

Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the
7th Term of Wong Tai Sin District Council of the
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Date: 15 September 2025 (Monday)
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:

Mr. WU Kui-wah, Thomas, JP District Officer (Wong Tai Sin)

Member:

Mr. CHAN Wai-kwan, Andie, MH	WTSDC Member
Mr. CHAN Ying, Leonard, MH	WTSDC Member
Mr. FUNG Kin-lok	WTSDC Member
Mr. HUNG Chor-ying, Edmond	WTSDC Member
Mr. LAI Wing-ho, Joe, MH	WTSDC Member
Ms. LAU Yuen-yea, Janus	WTSDC Member
Mr. LEE Tung-kong	WTSDC Member
Mr. LEUNG Tang-fung	WTSDC Member
Mr. LI Dennis	WTSDC Member
Ms. LUI Kai-lin, Wendy, MH	WTSDC Member
Mr. MOK Kin-wing, MH	WTSDC Member
Mr. NGAI Shi-shing, Godfrey	WTSDC Member
Mr. POON Cheuk-bun	WTSDC Member
Ms. TAM Mei-po	WTSDC Member
Ms. TANG Man-wai	WTSDC Member
Mr. YAU Yiu-shing, MH	WTSDC Member
Mr. YEUNG Nok-hin	WTSDC Member
Ms. YEW Yat-wa, Deannie, MH	WTSDC Member
Mr. YUEN Kwok-keung, MH	WTSDC Member

Mr. YUET Ngai-keung WTSDC Member

In Attendance:

Mr. YEUNG Chun-po, Carmelo	District Commander (Wong Tai Sin)	HKPF
Ms. TSO Wing-in, Corey	Police Community Relations Officer (Wong Tai Sin)	HKPF
Ms. LEE Kam-yung, Dora	District Social Welfare Officer (Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung)	SWD
Ms. LAW Chi-ping, Iris	Chief Manager/Management (WTT)	HD
Ms. LUI Yee-yan	Senior Engineer/7(E)	CEDD
Ms. FONG Wei-king, Luna	District Leisure Manager (Wong Tai Sin)	LCSD
Mr. AU Ka-lok	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Wong Tai Sin)	FEHD
Mr. CHAN Chi-man, Chapman	Chief Transport Officer/Kowloon 1	TD
Miss CHUNG Hoi-ting, Cindy	Assistant District Officer (Wong Tai Sin)	WTSDO
Ms. WONG Man-sau, Susana	Senior Liaison Officer (1)	WTSDO
Ms. LO Fung-sun, Grace	Senior Liaison Officer (2)	WTSDO
Ms. CHENG Sze-long, Alice	Senior Executive Officer (District Management)	WTSDO
Miss LO Tsz-yan, Fion	Executive Officer I (District Council)	WTSDO

In attendance for Agenda Item I:

Mr. YEUNG Yan-kin, Andy	Director of Fire Services	FSD
Mr. WONG Man-yan	Divisional Commander (Kowloon Central)	FSD
Mr. FUNG Yu-key, Ricky	Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer (Kowloon Central & East) (Acting)	FSD
Mr. HUI Kwong-ho, Conal	Divisional Officer (Corporate Services)	FSD

In attendance for Agenda Item V:

Mr. CHOW Shu-fan	Senior Superintendent, Operations Wing (East Kowloon Region) (Acting)	HKPF
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Ms. LAU Cho-yin
(Transliteration)

Senior Inspector, Emergency Unit HKPF
Kowloon East

Secretary:

Ms. CHAN Wai-chi, Ida

Senior Executive Officer
(District Council)

WTSDO

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives of government departments to the 11th meeting of the 7th term of Wong Tai Sin District Council (“WTSDC”).

Items for discussion

- I. Director of Fire Services’ Visit to Wong Tai Sin District Council
2. The Chairman welcomed Mr. YEUNG Yan-kin, Andy, the Director of Fire Services, Mr. WONG Man-yan, Divisional Commander (Kowloon Central), Mr. FUNG Yu-key, Ricky, Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer (Kowloon Central & East) (Acting) and Mr. HUI Kwong-ho, Conal, Divisional Officer (Corporate Services) of the Fire Services Department (“FSD”) to the meeting.
3. The Chairman gave Mr. YEUNG an overview of Wong Tai Sin District and introduced WTSDC’s structure and future work plan. WTSDC had already begun the implementation of the “WTS” work plan, which covered the three general directions of Wellness, Tradition and Sustainability, and the Chairman hoped that the relevant work and activities could raise the fire safety awareness of residents in the district.
4. With the aid of PowerPoint, Mr. YEUNG introduced the six main areas of FSD’s work, namely operational data, fire safety enforcement, supporting the public and businesses, community collaboration, youth development and technology application.

