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**Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Community Involvement,
Culture and Recreation Committee
7th Term Wan Chai District Council
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

Date: 1 April 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

3:37 p.m.

Vice Chairman

Dr CHOW Kam-wai, BBS, MH

3:00 p.m.

3:37 p.m.

Members

Mr LEE Man-lung, Joey, MH

3:00 p.m.

3:37 p.m.

Ms LEE Pik-yee, Peggy, MH

3:00 p.m.

3:37 p.m.

Ms MOK Ruby

3:00 p.m.

3:37 p.m.

Ms LAU Pui-shan, MH

3:00 p.m.

3:37 p.m.

Mr MUK Ka-chun

3:00 p.m.

3:37 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 HO Yee-hung	Senior School Development Officer (Wan Chai & Islands), Education Bureau
<u>Absent with Apology</u>	
Mr WONG Sau-tung	Co-opted Member
<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 8th 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 7th Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee of the Wan Chai District Council

2. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received no proposed amendments to the minutes of the 7th meeting from members.

3. With a motion moved by Mr MUK Ka-chun and seconded by Mr Joey LEE, the minutes of the 7th meeting were confirmed.

Item 2: Report on Usage of Public Libraries and Extension Activities Organised in Wan Chai District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(CICRC Paper No. 4/2025)

4. The Chairman invited the representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to brief members on CICRC Paper No. 4/2025.

5. Ms CHEUNG Pui-yee, Senior Librarian (Wan Chai) of LCSD, introduced the paper.

6. Members raised no questions. The Chairman invited members to note the above paper.

Item 3: Report on Recreation and Sports Programme Organised in Wan Chai District in 2024-25 and Mass Participation Events of the 15th National Games by LCSD
(CICRC Paper No. 5/2025)

7. The Chairman invited the representative of LCSD to brief members on CICRC Paper No. 5 /2025.

8. Mr Ken LEE, District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai) of LCSD, introduced the paper.

9. Members requested LCSD to set out in the paper the original estimated number of participants for each programme in addition to the actual number of participants, so as to enable members to ascertain whether the programmes could eventually be completed according to the target number of participants. LCSD could invite Members of WCDC to help promote the programmes where necessary.

10. Mr Ken LEE, District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai) of LCSD, said that LCSD expected the total number of participants for the whole year of 2024 would be about 54 000 and supplementary information would be provided after the meeting. Moreover, he added that the paper had been written based on the template of LCSD, and members' comments on its format would be relayed to the Department.

[Post-meeting note: LCSD submitted the supplementary information at **Annex** on 25 April 2025.]

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

Item 4: Annual Report on Community Involvement Activities and Report on Arts and Cultural Activities Organised in Wan Chai District by LCSD
(CICRC Paper No. 6/2025)

12. The Chairman invited the representative of LCSD to brief members on CICRC Paper No. 6/2025.

13. Mr Ken LAI, Senior Manager (Hong Kong East) of LCSD, introduced the paper.

14. Members raised comments and questions as summarised below:

- (i) Members enquired about the venues for “Interviews in the Community” and “Songs Creation & Production”, as well as the number of sessions of “Songs Creation & Production” organised under the “Landing at Wan Chai – Songs for Everyone IV” at Annex I;
- (ii) Noting that some activities under the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme were held in commercial organisations, members enquired whether funding of LCSD should be used to support a particular commercial organisation and whether LCSD had any criteria to avoid activities from being held in commercial organisations, as well as the factors of consideration for activities to be held in commercial organisations; and
- (iii) Members enquired about the specific differences between the two sessions of “Music for the Millions” Concerts held in the same school under the District Music Promotion Programme.

15. Mr Ken LAI, Senior Manager (Hong Kong East) of LCSD, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) Participants of the “Landing at Wan Chai – Songs for Everyone IV” visited various places in the district in search of story subjects, and the venues for the interviews and songs creation and production were arranged according to the stories of participants and background of the subjects. It was outlined in the paper that the venues for “Interviews in the Community” and “Songs

Creation & Production” were “venues in Wan Chai District”, while the “10 pieces” in “Songs Creation & Production” referred to the 10 songs composed for the programme, which consisted of 31 sessions;

- (ii) The Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme aimed to sponsor local arts groups and arts practitioners to bring performing arts to the community by means of arts outreach activities. Therefore, LCSD encouraged arts groups to perform in different places other than cultural venues, which might include commercial organisations as well; and
- (iii) The “Music for the Millions” Concerts held twice allowed different students from the same school to participate in and appreciate the performance at different times.

