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**Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Community Involvement,
Culture and Recreation Committee
7th Term Wan Chai District Council
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

Date: 18 February 2025 (Tuesday)

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Venue: District Council Conference Room, Wan Chai District Office,
21/F Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong

Present

Chairman

Mr LAM Wai-man, Anson

Arrival

3:00 p.m.

Departure

3:48 p.m.

Vice Chairman

Dr CHOW Kam-wai, BBS, MH

3:00 p.m.

3:48 p.m.

Members

Mr LEE Man-lung, Joey, MH

3:00 p.m.

3:48 p.m.

Ms LEE Pik-yee, Peggy, MH

3:00 p.m.

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Ms MOK Ruby

3:00 p.m.

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Ms LAU Pui-shan, MH

3:00 p.m.

3:48 p.m.

Mr MUK Ka-chun

3:00 p.m.

3:48 p.m.

Co-opted Member(s)

Mr WONG Sau-tung

3:00 p.m.

3:48 p.m.

Representatives of Core Government Departments

Mr CHEUNG Ho-yat, Steven

Assistant District Officer (Wan Chai),
Home Affairs Department

Mr LEE Pao-wan, Ken	District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr MA Che-kong, Edwin	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support), Wan Chai, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LAI Tsz-foon, Ken	Senior Manager (Hong Kong East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHUNG Suk-yan, Janet	Manager (Hong Kong East) Marketing, Programme & District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHEUNG Pui-yee	Senior Librarian (Wan Chai), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LO Wing-yee, Rachel	School Development Officer (Wan Chai & Island), Education Bureau
<u>Secretary</u>	
Miss LI Shuen-kei, Eva	Executive Officer (District Council)2/Wan Chai, Home Affairs Department

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives of government departments to the 7th meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (CICRC) of the 7th term Wan Chai District Council (WCDC).

Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee of the 7th term Wan Chai District Council

2. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received no proposed amendments to the minutes of the 6th meeting from Members.

3. With a motion moved by Mr MUK Ka-chun and seconded by Ms MOK Ruby, the minutes of the 6th meeting were confirmed.

Item 2: Programme Plan for Extension Activities of Public Libraries in Wan Chai District from April 2025 to March 2026 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(CICRC Paper No. 1/2025)

4. The Chairman invited the representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to brief Members on CICRC Paper No. 1/2025.
5. Ms CHEUNG Pui-yee, Senior Librarian (Wan Chai), LCSD, introduced the Paper.
6. Members' comments and questions were summarised below:
 - (i) Members enquired about how "Pop-up Library" was held;
 - (ii) Members enquired about the details of "Meet-the-Authors", including the categories of quality reading materials and which authors were to be invited to the sharing sessions;
 - (iii) Members suggested increasing the number of books promoting national security;
 - (iv) Members suggested organising more activities to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance and support the National Games; and
 - (v) Members suggested incorporating Pandastic elements into the Storytelling for Children.
7. Ms CHEUNG Pui-yee, Senior Librarian (Wan Chai), LCSD, gave a consolidated response as follows:
 - (i) "Pop-up Library" was a territory-wide campaign in which mobile library vans would be arranged to visit the 18 districts for promotional activities such as storytelling by Story Ambassadors, board games, books lending services and introduction of library's electronic resources;

- (ii) “Meet-the-Authors” promoted quality reading materials which fostered positive thinking, and the list of authors to be invited this year was yet to be notified by the Extension Activities Unit, Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL);
- (iii) HKPL would arrange a series of activities related to national security in April every year, i.e. the month in which the “National Security Education Day” was held. Relevant activities, books and e-resources would be consolidated on the HKPL’s webpages;
- (iv) With regard to the activities commemorating the 80th Anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance and supporting the National Games, two sessions for each activity had been arranged at the Lockhart Road Public Library, and related activities would be organised in other districts;
- (v) The enquiry in paragraph 6(ii) and the suggestion in paragraph 6 (iii) above would be notified to all Members by email after the update of information on relevant webpages; and
- (vi) LCSD noted the above suggestions and the Department would discuss with relevant tutors about incorporating Pandastic elements into the Storytelling for Children in the future.

8. Members raised no other questions. The Chairman announced that there was no further discussion on this agenda item.

Item 3: Recreation and Sports Programmes for 2025-26 in Wan Chai District by LCSD
(CICRC Paper No. 2/2025)

9. The Chairman invited the representative of LCSD to brief Members on CICRC Paper No. 2/2025.

10. Mr LEE Pao-wan, Ken, District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai), LCSD, introduced the Paper.

11. Members' comments and questions were summarised below:

- (i) Given that Hong Kong was to host some of the events of the National Games, Members suggested stepping up the promotion of the National Games to residents in the district;
- (ii) Members enquired whether the opening hours of the Hong Kong Flower Show (Flower Show) could be adjusted to accommodate both the lifestyle and work schedules of residents in Wan Chai and the admission time of visitors; and
- (iii) Members suggested announcing the arrangements on accesses to the showground of the Flower Show in advance, as well as posting notices about accesses to the showground at conspicuous locations on site.