5. The Chairman thanked Mr. YEUNG for his detailed introduction of FSD's work. The Chairman said that there were over 300 private buildings and 50 "three-nil buildings" in Wong Tai Sin District, and that most members of owners' corporations ("OCs") were elderly people. Therefore, WTSDC Members were deeply concerned about the support for these buildings and OCs in complying with Fire Safety Directions. The Chairman encouraged Members and local groups to visit FSD's Building Improvement Support Centres ("BISCs") and learn more about the support services provided by the department, so as to help residents handle issues related to fire safety improvement works.

6. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received prior to the meeting enquiries or submissions (Annex I, Annex II and Annex III) submitted by Mr. HUNG Chor-ying, Edmond, Ms. LUI Kai-lin, Wendy and Mr. FUNG Kin-lok. The Chairman first invited Mr. YEUNG to respond to Mr. HUNG Chor-ying, Edmond's enquiry on the application of artificial intelligence ("AI") systems to improve the firefighting and rescue efficiency and the safety of firemen.

7. Mr. YEUNG pointed out that apart from using AI systems to assist in analysis during operations, FSD would also use AI systems to expedite the processing of applications for the annual inspection certificate for fire service installations and equipment. For example, the system could categorise damaged fire service equipment during the vetting process and determine the priority of annual inspection applications, so that FSD staff could schedule inspections based on urgency and process cases more efficiently.

8. Ms. LUI Kai-lin, Wendy enquired about the new round of the Fire Safety Improvement Works Subsidy Scheme ("FSW Scheme"). She suggested that FSD should include more old buildings as trial locations for carrying out defaulted fire safety improvement works ("defaulted works") and exempt owners with financial difficulties from the charge to ease their burden. She pointed out since most owners of old buildings were elderly people and some OCs were dysfunctional, they were often unable to comply with Fire Safety Directions. Therefore, she suggested that FSD should take the circumstances of owners and OCs into consideration when deciding the priorities of defaulted works. She also enquired whether the improvised hose reel system (direct pumping design) and improvised fire hydrant/hose reel system (direct pumping design)

were suitable for buildings where water tanks could not be installed.

9. Mr. FUNG Kin-lok presented his submission (Annex III) and expressed his concern about FSD's new measures for arranging the completion of defaulted works. He enquired how FSD would decide the priorities of defaulted works and asked for the details of its points system. He also suggested that in order to support "three-nil buildings" or OCs consisting of older owners, FSD should prioritise them when calculating points. Furthermore, he suggested providing exemption clauses for owners/occupiers who intended to comply with Fire Safety Directions but were unable to do so for various reasons, so that owners would not be penalised for their inability to comply.

10. Mr. YEUNG gave a consolidated reply to Members' enquiries and views as follows:

- (i) FSW Scheme was a scheme under the Urban Renewal Authority ("URA"). FSD hoped that URA could commence a new round of application where resources permitted;
- (ii) Following the amendment of the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance ("the Ordinance"), FSD had selected ten target buildings as trial locations for completing defaulted works. FSD had helped these buildings engage works consultants and contractors, and the works were expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2026;
- (iii) FSD suggested that the relevant owners and OCs, especially older owners and inactive OCs, should first visit the three BISCs of FSD and meet with case officers directly. Case officers would explain the works and provide relevant assistance to help them comply with Fire Safety Directions;
- (iv) Buildings currently not equipped with water tanks could apply for adopting the direct pumping design as long as the Water Supplies Department ("WSD") confirmed that the buildings' water pressure was sufficient. FSD would install check valves in the relevant systems, so that the water source could be connected directly to the firefighting system and backflow of water from the firefighting

system into fresh water pipes could be prevented;

- (v) FSD's advisory committee was designing a points system for the defaulted works mechanism to select buildings for carrying out defaulted works. Target buildings under consideration included "three-nil buildings" or buildings that had failed to comply with Fire Safety Directions due to unreachable owners, as well as buildings with serious fire safety risks such as those with frequently blocked escape routes;
- (vi) FSD would review each case and, if necessary, consider accepting applications for extending the deadline for compliance with Fire Safety Directions so that older owners would not be penalised. FSD reiterated that the purpose of the Ordinance was to improve the fire safety of buildings; and
- (vii) The department encouraged Members to bring owners to BISCs to seek assistance from case officers and improve fire safety of buildings together.

