

## **Wan Chai District Office Work Plan 2024-2025**

### **Purpose**

This paper aims to elaborate on Wan Chai District Office (WCDO) Work Plan 2024-2025.

### **Work Objective**

WCDO is committed to promoting district governance, fostering communication between the Government and the public, connecting with and caring for the public, and building a harmonious community. WCDO assists in publicising and explaining government policies on one hand, while gauging public opinions and local sentiments on the other. By ensuring effective communication between the Government and the public, the Government will be able to formulate policies and services that better meet the needs of the public, thereby enhancing the public's sense of fulfilment and satisfaction.

#### **(1) Area Committee**

The Area Committees under WCDO, including the Wan Chai Area Committee, Wan Chai District Fight Crime Committee and Wan Chai District Fire Safety Committee, have been actively carrying out community liaison and building work to promote sustainable development in the district. The Committees will organise a wide range of activities this year, including community inclusion promotion and district visits, winter anti-crime publicity activities, as well as fire prevention carnivals, fire prevention talks and fire drills.

#### **(2) District Services and Community Care Teams (Care Teams)**

The objective of setting up "Care Teams" is to consolidate resources and strengths to support the Government's work at the district level and strengthen district networks. "Care Teams" will promote caring activities and assist in handling emergencies and contingencies. "Care Teams" also assist the Government in disseminating information and relaying public views to the Government.

The 13 "Care Teams" in Wan Chai are committed to providing diversified caring services to residents and building a caring community. "Care Teams" will

organise a number of activities this year, including health education seminars, environmental promotion and education workshops as well as social activities to promote neighbourhood relations.

### **(3) Community Involvement Programme**

To promote community building and foster harmony in the district, WCDO implements the Community Involvement Programme, which provides funding for government departments, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), District Councils (DCs) or Committees/Working Groups under the DCs/District Offices (DOs) to organise programmes and activities to promote sports, arts and culture in the district, district festivals and celebrations as well as greening and volunteer work.

The Community Involvement Programme in Wan Chai involves a wide range of activities and events, including trendy cultural activities to boost the local economy, interest classes to promote arts and culture, sports training and competitions, as well as celebrations for the establishment of the HKSAR and the National Day. In addition, there will be a series of carnivals and festive lighting decorations in the district for the public to celebrate the festive season.

### **(4) District-led Actions Scheme**

Three projects were launched in Wan Chai under the District-led Actions Scheme in 2016, namely “Enhanced Cleansing of Hygiene Black Spots and Private Lanes”, “Support for ‘Three-Nil Buildings’ to Improve Environmental Hygiene” and “Beautification of the Environment”. WCDO will continue to actively push forward the relevant projects and consolidate the effectiveness of the Scheme through communication with WCDC, members of the public, relevant trades and government departments with a view to further addressing the deep-rooted problems in the district.

### **(5) Youth Development**

District Youth Development and Civic Education Committee, District Youth Community Building Committee (YCBC) and Youth Development Network under WCDO will continue to promote youth work in the district. Activities to be held this year include Kellett Island Cup Youth Dragon Boat Race cum Training Programme (吉列島盃青年龍舟賽暨訓練計劃), Greater Bay Area Exchange Tour (大灣區交流團), Water Sports Carnival (水上活動競技嘉年華), Study Room Project (自修室計劃), Rise to Challenges @ TEEN World - Youth Development Project (勇闖高峯@TEEN地 - 青少年發展計劃), Wan Chai

Outstanding Young Persons Selection (灣仔區傑出青年選舉) and the Youth Bazaar@Wan Chai (青年市集@灣仔), etc.

WCDO and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) have also jointly launched the project named “Opportunities” Wan Chai Youth Community Facilities Enhancement Project (建「機」灣仔青少年社區設施優化計劃), in which secondary school students are invited to participate. Through community visits and design competitions, students can make use of technology to optimise people’s daily lives, thereby enhancing their awareness of the community and sense of belonging. Moreover, after consulting YCBC, WCDO, in collaboration with the Harbour Office of the Development Bureau, has set up a “photo-taking” landmark named “閃爍燈影耀灣仔” at the Wan Chai waterfront, which is rich in local characteristics.

