

Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the
Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee under the
7th Term of Wong Tai Sin District Council

Date: 29 May 2025 (Thursday)
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Wong Tai Sin District Council,
6/F, Lung Cheung Office Block,
138 Lung Cheung Road,
Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon

Present:

Chairman:

Ms. LUI Kai-lin, Wendy, MH WTSDC Member

Vice Chairman:

Ms. TANG Man-wai WTSDC Member

Member:

Mr. CHAN Wai-kwan, Andie, MH WTSDC Member
Mr. CHAN Ying, Leonard, MH WTSDC Member
Mr. FUNG Kin-lok WTSDC Member
Mr. LAI Wing-ho, Joe, MH WTSDC Member
Mr. LEE Tung-kong WTSDC Member
Mr. LEUNG Tang-fung WTSDC Member
Mr. MOK Kin-wing, MH WTSDC Member
Mr. POON Cheuk-bun WTSDC Member
Ms. TAM Mei-po WTSDC Member
Mr. YAU Yiu-shing, MH WTSDC Member
Mr. YEUNG Nok-hin WTSDC Member
Mr. YUEN Kwok-keung, MH WTSDC Member
Mr. YUET Ngai-keung WTSDC Member
Mr. WANG Yu CICRC Co-opted Member

Mr. CHEUNG Benjamin

CICRC Co-opted Member

In Attendance:

Ms. WONG Man-sau, Susana	Senior Liaison Officer (1)	WTSDO
Ms. CHAN Wai-chi, Ida	Senior Executive Officer (District Council)	WTSDO
Miss TANG Wai-yan	Senior Manager (Kowloon East)	LCSD
Ms. CHU Pui-shan, Edith	Manager (Kowloon East) Marketing, Programme & District Activities	LCSD
Ms. LI Man-ha, Judy	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Wong Tai Sin	LCSD
Ms. WONG Yim-man	Assistant District Leisure Manager (District Support) Wong Tai Sin	LCSD
Ms. LO Chui-king, Tracy	Senior Librarian (Wong Tai Sin)	LCSD
Ms. CHENG Yuet-mei, May	Librarian (Ngau Chi Wan Public Library)	LCSD
Ms. CHAN Wing-yin	Senior School Development Officer (Wong Tai Sin)1	EDB

Secretary:

Miss CHEUNG Wai-ngan, Winnie	Executive Officer (District Council) 4	WTSDO
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members, Co-opted Members and representatives of government departments to the 9th meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (“CICRC”) under the 7th term of Wong Tai Sin District Council (“WTSDC”).

- I. Confirmation of Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee under Wong Tai Sin District Council held on 27 March 2025
 2. The minutes of the 8th meeting were confirmed without any amendment.

- II. Progress Report of the 8th Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee under Wong Tai Sin District Council held on 27 March 2025
(WTSDC CICRC Paper No. 16/2025)
 3. Members noted the Paper.

- III. Report on Arts and Cultural Activities Organised in Wong Tai Sin District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(WTSDC CICRC Paper No. 17/2025)
 4. The representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) presented the Paper.
 5. Members noted the Paper.

- IV. Report on the Arts and Cultural Activities Organised in Wong Tai Sin District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2024-25
(WTSDC CICRC Paper No. 18/2025)
 6. The representative of LCSD presented the Paper.
 7. The enquiries and views of Members are summarised as follows:
 - (i) Members expressed their concern about the usage of Ngau Chi Wan

Civic Centre. They pointed out that the venue was a distinctive theatre in the district with a usage rate that was often near saturation. Therefore, Members enquired how LCSD had been collaborating with small theatre groups, and whether the department had any specific support measures to assist theatre groups in their development;

- (ii) Members supported the “18dART - Community Arts Scheme” (“18dART Scheme”) organised by LCSD. They also suggested that in order to align with the “Wellness” direction of WTSDC’s future work plan, LCSD could provide participants with more performance opportunities and enhance their sense of belonging to the community;
- (iii) Members said that many activities under “18dART Scheme” were held at Canossa Primary School. Therefore, Members enquired whether booking arrangement was initiated by LCSD in writing or the school; and
- (iv) Members enquired about Canossa Primary School’s involvement in the “18dART Scheme”, including whether its students had participated in the scheme.

