, this meeting would be held on a timed basis. At most two rounds of speeches would be allowed for each agenda item, and each Member could speak for two minutes per round.

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 17th Meeting of Development, Planning and Transport Committee

3. The Chairperson said that the Secretariat did not receive any amendment proposals from Members prior to the meeting.

4. Since no amendment was proposed by Members present, the minutes of the 17th Meeting were officially confirmed by means of a motion moved by Mr WONG Wang-tai, Ivan and seconded by the Chairperson.

Item 2: Summary of Major Temporary Traffic Arrangements in Wan Chai District (DPTC Paper No. 19/2023)

5. Miss LEUNG Hoi-kei, Christina of Transport Department (“TD”) introduced the information paper.

6. The Committee noted the above paper.

Item 3: Major Small-scale Traffic Improvement Works Completed, Underway or being Planned in Wan Chai District by Transport Department/ Highways Department (“HyD”) in the Past Two Months and their Schedules (DPTC Paper No. 20/2023)

7. Mr CHAN Kai-yin of HyD introduced the information paper.

8. Noting that the department proposed to carry out pavement widening works in the section of Jaffe Road between Tonnochy Road and Marsh Road, Ms KOO Kwok-wai, Sabina wanted to know more about the contents of the works.

9. Mr CHAN Kai-yin of HyD said that the department was carrying out pavement widening works in the section of Jaffe Road between Tonnochy Road and Marsh Road at the request of TD to improve the walking environment of the pavement. Upon completion of the works, the width of the northern pavement would be increased by 1.5 metres. Similar works had been carried out in the section of Jaffe Road between Canal Road East and Percival Street before, which was completed in 2020.

10. Ms KOO Kwok-wai, Sabina asked whether the widened pavement would affect vehicles using the carriageway. Moreover, the department would also carry out the works related to this project in the vicinity of Lockhart Road. She asked about the contents of the works.

11. Mr CHAN Kai-yin of HyD said that TD had ensured vehicles would be able to travel smoothly in the remaining carriageway in the future in planning the pavement widening works. Sufficient space had also been provided for vehicles to move into and out of the car parks of various buildings. Moreover, the pavement widening works on Jaffe Road would affect existing metered parking spaces so TD proposed to re-provision two metered parking spaces on Lockhart Road.

Item 4: Summary of Works in Wan Chai District
(DPTC Paper No. 21/2023)

12. The Chairperson welcomed the following representatives to this meeting:

Mr FU Sunny	Technical Manager, Drainage Services Department
Mr LO Kin-on, Calvin	Assistant Engineer/Eastern 1, Drainage Services Department (“DSD”)

13. Mr LEUNG Ho-san, Tony of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”) introduced the paper.

14. The Committee noted the above paper.

15. The Chairperson thanked the representatives of DSD for attending the meeting

(Mr FU Sunny and Mr LO Kin-on, Calvin, the representatives of DSD left the meeting after the discussion of this item.)

Item 5: Progress Report on Matters Arising of DPTC under WCDC
(DPTC Paper No. 22/2023)

16. The Chairperson welcomed the following representatives to this meeting:

Ms HO Wing-kam, Josephine	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South) 4, Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”)
Mr TANG King-wah, Eddie	Officer-in-charge, District Traffic Team (Eastern District), Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”)

17. Regarding the “Action Checklist of District Issues”, Ms KOO Kwok-wai, Sabina had the following opinions and questions:

- (i) Regarding Item 17 “Handling of Abandoned Motorcycles in Wan Chai District”, she thanked the police and Wan Chai District Office (“WCDO”) for their efforts noting that the number of abandoned motorcycles had been greatly reduced. However, many vehicle repair workshops still put damaged vehicles in the southern section of Stone Nullah Lane near the Viva Blue House such as Kennedy Street, King Sing Street, Kat On Street, Hing Wan Street and Lung On Street. Over time, the vehicles concerned would become abandoned motorcycles. Government departments should actively communicate with the vehicle repair workshops and conduct publicity to eradicate the problem of abandoned motorcycles.
- (ii) She expected that the situation of queues outside many restaurants in Wan Chai District after the government’s relaxation of the social distance measures could be properly handled, as people waiting to be seated were occupying the space of pavements.