16. Concerning the responses by LCSD on the “Music for the Millions” Concert and the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme, members followed up and raised questions as follows:

- (i) The funding of LCSD should have been used effectively, as more students could have appreciated the “Music for the Millions” Concerts had the events been organised for two schools instead of twice for the same school;
- (ii) Members enquired whether LCSD had laid down any specific criteria for the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme when choosing to hold activities in commercial organisations;
- (iii) Members asked whether the Department had approached the relevant arts groups to know more about a particular venue for an activity; and
- (iv) Members enquired whether LCSD had paid any fees to the commercial organisations concerned for activities organised under the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme.

17. Mr Ken LAI, Senior Manager (Hong Kong East) of LCSD, responded that the “Music for the Millions” Concerts, which was a programme organised by LCSD, would be held in schools throughout the territory, and the two concerts held during the period as reported in the paper were held in the same school. Regarding the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme, LCSD would provide information on the criteria for selecting various commercial

organisations as venues for activities after the meeting. He added that the prime considerations of the Department were whether the venues were suitable to meet the needs of performance and whether they were accessible to the public for participation.

[Post-meeting note: LCSD provided supplementary information on 24 April 2025, stating that the Department had always been encouraging arts groups serving as Community Cultural Ambassadors to collaborate with different community groups or private organisations to provide support to the Scheme through such means as offering free venues for activities, assisting in publicity and recruiting participants, etc. Not only would this help promote the sustainable growth and healthy development of arts groups, but this could also foster the collaboration between art groups and other sectors, allowing various sectors in the community to join hands to take part in the development of arts and culture. As an organiser of events, arts groups would be responsible for matters relating to event planning, administration, publicity, production and venue selection. In selecting venues, arts groups would take into account a range of factors such as availability of equipment, flow of audiences and supporting facilities for publicity of venues in the district, and they should negotiate with relevant organisations on their own on details of co-operation, including the sessions to be booked, venue fees, equipment requirements, etc. LCSD would provide advice and assistance, and monitor the collaboration between arts groups and various organisations or groups, including requesting the arts groups to submit progress reports and concluding reports after the events in a timely manner. In respect of this event, the arts group had contacted a number of venues meeting the requirements of performance and received the reply finally only from the venue concerned, which could be used by the arts group for free this time.]

18. There being no further questions from members, the Chairman declared that there was no further discussion on this agenda item.

Item 5: Written Proposal from Members of CICRC- Request LCSD to Report on the Details and Latest Progress of the Transformation Project of Public Play Spaces of Tak Yan Street Children’s Playground
(CICRC Paper No. 7/2025)

19. The Chairman invited representatives of LCSD to respond to members’ written questions.

20. Mr Ken LEE, District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai) of LCSD, reported on the written departmental responses tabled before the meeting.

21. Members’ comments and questions were summarised below:

- (i) It was hoped that LCSD could give early notification of construction and completion dates of the projects in question so that it could communicate with the public;
- (ii) Members expected the Department to follow up the unauthorised parking of vehicles from time to time at the cross lane near the “Tak Yan Street Children’s Playground”; and
- (iii) Members enquired about the public views already collected by LCSD and the specific arrangements for publicising the findings of the opinion survey.

22. Mr Ken LEE, District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai) of LCSD, responded that the Department would report to WCDC on the construction arrangements and follow up on the unauthorised parking matters in a timely manner. The purpose of the public opinion survey was to collect users’ preferences and usage so that the design could be adapted, and the results of the survey would be reported to WCDC in due course.

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

Item 6: Written Proposal from Members of CICRC- Request LCSD to Report on the Free Recreation and Sports Activities Provided to the Elderly in Wan Chai District
(CICRC Paper No. 8/2025)

24. The Chairman invited representatives of LCSD to respond to members' written questions.

25. Mr Ken LEE, District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai) of LCSD, reported on the written departmental responses tabled before the meeting.

26. Members enquired about the actual number of participants in "The Evergreen" Award Scheme, and the details of whether the Scheme would be held regularly and the redemption of gifts. If the number of participants was satisfactory, they asked whether LCSD had any plan to organise a similar programme in 2025. Members also suggested that LCSD should give early notice of the specific arrangements of the activity so that members could help publicise the activity widely among the elderly in the district.

27. Mr Ken LEE, District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai) of LCSD supplemented that "The Evergreen" was not a regular activity and its objective was to encourage the elderly to use the facilities of LCSD. About 6 000 participants had redeemed the gifts and it was expected that the actual number of participants would be higher as some participants had not collected all the stamps for gift redemption. The elderly persons who had collected all the stamps could redeem gifts such as thermos cups, smart bracelet pedometers or dumbbell water bottles at Kowloon Park.