8. The representative of LCSD gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) LCSD said that currently, the department mainly supported the development of arts groups by providing rent reductions. Arts groups that were registered bodies were eligible for substantial rent reductions if the promotion of arts was one of the objectives stated in their constitution. Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre received a large number of venue booking applications every month, and the department would consider factors such as performance programmes and arts promotion to make corresponding arrangements;

- (ii) LCSD noted Members' suggestion on providing participants of "18dART Scheme" with more performance opportunities, and would convey such views to the relevant section;
- (iii) LCSD said that it would introduce the details of the activities under "18dART Scheme" to principals in the district and consult their views through the Wong Tai Sin District School Liaison Committee ("WTSDSLC"). At the same time, LCSD encouraged schools that were interested in providing venues to get in touch with the department, so as to jointly promote the development of arts and culture in the district; and
- (iv) LCSD said that the principal of Canossa Primary School had always been an active supporter of various music activities, and had provided the school's hall and classrooms for performances and workshops under "18dART Scheme" for four consecutive years. Apart from providing venues, some students from the school's Chinese drum group had also participated in the workshops and performances under "18dART Scheme".

9. The Chairman said in summary that "18dART Scheme" had been widely recognised since its launch, and its results were outstanding. He suggested that LCSD should step up its publicity to introduce the public to the Scheme. The Chairman also opined that the performance venues at Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre could not meet the current demand, and hoped that schools in the district could consider lend their venues to the department where feasible, so as to meet the needs of various activities.

10. Members noted the Paper.

V. Report on the Recreation and Sports Activities Organised in Wong Tai Sin District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(WTSDC CICRC Paper No. 19/2025)

11. The representative of LCSD presented the Paper.

12. Members commended LCSD for organising the table tennis age group competition in support of the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities (“NGD”) and the 9th National Special Olympic Games (“NSOG”). Members opined that the competition was a socially meaningful event that could showcase sportsmanship. They suggested that the department should step up its promotion to encourage schools in the district to participate. For example, schools could arrange for students to watch the competitions and share with them inspirational stories of NGD and NSOG athletes, so that young people could learn about sportsmanship.

13. LCSD said that it would explore ways to further promote NGD and NSOG, and would consider displaying information about the competitions on digital exhibition panels in sports centres for the public. As for promoting NGD and NSOG to students, the department would liaise with schools in the district through WTSDSLC to discuss the details of collaboration arrangements, so as to take forward the publicity and education of NGD and NSOG.

14. Members noted the Paper.

VI. Report on the Recreation and Sports Activities Organised in Wong Tai Sin District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2024-25
(WTSDC CICRC Paper No. 20/2025)

15. The representative of LCSD presented the Paper.

16. The enquiries and views of Members are summarised as follows:

(i) Pointing out that LCSD had previously organised “activities for people with disabilities/chronic illnesses” according to the Paper, Members enquired whether the department had identified chronic patients through the Hospital Authority or non-governmental organisations;

(ii) In view of the popularity of the recent pickleball activities in the

community, Members suggested that LCSD should consider strengthening the promotion of this new sport to encourage more citizens to participate in sports;

- (iii) Members said that currently Chuk Yuen Sports Centre was the only venue in the district with pickleball courts. As pickleball was popular among people of all age groups due to its moderate intensity, Members suggested that LCSD should allow the public to book more outdoor and indoor sports venues for playing pickleball. Also, Members opined that the department should flexibly allow users to use existing badminton courts or tennis courts as pickleball courts, so as to further promote pickleball by increasing the number of pickleball courts and providing relevant equipment to hirers; and
- (iv) Members suggested that in addition to pickleball, LCSD could also consider including flipball as a new sport. Members pointed out that a flipball venue required only half the space of a pickleball court. Therefore, they opined that apart from providing indoor venues, the department could also collaborate with various national sports associations, better utilise outdoor venues, and arrange for qualified coaches to promote flipball at venues of different sizes and specifications.

17. The representative of LCSD gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) LCSD had maintained close liaison with non-governmental organisations in the district. These organisations would refer chronic patients to the department's "activities for people with disabilities or chronic illnesses";
- (ii) LCSD had planned to organise pickleball promotion activities at Morse Park Sports Centre in October and November this year, and the department would also continue the promotion of various new sports. Details of the relevant activities would be subsequently

provided to the Secretariat for Members' reference;

(Post-meeting note: LCSD provided the Secretariat with the details of the relevant activities by email on 23 June 2025. The Secretariat forwarded the relevant information to Members on the same day.)

- (iii) LCSD responded that members of the public could now book venues for playing pickleball or other sports at Chuk Yuen Sports Centre through the mobile application "SmartPLAY". The department was reviewing the usage data of pickleball courts. If the venues proved popular, the department would actively consider opening more venues and would announce the arrangements to the public in due course. Also, regarding the trial pickleball activities at Morse Park Sports Centre, the department would also review participants' response and report the data to the department's headquarters regularly for assessing the future development direction of new sports; and
- (iv) LCSD noted Member's suggestion on including flipball as a new sport.