18. The Chairperson said that there were long queues outside many restaurants in Wan Chai and the shop owners and staff were unable to effectively deal with the public order problem. She asked whether the police could intervene to deal with the situation.

19. Mr AU YEUNG Leung of HKPF responded as follows:

- (i) Regarding the problem of abandoned motorcycles in the vicinity of the Viva Blue House in Wan Chai, the police would continue to step up patrols and enforcement actions, and where appropriate, conduct joint operations with other departments to remove the abandoned vehicles as soon as possible.
- (ii) The queues outside restaurants might occupy the space of pavements and affect other road users. In this regard, the police would advise and inform the restaurant managers of the situation concerned and suggest that they should put the people on the waiting list by issuing chits.

20. Ms KOO Kwok-wai, Sabina asked whether WCDO could conduct publicity on the problem of abandoned motorcycles. The government should educate owners and staff of the vehicle repair workshops on the proper way to dispose of vehicles.

21. Ms TONG Wing-ye, Winnie of WCDO responded as follows:

- (i) Between November 2022 and February 2023, three joint removal operations were conducted in which a total of 30 unclaimed abandoned motorcycles were removed. Between January and April 2023, only 5 unclaimed abandoned motorcycles were removed. The significant reduction in the number of abandoned motorcycles in Wan Chai District recently reflected that the government’s proactive approach in tackling the problem concerned had made the parties concerned think twice before disposing of motorcycles.

- (ii) For the problem of abandoned motorcycles in the vicinity of the Viva Blue House in Wan Chai, the department would step up inspections. Once suspected abandoned motorcycles were found, the department would immediately liaise with the police and go through the procedures concerned, and remove them when necessary.

22. Regarding Item 6 of the “Action Checklist of District Issues” concerning “Issues and latest progress of works of Hopewell Centre II”, Ms LEE Pik-yee, Peggy said that the Lands Department (“LandsD”) had pointed out in the update of the “Action Checklist of District Issues” that it was processing Hopewell’s application for lease modification to extend the completion date of the works concerned. She asked whether the department could provide supplementary information. Moreover, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) had not provided updated information related to the Ship Street Playground Project in the “Action Checklist of District Issues”. She asked whether LandsD could provide update.

23. Ms TSANG Wai-ye, Grace of LandsD responded as follows:

- (i) According to the latest information provided by Hopewell Holdings (Hopewell), the estimated completion date of Hopewell II building and various projects, including the Ship Street Playground, was June 2023. LCSD was aware of the progress of the Ship Street Playground.
- (ii) According to the current lease conditions, the Hopewell II building had to be completed by 30 June 2023 while the Ship Street Playground had to be completed three months before the occupation of the Hopewell II building (i.e. 31 March 2023). As Hopewell had not been able to complete the works of the Ship Street Playground in accordance with the above lease requirements, Hopewell had submitted an application for lease modification to the department and would be required to pay a premium for such modification if it was approved by the department.

24. Regarding the “Checklist of Noise Black Spots”, Ms KOO Kwok-wai, Sabina said that many members of the public gathered in the vicinity of O’Brien Road at night to stage and watch street performances at the location outside Exits A3 and A1 of the Wan Chai MTR Station and talked loudly next to the restaurants or the Jockey Club Off-course Betting Centre, creating nuisance to residents of the buildings nearby. She asked how government departments would address the above problem of noise nuisance. She suggested that WCDO should hang publicity banners or put up posters nearby to reduce noise nuisance, and join hands with the police to give advice to the offenders.

25. Ms LEE Pik-yee, Peggy said that there was a site under construction in Spring Garden Lane near Queen’s Road East. There were many residential buildings nearby and many residents complained about the noise problem. While she understood that the construction works were carried out during non-restricted hours (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays), she expected that EPD would co-ordinate with the site manager on the works schedule to avoid carrying out excessively noisy process before 8:00 a.m. as far as possible to meet the needs of the residents for work and rest.