28. Members suggested that LCSD could set up additional redemption points to facilitate gift redemption by the elderly.

29. Mr Ken LEE, District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai) of LCSD, responded that members' views would be conveyed to the responsible sections for consideration when similar activities were held.

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

Item 7: Any Other Business

31. Members raised no other discussion items.

Item 8: Date of Next Meeting

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

33. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Wan Chai District Council Secretariat
May 2025

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Details of Recreation and Sports Programmes Organised in Wan Chai District
from April 2024 to February 2025

Activity Type	Expected Number of Activity	Expected Number of Participant	Actual Number of Activity	Actual Number of Participant
1. Athletics and Water Sports				
<u>Training courses</u>				
Distance run	4	160	3	120
Life-saving	1	20	1	20
Swimming	159	2 880	159	2 845
<u>Competitions</u>				
Swimming gala	1	500	1	402
Sports day	1	600	1	516
Sub-total	166	4 160	165	3 903
2. Dance and Fitness				
<u>Training courses</u>				
Aerobic dance	78	2 200	78	2 194
Body-mind stretch	27	648	27	648
Children dance	4	80	3	60
Fitness (multi-gym)	114	2 280	114	2 029
Fitness exercise	8	240	8	240
Gymnastics for all	6	120	6	118
Hydro fitness	12	360	10	300
Jazz	11	295	11	295
Modern dance	3	75	3	73
Oriental dance	4	120	4	120
Social dance	33	864	33	820
Tai Chi	29	1 470	27	1 025
Tai Chi sword	5	290	4	204
Western folk dance	8	240	8	240
Wushu	3	60	3	60
Yoga	12	405	12	419
Others: Good Fit Training Scheme – Training Course	14	420	14	410
<u>Recreational activities</u>				
Briefing on Proper Ways to Use Fitness Equipment	27	675	27	675
Fitness Room Monthly Ticket Scheme	11	4 720	11	4 760
Fitness Walking Briefing Session	2	40	2	36

Activity Type	Expected Number of Activity	Expected Number of Participant	Actual Number of Activity	Actual Number of Participant
Good Fit Training Scheme – Talk	2	200	2	200
Dance night	1	500	1	200
Sub-total	414	16 302	408	15 126
3. Individual Games				
<u>Training courses</u>				
Badminton	62	1 230	62	1 229
Go	2	40	2	40
Lawn bowls / Indoor bowls / Short mat bowling	32	256	32	256
Mini-tennis	2	24	2	24
Parent-child badminton	3	54	3	54
Squash	11	128	11	127
Table-tennis	17	342	17	341
Tennis	37	666	37	666
<u>Recreational activities</u>				
Lawn bowls / Indoor bowls / Short mat bowling	12	96	12	96
Parent-child badminton	28	576	28	534
<u>Competitions</u>				
Badminton	1	520	1	394
Table-tennis	1	616	1	616
Tennis	1	328	1	309
Sub-total	209	4 876	209	4 686
4. Outdoor Activities				
<u>Recreational activities</u>				
Tour / Land excursion	2	96	2	93
Hiking	3	144	3	143
Horse riding	3	72	3	66
Residential camp	2	96	1	48
Sub-total	10	408	9	350
5. Team Activities				
<u>Training courses</u>				
Basketball	3	90	3	90
Gateball	2	30	2	30
Volleyball	3	90	3	90
<u>Recreational activities</u>				
Flying disc	2	80	2	50
<u>Competitions</u>				
Futsal	1	80	1	107
7-a-side football	1	112	1	103

Activity Type	Expected Number of Activity	Expected Number of Participant	Actual Number of Activity	Actual Number of Participant
Basketball	2	468	2	412
Volleyball	1	480	1	449
Sub-total	15	1 430	15	1 331
6. Others				
<u>Training courses</u>				
Activities for the elderly	93	4 982	82	1 995
Activities for persons with disabilities / chronic illnesses	14	208	14	125
<u>Recreational activities</u>				
Activities for the elderly (excluding Healthy Elderly Scheme)	113	11 494	125	13 288
Activities for persons with disabilities / chronic illnesses	22	782	21	516
Activities for youth at risk	2	60	2	33
Community Garden Programme	4	50	5	59
Healthy Elderly Scheme	9	384	9	201
Horticultural programmes	4	60	4	60
Outreach fun activities / potted sports	11	4 400	11	3 432
Carnivals / Sports carnivals	2	2 000	2	2 000
Tree planting activities	1	300	1	84
Sub-total	275	24 720	276	21 793
Total	1 089	51 896	1 082	47 189