18. Members noted the Paper.

VII. Report on the Extension Activities and Usage of the Public Libraries in Wong Tai Sin District
(WTSDC CICRC Paper No. 21/2025)

19. The representative of LCSD presented the Paper.

20. The enquiries and views of Members are summarised as follows:

- (i) Members had suggested at the previous CICRC meeting that LCSD should hold community book fairs in the district to promote a

reading culture. Members enquired whether LCSD had any further responses on the matter;

- (ii) Members were concerned about the operation of mobile library service points, and pointed out that the services of the mobile library service point at Chuk Yuen (South) Estate had been suspended once in March 2025 due to a parking space issue. Therefore, Members suggested that LCSD should work with HD to formulate a backup parking plan, so that the mobile library could be parked at an alternative location immediately and continue its services if the power supply of the parking space was interrupted;
- (iii) Members said that the cultural seminars held by LCSD and the activities on Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage ("ICH") held by Sik Sik Yuen were both rich in content. However, since these activities were held by different parties, the dissemination of the relevant information was disorganised. Therefore, Members suggested that a unified platform could be created to disseminate news about all activities, so that the public and tourists could obtain more comprehensive information about events. The platform would facilitate better promotion, and hence make the events more effective and boost the local economy; and
- (iv) Members pointed out that Wong Tai Sin District, being home to important religious landmarks such as Wong Tai Sin Temple and Chi Lin Nunnery, had a strong religious ambience. However, many local residents were not familiar with the district's cultural background. Therefore, Members suggested that LCSD should enhance the promotion of the unique religious culture of the district, invite specialists and experts to jointly design cultural promotion events, and introduce the cultural resources in the district to members of the public and tourists in a more lively and interesting manner.

21. The representative of LCSD gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) LCSD said that while Hong Kong public libraries had a rich collection, they faced certain constraints when it came to involvement in commercial exhibitions. Currently the department regularly held book exhibitions in public libraries and community libraries to promote a reading culture. As for the suggestion of holding large scale book exhibitions in the community, LCSD would continue to look for district organisations with the relevant resources to explore collaboration opportunities and offer suitable support;
- (ii) Regarding the service suspension of the Chuk Yuen (South) Estate mobile library service point caused by parking space maintenance in March, LCSD had investigated the incident and found that the service suspension was an unexpected occurrence. In order to prevent similar incidents, LCSD would strengthen its communication and coordination with HD and look for suitable alternative parking spaces in the estate;
- (iii) LCSD was working with Sik Sik Yuen to promote activities related to Wong Tai Sin belief and customs and the relevant culture. In order to achieve synergy, Sik Sik Yuen would also promote the cultural activities organised by public libraries on its website. This arrangement could not only answer Members' call for better cooperation between LCSD and district organisations, but also attract the public to participate in library activities; and
- (iv) LCSD noted Members' suggestion on inviting specialists and experts to jointly design cultural promotion events. In future, the department would also actively work with district organisations to bring a larger variety of experiences to the public by further combining reading promotion and cultural activities.

22. The Chairman said in conclusion that Wong Tai Sin District was rich in Chinese cultural characteristics. Therefore, he suggested that LCSD should exhibit more culture-related books in public libraries during the Hong Kong ICH Month ("ICH

Month”) to continue the reading atmosphere of Hong Kong Reading for All Day. The Chairman also suggested that Members could, in response to ICH Month, introduce local residents and communities to the historical and cultural background of Wong Tai Sin District, and enhance the cultural promotion work by utilising the resources in the district, so that members of the public could gain a better understanding of the cultural background of the district.

23. Members noted the Paper.

VIII. Report on the Extension Activities of the Public Libraries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Wong Tai Sin District in 2024-25
(WTSDC CICRC Paper No. 22/2025)

24. The representative of LCSD presented the Paper.

25. Members were concerned about the low participation rate of the “Youth / Family Reading Club” held by public libraries and suggested that LCSD should review the design of reading club events to attract more participants or consider deploying its resources to other more effective library extension activities.

26. LCSD replied that the department had reached out to kindergarten and primary school teachers in the district in December 2024 to promote reading clubs and gather concrete suggestions for improving the popularity of the events. The reading club held in May 2025 had reported satisfactory enrollment numbers, and the department would subsequently report to Members the effectiveness of the event.

27. Members noted the Paper.

IX. Half-yearly Report on Community Involvement Projects of Wong Tai Sin District Office for 2024-25 (October 2024 to March 2025)
(WTSDC CICRC Paper No. 23/2025)

28. The Secretary presented the Paper.

29. Members noted the Paper.

X. Any Other Business

30. Members raised no other issues.

XI. Date of Next Meeting

31. The 10th Meeting of CICRC would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 24 July 2025 (Thursday) in the Conference Room of WTSDC.

32. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Wong Tai Sin District Council Secretariat

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