11. The Chairman then invited other Members to share their views on the work of FSD.

12. Ms. TANG Man-wai enquired whether FSD had a list of qualified works consultants and contractors for owners' reference.

13. Mr. YUET Ngai-keung and Ms. LAU Yuen-yee, Janus thanked FSD for sending staff to explain the louvre enclosure works in some public housing estates in Wong Tai Sin District to residents, so that the works could be implemented smoothly. Mr. YUET Ngai-keung also pointed out that there were many elderly people in the district who were prone to causing fires by forgetting to turn off the gas after cooking or leaving overheated chargers. Therefore, he suggested that FSD should better educate the public, work with the Housing Department ("HD") and the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") to identify elderly singletons and doubletons in the district and provide them with fire safety equipment such as stand-alone fire detectors, thereby reducing the chances of fire.

14. Ms. LAU Yuen-ye, Janus noticed that FSD had implemented the “Home Fire Safety Visit (Pilot Scheme)” in Kwun Tong District. Pointing out that there were many elderly residents in Wong Tai Sin District, she suggested that FSD should expand the Pilot Scheme to cover Wong Tai Sin District and distribute the “three treasures for fire protection” to residents and elders in need in the district. She was also concerned that individuals with hearing impairment might not be able to hear fire alarms and escape in time in the event of a fire. Therefore, she suggested that FSD and HD should install visual fire alarm systems in their units.

15. Mr. CHAN Ying, Leonard suggested that FSD should continue to improve the workflow for vetting fire service installation plans and acceptance inspections, so as to expedite the fire safety improvement works and improve fire safety of the community. He also enquired about the time required for the endorsement of fire service installation plans and suggested that FSD should provide OCs with subsidies to help them install equipment such as automated external defibrillators (“AEDs”).

16. Mr. LEE Tung-kong suggested requiring organisations that had installed AEDs to attend professional training provided by FSD, expanding the service scope of the Divisional Public Safety Teams (“DPSTs”) to cover Kowloon Central or Kowloon East, and producing promotional videos on fire safety information for the elderly to raise their fire safety awareness.

17. Mr. YEUNG Nok-hin said that some residents of Fung Wong San Tsuen had been granted an extension of the deadline for compliance with Fire Safety Directions previously. However, without FSD’s written confirmation, they did not find out the results of their applications in time. Therefore, Mr. YEUNG Nok-hin suggested that FSD should issue approval letters to residents to notify them of the application results.

18. The Chairman opined that more resources could be allocated to distributing the “three treasures for fire protection” to support the district policy directions of Wong Tai Sin District Office (“WTSDO”) and WTSDC if feasible. The Chairman suggested that the District Fire Safety Committee (Wong Tai Sin District) and FSD could use the funding under the Community Involvement Programme to step up the publicity and education on fire safety in the district and raise residents’ fire safety awareness.

19. Mr. YUENG gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) FSD had uploaded on its website a list of registered fire service installation contractors that had no records of disciplinary inquiries or non-compliance. Members of the public could visit BISCs to make enquiries with FSD's staff;
- (ii) FSD would continue to send its staff to public housing estates as necessary to explain to residents the importance of sealing up louvres in improving fire safety;
- (iii) FSD implemented the "Home Fire Safety Visit (Pilot Scheme)" in Shun On Estate, Kwun Tong in 2024. The scheme would be renamed as "FSD Home Visit Scheme for the Elderly" (消防處「耆鄰」家訪計劃) and progressively expanded to all 18 districts throughout the territory. Through data analysis, the scheme would help elderly singletons inspect the fire safety conditions of their flats. Under the scheme, FSD would also distribute the "three treasures for fire protection" to elderly singletons and teach them how to use such equipment;
- (iv) Most new buildings were already equipped with visual fire alarm systems, and FSD understood that HD had already installed the systems for some residents with hearing impairment. FSD would follow up on the matter with HD as necessary;
- (v) With the subsidy offered by the Hong Kong Jockey Club, FSD was about to install 1 000 AEDs throughout the 18 districts in Hong Kong. The AEDs would be distributed based on the demand in each district, and venues under HD would be prioritised;
- (vi) FSD had set up DPSTs in four fire divisions in 2025. In view of the effectiveness DPSTs, FSD hoped to extend the measure to other divisions;

- (vii) AEDs were not professional medical equipment, and they came with an audio guide function. Therefore, users could use AEDs without prior training. Furthermore, since 2018, 999 callers requesting emergency ambulance service would receive post-dispatch advice from the staff of the Fire Services Communication Centre until the ambulancemen's arrival to stabilise the patients' condition; and
- (viii) Currently FSD would notify the relevant owners, works consultants and contractors every time it issued letters about the enforcement of the Ordinance. This practice applied on different stages of the enforcement work about the Ordinance and applications for extensions.