## **(6) Building Management**

It has been the Government’s long-standing policy on building management to assist property owners in discharging their responsibilities in managing their buildings. As at March 2024, 1 249 owners’ corporations (OCs) and 34 owners’ committees have been formed in private buildings in Wan Chai. To assist building management organisations/owners/residents in resolving problems with respect to building management, WCDO has made over 7 500 contacts with them in 2023 through attending meetings, telephone contacts/enquiries, interviews, site visits and letters of enquiry, etc. to provide them with appropriate assistance and advice in accordance with the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344). WCDO has also assisted more than 40 OCs in applying for the “Owners’ Corporations Advisory Services Scheme”, which is launched by the Home Affairs Department, under which property management companies are engaged to provide OCs with free advisory services on building management matters.

In addition, WCDO also provides comprehensive support services to help OCs/owners resolve problems/disagreements related to building management and building maintenance through schemes such as the “Panel of Advisors on Building Management Disputes”, “Free Legal Advice Service on Building Management”, “Free Outreach Legal Advice Service on Building Management”, “Free Mediation Service Scheme for Building Management” and “Building Management Dispute Resolution Service”. During the year, WCDO will continue to proactively visit private buildings in the district and attend owners’ meetings to advise owners and OCs on building management matters with a view to assisting owners to fulfil their building management responsibilities.

To enhance support to owners of single-block old buildings, WCDO is now launching the “Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS)”, under which district organisations/NGOs will be invited to participate

in reaching out to owners of “three-nil” buildings to encourage and assist them to form OCs. BMPASS commenced on 1 January 2023 until 30 June 2024. BMPASS has set up different performance indicators for three-nil buildings in the district, such as formation of OCs, preparing building assessment reports, recruitment of Resident Liaison Ambassadors, procurement of third party risks insurance, organising service users’ consultation meetings and conducting questionnaire surveys on service users’ satisfaction in order to assist in the formation of OCs and improvement of the quality of building management. It is hoped that BMPASS will enable the new OCs to learn and adapt to the daily operation of OCs in a progressive manner, and eventually take up the management responsibility for their own property. In 2023, WCDO assisted a total of 11 three-nil buildings to establish OCs and provide free cleaning service for the common areas of these buildings to keep good environmental hygiene.

WCDO will organise publicity and educational activities on building management for owners on a regular basis, such as roving exhibitions, workshops and seminars, so as to provide comprehensive information on building management and promote the message of proper building management.

#### **(7) District Minor Works (DMW) Programme**

The DMW Programme aims at improving local facilities, living environment and hygienic conditions in the territory so as to enhance the quality of living of residents. WCDO will assist WCDC in implementing the DMW Programme. Minor works projects under the DMW Programme include the Wan Chai Park Enhancement Project, Improvement Works to Victoria Park and Improvement Works to Kennedy Road Sitting-out Area, etc.

#### **(8) Meet the Public Scheme**

WCDC has finalised the arrangements for the Meet the Public Scheme in 2024 and WCDO will continue to assist in its implementation. Starting from 24 January 2024, the Scheme will be held on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the office of WCDC. DC members take turns to be on duty in a pair. The roster has been uploaded onto the DC website.

#### **(9) Election**

The 2024 Voter Registration Campaign commenced in late April. WCDO assisted the Registration and Electoral Office in carrying out voter registration and publicity work since the end of April this year, including mailing posters to owners’ corporations and local organisations in the district, and distributing voter registration forms at Wan Chai Home Affairs Enquiry Centre.

#### **(10) Celebration for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China**

1 October 2024 will be the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China. WCDO will celebrate the National Day with the public through a series of activities and promotional work. In addition to displaying large banners, posters, flags and lanterns, a wide range of activities will be organised for this year's National Day, including performances at the Wan Chai waterfront and various sports competitions with a view to enabling more members of the public to participate and share the exhilaration of the National Day.

#### **(11) Celebration for the 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

Year 2024 marks the 27th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), which is an important milestone. WCDO has organised various celebration activities, including the Newly Emerged Sports Cheering Team Competition (新興運動啦啦隊比賽), the 5-a-side Soccer Youth Handover Cup Invitation Tournament 2024 (五人足球青少年回歸盃邀請賽 2024) and the Gala Show in Celebration of the 27th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR (慶祝香港特別行政區成立 27 周年大匯演) so as to let the public experience the joyful atmosphere of the Handover and celebrate the occasion together.

#### **Conclusion**

WCDO will spare no effort to take forward the above initiatives and continue to work hand in hand with all stakeholders with a view to fostering harmony and well-being of Wan Chai District.

**Wan Chai District Office**  
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