26. Ms HO Wing-kam, Josephine of EPD responded as follows:

- (i) The space at Exits A1 and A3 of the Wan Chai MTR Station belonged to public places. Upon receipt of complaints, noise is to be responsively dealt with by the police on a reasonable approach.
- (ii) Regarding the noise problem from the construction site in Spring Garden Lane near Queen's Road East, the department would convey the opinions concerned to the site manager to try to avoid carrying out process that would generate excessive noise before 8:00 a.m. as far as possible.

27. Mr AU YEUNG Leung of HKPF said that the police would deploy additional officers to patrol and step up law enforcement near Exits A1 and A3 of the Wan Chai MTR Station.

28. Ms TONG Wing-ye, Winnie of WCDO said that staff of WCDO would conduct inspections in the vicinity of O'Brien Road from time to time and would collect more information on noise nuisance and law and order issues. WCDO would adopt an advisory approach in dealing with the noise problem, and would liaise closely with the police on the next course of action to be taken if the gathering of people posed hidden concern on law and order.

29. Regarding the "Checklist of Illegal Parking Black Spots", the Chairperson said that after full resumption of normal travel between Hong Kong and the Mainland and coupled with various festivals approaching, the problem of illegal parking in the vicinity of Times Square near Yiu Wah Street, Sharp Street East and Tang Lung Street had become very serious. The front section of Sharp Street East, the back section of Sharp Street East near the Lee Theatre Plaza, as well as the area outside the car park of the Times Square were full of vehicles, causing serious traffic obstruction in Sharp Street East, Matheson Street and Percival Street. After traffic wardens told the illegally parked vehicles to leave, the sections concerned would be occupied again shortly afterwards. He asked whether the police had any ways to eradicate the problem of illegal parking.

30. Mr AU YEUNG Leung of HKPF responded as follows:

- (i) The police had been stepping up enforcement action in the vicinity of the Times Square near Yiu Wah Street, Sharp Street East and Tang Lung Street, and would continue to follow up and step up enforcement action.
- (ii) Illegal parking was much more serious at noon on Saturdays with many vehicles waiting for the parking spaces of car park outside the Times Square.
- (iii) The police would introduce mobile video enforcement and deploy officers to use mobile videos to record illegal parking at irregular intervals and copy the

information of large number of illegally parked vehicles through video-recording to enhance the efficiency of law enforcement and combat traffic obstruction.

- (iv) The Wan Chai Police District would also fully co-operate with Traffic Hong Kong Island on various fronts to ease the problem of traffic queues and enhance enforcement mobility.

31. The Chairperson said that the problem of illegal parking was very serious during weekday nights and at various hours of the day on Saturdays and Sundays. He thanked the police for using mobile video enforcement to combat illegal parking.

32. The Chairperson asked the departments and organisations concerned to follow up on the opinions and requests made by Members on the above checklists. He also thanked the representatives of EPD and HKPF for attending the meeting.

(Ms HO Wing-kam, Josephine, the representative of EPD and Mr TANG King-wah, Eddie, the representative of HKPF left the meeting after the discussion of this item.)

Item 6: Escalator Link Between Wood Road And Queen's Road East
(DPTC Paper No. 17/2023)

33. The Chairperson welcomed the following representatives to this meeting:

Mr CHOW Chung-kwong	Senior Engineer 8/Works Division, HyD
Mr CHUNG Kok-lin	Project Co-ordinator 8-2/Works Division, HyD
Mr CHAN Kin-fung, Keith	Senior Engineer/Walkability 4, TD
Mr NGAI Tik-ki, Dicky	Associate Director, Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Limited
Mr Chris LEUNG	Principal Transport Planner, Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Limited

34. Mr CHOW Chung-kwong of HyD introduced the discussion paper.

- (i) DPTC discussed the initial plan for the proposed works at its meeting on 12 July 2022 and Members raised some suggestions and opinions on the works.

Subsequently, the department communicated with the major stakeholders and stakeholders concerned and consulted them on the design plan after enhancements.