20. Regarding the installation of visual fire alarm systems in public housing estates, Ms. LAW Chi-ping, Iris of HD replied that HD maintained a list of hearing impaired residents, and the department had already offered registered residents with hearing impairment a voluntary scheme. Under the scheme, HD would install visual fire alarm systems in their flats where feasible. Other residents in need could also reach out to HD to arrange installations.

II. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 10th Meeting of Wong Tai Sin District Council held on 8 July 2025

21. Members noted that the Secretariat had not received any amendment suggestions on the minutes of the last meeting prior to the meeting, and thus confirmed the minutes of the last meeting.

III. Progress Report of the 10th Meeting of Wong Tai Sin District Council held on 8 July 2025

(WTSDC Paper No. 32/2025)

22. Members noted the content of the Progress Report.

IV. Report on the Future Work Plan of Wong Tai Sin District Council

23. The Chairman said that at the 9th WTSDC meeting held on 6 May 2025, WTSDC had approved the work plan that covered the three general directions of Wellness, Tradition and Sustainability. These three directions could be acronymised as “WTS”, which was the same as the acronym of Wong Tai Sin. Members had reported on the activities organised and implemented from January to June 2025 at the 10th WTSDC meeting. The Chairman then invited Members to present the activities organised and implemented from July to August 2025.

24. Mr. CHAN Wai-kwan, Andie presented the activities held from July to August 2025 with the aid of PowerPoint slides (Annex IV).

Wellness – Caring for the elderly

- (i) On healthy living, activities that had been held included (1) seminars that provided the elderly in the district with different kinds of useful information; (2) soft meal promotion activities; and (3) improving the elderly-friendly facilities in the district;
- (ii) On care and companionship, activities that had been held included (1) holding regular visits and festive visits to elderly singletons and doubletons to bring them gift packs and take care of their everyday needs; (2) repairing home electrical appliances and toilet cisterns for the elderly; and (3) organising multiple free haircut sessions for the elderly and visiting mobility-impaired elderly residents to provide on-site haircut services; and (4) regularly calling elderly residents in the district to ask after their wellbeing ;
- (iii) On fostering harmony between the old and the young, a parent-child day tour had been held; and
- (iv) On fruitful ageing, activities that had been held included elderly exercise classes about chair yoga and Pilates rings.

Wellness – Youth development

- (v) On team building, (1) the “SDGS Young Leaders Summit”; and (2) the “Wong Tai Sin Youth Camp 2025” were both held in August 2025;
- (vi) On career planning, activities that had been held included (1) the year-round mentorship programme and the summer job shadowing programme kick-started in June 2025 under the “Practical Guidance Programme for Careers in Financial and Professional Services” which would last 10 to 14 months; and (2) inviting Hong Kong Employment Development Service and volunteers to share their experience in serving the community;
- (vii) On caring for the community, activities that had been held included: (1) household maintenance training for young volunteers; and (2) offering gift packs to elderly residents in the district;
- (viii) On youth exchange, activities that had been held included: (1) youth exchange activities within the district; (2) an exchange tour on new quality productive forces from July to August 2025; (3) the “American football experience day” held in August 2025; and (4) visiting different neighbourhoods and exchanging views with young people in the district; and
- (ix) On building a positive life outlook, activities that had been held included (1) multiple youth development and interest events such as reading and writing classes and adventure activities; (2) a children’s science workshop and a golf fun day held in July 2025; and (3) a fencing event held in August 2025.