12. Mr Ken LEE, District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai), LCSD, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) In addition to regular promotional activities, LCSD would launch key promotional events in response to the National Games, including integration of elements of the National Games into the "Sports for All Day" to be held in early August. Details would be announced in due course;
- (ii) LCSD noted Members' comments on opening hours of the Flower Show. LCSD had added lighting elements and other affiliated activities to the Flower Show in recent years to attract night time visitors; and
- (iii) Explicit notices would be posted at various locations in Victoria Park to remind the public of the arrangements on using different access routes for visitors of the Flower Show and other people.

13. Members raised no more questions. The Chairman announced that there was no further discussion on this agenda item.

Item 4: Report on Arts and Cultural Activities Organised in Wan Chai District in 2025-26 by LCSD
(CICRC Paper No. 3/2025)

14. The Chairman invited the representative of LCSD to brief Members on CICRC Paper No. 3/2025.

15. Mr LAI Tsz-foon, Ken, Senior Manager (Hong Kong East), LCSD, introduced the Paper.

16. Members' comments and questions were summarised below:

- (i) It was recommended that LCSD should collaborate with DC Members to enhance the publicity of arts and cultural activities. In respect of the "18dART- Community Arts Scheme", LCSD might invite DC Members to widely publicise the Scheme to facilitate the development of arts in the community; and
- (ii) LCSD was enquired why no schools in Wan Chai District had participated in activities such as the "'Dance for All' Community Care Inclusive Dance Scheme".

17. Mr Ken LAI, Senior Manager (Hong Kong East), LCSD, responded as follows:

- (i) The finale performance of the "18dART - Community Arts Scheme" would be held at the end of March 2025 and Members would be informed when details of the event were finalised;
- (ii) At present, arts groups organising events would publicise the events and share the progress of events on their social media platforms. At the same time, LCSD would also publicise arts and cultural activities on its social media platforms. Members might visit the LCSD's social media platforms for the latest information; and
- (iii) With its base at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, "'Dance for All' Community Care Inclusive Dance Scheme" recruited participants through an online process. Interested schools could apply online. As the resources could not cover all the applicants, selection would eventually be made to select suitable participants.

[Post-meeting note: LCSD provided supplementary information on 17 March 2025 that online enrolment for the School Arts Education Schemes 2024-25 was opened in May 2024, and the channels for publicising the programme to schools included circulars issued by the Education Bureau and emails from the Community Programmes Office. This was a brand new dance scheme launched in 2024-25 targeted on students of special schools.]

18. Members gave views on the current publicity approach of LCSD as follows:

- (i) Members considered that the current publicity approach adopted by LCSD was too passive and lacked adequate and extensive means of publicity, making it difficult to promote the programmes to the community;
- (ii) At present, arts activities in the school sector were diversified and it was not easy for schools to arrange manpower and resources to search for relevant information on the Internet and social media platforms. It was recommended that LCSD should take the initiative to contact the relevant teachers-in-charge in schools, otherwise it would be hard to attract schools to participate. Members considered it undesirable that no schools in Wan Chai District participated in the Scheme; and
- (iii) It was recommended that LCSD should invite members of local communities, such as DC Members, Co-opted Members or Area Committee Members, to attend the closing ceremony of the “18dART - Community Arts Scheme” to observe its achievements and assist in publicising the Scheme.

19. Mr Ken LAI, Senior Manager (Hong Kong East), LCSD, responded that Members’ suggestions would be conveyed to the responsible section staff for consideration, and DC Members would be invited to attend the closing ceremony of the event.

20. The Chairman hoped that LCSD could enhance communication and collaboration with DC members so that more people in the district could participate in the activities, and he declared that there was no further discussion on this agenda item.

Item 5: Any Other Business

21. Mr Ken LEE, District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai), LCSD, gave an update on the progress of the “Hennessy Road Playground Beautification Works” and advised that the District Facilities and Works Committee had been consulted by circulation in February 2025, and that LCSD expected that the project would be completed by mid-2025.

22. Members’ comments and questions were summarised below:

- (i) Members endorsed the Department’s implementation of playground beautification works to renovate ageing venues;
- (ii) Whether the use of composite colours for the basketball court floor would have any impact on users and the cost of the project. Members also enquired about the meaning and origin of the words and phrases to be painted on the stone walls; and
- (iii) Members enquired about the actual location of the “Information Display Boards” to be installed and the schedule for completion of installation.

23. Mr Ken LEE, District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai), LCSD, responded as follows:

- (i) LCSD had consulted the relevant National Sports Associations on the flooring design of the venue and they had no comments on the design as the venue was mainly used for recreational purposes rather than official basketball matches. The wording on the stone wall was initiated by a volunteer designer aimed at creating an atmosphere of street basketball and enhancing users’ experience. Moreover, in recent years, the Department had introduced more elements into the design of venues in various districts so as to provide different experiences for users;
- (ii) The design was undertaken by a volunteer designer and the cost of the works was not significantly affected by the use of composite colours; and
- (iii) The “Information Display Boards” would be hung over the wire fences adjacent to the venue and would not affect the venue users. Installation of them was expected to be completed by mid-2025.

24. Members raised no more questions. The Chairman declared that there was no further discussion on this agenda item.

Item 6: Date of Next Meeting

25. The Chairman announced that the next meeting would be held at 3:00 p.m. on 1 April 2025 (Tuesday).

26. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Wan Chai District Council Secretariat
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