- (ii) The department would report to Members on the enhancements of the escalator link project between Wood Road and Queen's Road East in Wan Chai at this meeting, as well as the latest progress and current situation of the project in the hope that the enhancements would be supported by the Committee.
- (iii) The department had re-arranged the width of the staircases on both sides of the proposed escalator according to the distribution of pedestrian flow during peak hours and moved the proposed stair lift to the east side with lower pedestrian flow near the staircase of the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School.
- (iv) The department would also move the proposed ramp and pedestrian walkway cover near the bus stop at Queen's Road East to the east side to tie in with the new location of the proposed stair lift, which would also be closer to the hospital nearby to the convenience of the elderly and people in need.
- (v) A symmetrical Y-shaped design on either side would be adopted for the proposed cover to provide a more complete coverage of the pedestrian walkway near the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School.

35. Ms KOO Kwok-wai, Sabina had the following opinions and questions:

- (i) She asked whether the initial plan (Annex 1) for the proposed works had a lower feasibility than the enhancements (Annex 2). She wondered whether the department expected Members to choose one of them.
- (ii) She opined that the initial plan and the enhancements each had its advantages and disadvantages. In the enhancements, the proposed cover had a higher coverage but the area of the proposed cover could barely provide shelter to the pedestrian walkway and could not completely keep off rainwater. She suggested that the department should extend the area of the proposed cover.
- (iii) She asked about the reasons for moving the proposed escalator to the east to the side near the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School in the department's enhancements, making the pedestrian walkway on the east side narrower and the one near the St. Joseph's Primary School wider. She asked whether the pupils of the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School and Jockey Club Hong Chi School used the eastern side of the pedestrian walkway less when they were going to and from school.

- (iv) The department said that it had conducted many exchanges and communications with the major stakeholders nearby. She asked what organisations or people were included among the major stakeholders and the stakeholders concerned.

36. Mr WONG Wang-tai, Ivan said that as this escalator connected Wood Road to Queen's Road East in Wan Chai. Queen's Road East was one of the busiest roads in Wan Chai District. He wondered whether the department had assessed the pedestrian safety factor of the escalator after its completion.

37. Mr CHOW Chung-kwong of HyD responded as follows:

- (i) DPTC discussed the initial plan for the proposed works, i.e. the plan in Annex 1, at its meeting on 12 July 2022, and Members and stakeholders raised some suggestions and opinions on the works.
- (ii) The department had enhanced the proposed works after referring to the new round of the data on pedestrian flow and opinions from various parties and then consulted Members on the enhancements in Annex 2 at this meeting. In the enhancements, the department had re-arranged the width of the staircases on both sides of the proposed escalator and moved the proposed escalator closer to the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School. According to the survey on pedestrian flow, the pedestrian walkway near the St Joseph's Primary School had a higher pedestrian flow, while the pedestrian walkway near the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School had a lower pedestrian flow. Therefore, the department moved the proposed escalator to the side which had lower pedestrian flow.
- (iii) Regarding the suggestion for the extension of the area of the proposed cover, the department would continue to discuss with the representative of the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School and the maintenance department during the detailed design stage before finalising the final design plan.
- (iv) As the department intended to convert part of the existing staircase into a hillside escalator, the project would have no impact on the pedestrian safety on Queen's Road East.

38. The Chairperson had the following opinions and questions:

- (i) He wanted to know more the department's communication with the representatives of the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School and the St Joseph's Primary School before this meeting, and whether the school representatives were aware that the department would brief Members on the enhancements of the escalator at this meeting.
- (ii) As the proposed escalator was closer to the St. Joseph's Primary School according to the department's initial plan and the representative of the St. Joseph's Primary School had subsequently submitted a letter of objection to the DPTC, the department proposed in the enhancements to move the proposed escalator closer to the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School. He asked whether the department had listened to the opinions of the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School, and whether they agreed with such arrangement.
- (iii) As it was understood, the St Joseph's Primary School had applied for in-situ redevelopment of its school premises. The construction period of the redevelopment of the school premises was close to the department's construction period of the escalator. She wondered whether the department had co-ordinated with the school to cope with the works schedule.

