

Progress Report of the 20th Meeting of the
Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee under
Wong Tai Sin District Council held on 10 March 2015

Funding Application for Community Participation Programme in Environmental
Protection 2015-16:

Resources Saving & Waste Reduction @ Wong Tai Sin
(WTSDC FEHC Paper No. 2/2015)

Members endorsed the fund application from the East Kowloon District Residents' Committee for the following programme:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>Amount</u> (\$)
Resources Saving & Waste Reduction@Wong Tai Sin	\$200,000

Application for DC Funds:

Wong Tai Sin District Cleaning Day 2016 cum “Cleanest Housing Estate/Court” Award
Scheme
(WTSDC FEHC Paper No. 4/2015)

2. Members endorsed the fund application for the following programme to be implemented by Wong Tai Sin District Office:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>Amount</u> (\$)
Wong Tai Sin District Cleaning Day 2016 cum “The Cleanest Housing Estate/Court” Award Scheme	\$160,240

Application for DC Funds:

Green Life in Wong Tai Sin - Forever Green in Life

(WTSDC FEHC Paper No. 8/2015)

3. Members endorsed the fund application submitted by the Wong Tai Sin District Committee of Kowloon Federation of Associations for the following programme:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>Amount</u> (\$)
Green Life in Wong Tai Sin - Forever Green in Life	\$700,040

Rodent Infestation Rate and Rodent Control in Wong Tai Sin District

(WTSDC FEHC Paper No. 5/2015)

4. Members commended the Food and Environmental Department (FEHD) for its rodent prevention and control efforts made. However, since Wong Tai Sin district was named as one of the top three districts with the highest bacteria-carrying rate of rodents, Members requested FEHD to step up its anti-rodent efforts at places with frequent appearance of rodents, such as, wet markets, food premises and squatter areas and educate the staff of housing estate management companies and members of the public on rodent-control and bacteria-prevention knowledge.

5. The Chairman requested the Secretariat to write to the DC Members, inviting them to provide information on rodent black spots for further referral to FEHD.

Cotton Tree Floss Handling Arrangement

(WTSDC FEHC Paper No. 10/2015)

6. Members expressed disappointment over the report given by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), pointing out that many of the cotton trees were close to the residential areas of the densely-populated Wong Tai Sin district. Cotton tree floss would not only have impact on environmental hygiene but also cause skin and respiratory problems to some members of the public. Members understood that removing the flowers and fruits from the cotton trees might cause frustrations to some members of the public. However, the cotton tree floss problem had been disturbing

residents in the district for years, and therefore, Members requested LCSD to take realistic and effective measures, such as wrapping the tree branches in mesh or relocating the trees to the countryside, to get rid of the nuisance caused to the residents by cotton floss.

7. The Chairman requested the Secretariat to write to the DC Members, inviting them to provide information on locations where higher action priority were requested for further referral to LCSD.

Progress Report on Street Management

(WTSDC FEHC Paper No. 7/2015)

8. Members were of the view that although the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) did achieve a certain degree of success in its stray cats and dogs catching operations, the problems of stray cats and dogs in the district were still serious. Members suggested AFCD to take effective methods to sterilise those animals and consider joining hands with FEHD to take prosecution actions against feeders of stray cats and dogs, so as to abate breeding and congregation of stray cats and dogs.

9. The Chairman requested attendance of the representatives of AFCD at the next meeting of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee to report on the progress, and on top of that, attendance of the staff members who were responsible for handling the problems of wild pigs and wild monkeys to discuss on the issue.

Wong Tai Sin District Council Secretariat
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