39. Ms KOO Kwok-wai, Sabina had the following opinions and questions:

- (i) Noting that the department would move the proposed stair lift closer to the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School, she asked about the space of the pedestrian walkway available after completion of the stair lift. She wondered how the stair lift would be operated.
- (ii) The main entrance/exit of the St Joseph's Primary School was located at the side entrance, i.e. at the position of the staircase on Wood Road so the pedestrian walkway near the St Joseph's Primary School had a higher pedestrian flow. After completion of the escalator, the pedestrian walkway outside the side entrance of the St Joseph's Primary School would be significantly narrowed. She wondered whether this arrangement would cause other potential problems.
- (iii) She wondered whether pupils of the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School and the Jockey Club Hong Chi School would use the side entrances of the schools next to the staircase to go to and from school.

40. Mr CHOW Chung-kwong of HyD responded as follows:

- (i) The major stakeholders nearby included three schools, namely, the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School, the Jockey Club Hong Chi School and the St. Joseph's Primary School. The department had held several meetings with the representatives of the three schools over the past year and had submitted the enhancements to the school representatives for their perusal at the end of April 2023 to listen to their opinions. The department would maintain communications with the schools during the detailed design stage and continue to improve the design plans.
- (ii) The department had a meeting with the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School on 16 May 2023 and the school had no objection to the department implementing the project. However, the school was more concerned about the drainage on both sides of the walkway after completion of the escalator and wondered whether the walkway would be flooded during rainy days. Noting this, the department's enhancements included the provision of covered U channels on both sides of the escalator to help drain away the rainwater accumulated on the surface. Moreover, the school was also concerned that the natural light on the staircase might be blocked after completion of the covered walkway. The department could use light-permeable material for the construction of the cover to prevent the staircase from being too dark.
- (iii) The department also received opinions on the enhancements submitted by the St. Joseph's Primary School on 16 May 2023. The school was concerned about the hidden worries on the safety of the staircase after modification. The department would modify and design the staircase according to the current standards to ensure that it would meet the safety standards. Moreover, part of the carriageway of Wood Road would be converted into a pavement, which might affect the parking space of school buses. The department could make appropriate arrangements and adjustments on the design during the detailed design stage to reduce the impact on the parking of school buses.
- (iv) The department was aware that the St Joseph's Primary School had planned to carry out redevelopment of the school premises from 2025 to 2028 and the construction period of the escalator was quite close to that of the redevelopment of the school. The department would continue to co-ordinate and cope with the schedules of the two works with the school to reduce the impact on each other.

41. Mr Chris LEUNG of Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Limited responded as follows:

- (i) The width of the pedestrian walkway next to the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School was about 2.5 metres. Although the walkway would be narrowed when the stairlift was in operation, the overall space was still adequate to meet the daily pedestrian

flow. At the meeting with the school on 16 May 2023, the department clearly explained such arrangement to the school.

- (ii) According to the statistics on pedestrian flow, pupils of the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School used the side entrance of the school to enter the school mainly when they went to school.

42. The Chairperson said that as he understood, the Labour and Welfare Bureau had provided the disabled in need free common keys to operate the facility concerned themselves in order to facilitate them to use the stair lifts installed in public places for using staircases. Meanwhile, wheelchair users could also be assisted by other persons in using stair lifts.

43. Ms KOO Kwok-wai, Sabina had the following opinions and questions:

- (i) She asked whether the stair lift would stop at the uphill or downhill position of the staircase when it was not in use. The width of the pedestrian walkway next to the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School was about 2.5 metres. Assuming that the width of the stair lift was 0.8 metre and there would only be 1 metre or so of the pedestrian walkway available for pedestrians to use when the stair lift was in operation, the department had to inform the school of the information concerned as the pedestrian walkway would still be used by the pupils when they left school.
- (ii) There were many residential buildings nearby in Wood Road and residents would use this staircase to walk to Queen's Road East. She wondered whether the department had sought their opinions whether the escalator would be to their convenience upon completion.

44. Mr CHOW Chung-kwong of HyD responded as follows:

- (i) The department was now consulting WCDC on the enhancements of the escalator link and would start the gazettal for public consultation later.
- (ii) The department would decide whether to implement a project based on the data of pedestrians. The escalator would provide a comfortable and convenient pedestrian route for pedestrians to go to Queen's Road East from Wood Road.
- (iii) During the meeting with the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School on 16 May 2023, the department clearly stated that the width of the stair lift was 0.8 metre, the width of the pedestrian walkway next to the school was about 2.6 metres, and 1.5 metres

of pedestrian walkway would be available for pedestrians to use when the stair lift was in operation. When the stair lift was not in use, it could be folded upright so that pedestrians could use the 2.6-metre pedestrian walkway.

45. The Chairperson said that he had no objection in principle and was very supportive of the department in implementing this project. As Salvation Army Street was next to Wood Road, many elderly people had to go to the Tang Shiu Kin Hospital via Salvation Army Street or walk to Oi Kwan Road to go to the hospital via the staircase. Therefore, the construction of an escalator link between Wood Road and Queen's Road East would facilitate the public to go to the Tang Shiu Kin Hospital.

46. Ms KOO Kwok-wai, Sabina said that the cover of the proposed escalator in the schematic diagram showed the cover of the escalator would be constructed of two materials. She asked about the mix of the materials and wondered whether they would be mixed with glass and opaque, or whether it would be constructed of all-glass material.

47. Mr CHOW Chung-kwong of HyD said that the schematic diagram of the proposed escalator was provided for reference only. The department would consider to use different materials such as concrete or aluminium sheets, etc. for the construction of the cover at the detailed design stage. Moreover, the department would consider to use translucent materials for the construction of the cover near the TWGHs Li Chi Ho Primary School. The department would report to the Committee again after the detailed design was finalised.

48. The Chairperson said that the Committee had no objection to the works in principle. However, the Committee suggested that the department should co-ordinate the timing of the construction of the two works as the department would commence the works for the provision of the covered walkway between the Tang Shiu Kin Hospital and the bus stop at Queen's Road East.

(The representatives of HyD, TD and the Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Limited left the meeting after discussion of this item.)

Item 7: Any Other Business

49. Mr WONG Wang-tai, Ivan had the following opinions and questions:

- (i) Recently, many large works vehicles entered and exited Bowen Road and were stuck near the bends. As he understood, Bowen Road was designated as a restricted zone for vehicles of more than 4 tonnes in gross weight 24 hours a day. Drivers of motor vehicles of more than 4 tonnes in gross weight were prohibited from entering

the above restrict zone 24 hours a day except franchised buses and those issued with a permit by the Commissioner for Transport.

- (ii) He asked whether TD would ensure that vehicles of more than 4 tonnes in gross weight were issued with a permit for entering Bowen Road. He wondered whether government departments would institute prosecution if the vehicles of more than 4 tonnes in gross weight entered the restricted zone against the law.
- (iii) He wondered whether the length, width and size of the vehicles were among the factors to be considered by TD in granting the permit concerned.

50. Mr CHAN Quan-wai, Aaron of TD said that the department was unable to provide records of the vehicles involved for the time being. The department would consider various factors such as the type and length of the vehicles when examining the application for the permit concerned.

51. Mr AU YEUNG Leung of HKPF said that the police were unable to provide the information concerned for the time being.

52. Mr WONG Wang-tai, Ivan said that the police could provide the information concerned to the Committee after the meeting.

(**Post-meeting notes:** HKPF provided the information on the follow-up concerned to DPTC Members on 6 June 2023.)

53. The Chairperson said that the section of Sharp Street East near the Lee Theatre Plaza had serious damage and large amount of sewage and food waste was accumulated on the surface from time to time with foul odour. He requested HyD to follow up and resurface that location.

Item 8: Date of Next Meeting

54. The next meeting would be held on 11 July 2023 (Tuesday) at 2:30 p.m.

55. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:28 p.m.

Wan Chai District Council Secretariat
June 2023

These minutes of the meeting were officially confirmed on 5 October 2023.