25. Mr. LEE Tung-kong continued to present the activities with the aid of PowerPoint slides (Annex IV).

Wellness – Caring for the elderly

- (i) On healthy living, consultation, counselling and education, activities that had been held included (1) a health check day and dental checks (2) a programme offering free Chinese medicine and consultations in Wong Tai Sin District; (3) seminars on multiple health topics; (4) working with the Wong Tai Sin District Health Centre and assisting in the promotion of “My health, My Say 2025”; and (5) setting up street booths about preventing mosquito infestation and chikungunya fever to distribute mosquito repellents and gift packs about mosquito prevention;

Wellness – Safeguarding national security and patriotic education

- (ii) WTSDC had held a variety of promotional activities to boost the sense of national identity and patriotism among the public, including (1) setting up multiple street booths about national security in the district and organising seminars, quiz competitions, carnivals, game booths and film screenings about national security education; (2) visits to the Hong Kong Sha Tau Kok Anti-war Memorial Hall, the Cenotaph for Martyrs in Wu Kau Tang and the National Security Exhibition Gallery; (3) organising a thematic exhibition and a prize quiz on Dongjiang water supply; (4) a community movie screening event in commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of Victory in the Chinese People’s War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression, a thematic seminar and smart quiz competition in celebration of the 28th anniversary of Hong Kong’s Return to the Motherland and the 5th anniversary of the implementation of the Hong Kong National Security Law, and a seminar on BeiDou Navigation Satellite System held in July 2025; and (5) an artefact exhibition about the 80th Anniversary of Victory in the Chinese People’s War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War held in August 2025;

Wellness – Mental health and other activities

- (iii) On mental health, activities that had been held included (1) a caring day for elderly people and carers and a cruise tour for carers; and (2) active support and promotion for the carer support hotline to look after the mental health of carers; and
- (iv) Other activities included (1) setting up anti-phone deception street booths; (2) flag days to raise funds for grassroots services; (3) producing free customised name tags for students, offering passport photo shooting services at discounted prices, and providing eyesight tests and spectacles for underprivileged students; (4) organising film screenings, community tea gatherings and carnivals; and (5) holding pickleball and flipball contests.

26. Mr. LAI Wing-ho, Joe continued to present the activities that had been held with the aid of PowerPoint slides (Annex IV).

Tradition

- (i) In order to attract more tourists, WTSDC had been focusing on promoting the characteristics and cultural background of Wong Tai Sin District. The work done and events held in this regard included (1) distributing the “Wong Tai Sin Culture Tourism Brochure” (“the Brochure”) printed by the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (“WGBLE”) to around 1 600 licensed travel agents throughout Hong Kong; (2) district organisations had produced and published a promotional video about the food in Wong Tai Sin District; (3) organising cultural exploration activities and handicraft workshops; (4) the “Dance and Cultural Show in Celebration of the 28th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“HKSAR”)” held in July 2025; and (5) an youth exchange event with young people from Hubei, the “Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts –Wong Tai Sin Strings and Lacquer Fan Festival”, and the “Light Up East Kowloon, Celebrate China”

China-chic Cultural Celebration Event Series held in August 2025.

Sustainability

- (ii) On waste reduction and recycling, activities that had been held included (1) supporting the GREEN@COMMUNITY community recycling network and the waste reduction efforts of the Environmental Protection Department by setting up recycling spots at Kai Chuen Court and Kai Cheung Court; (2) recycling events; (3) recycling promotion campaigns such as allowing residents to recycle plastic bottles in exchange for vegetables; (4) helping members of the public download and use the GREEN\$ Mobile App and teaching them to use food waste recycling bins; (5) giving out fresh fish cultivated using aquaponic systems by local fish farms to residents in the district in July 2025; (6) community health seminars and parent-child low carbon cooking workshops; and (7) actively promoting green office and reducing the use of paper in ward offices of Members;
- (iii) On energy saving, activities that had been held included (1) installing energy-saving LED light tubes and light bulbs for households in need to help them reduce their energy bills; and (2) organising an exhibition and setting up street booths about the 60th anniversary of Dongjiang's water supply to Hong Kong to promote water saving through exhibits and prize quizzes; and
- (iv) On organic farming, WTSDO worked with Link Asset Management Limited and district organisations to organise "Green Seek Life: Wong Tai Sin Urban Farm Volunteer Training 2025" in August 2025. Held at Lok Fu Place, the event featured urban farms, guided activities, workshops and recycling booths, with the aim of introducing residents to sustainable living and environmental protection.

27. Mr. CHAN Ying, Leonard then introduced the following highlight events under preparation with the aid of PowerPoint (Annex IV):

Wellness

- (i) On caring for the elderly, Tsui Chuk Plaza was about to set up a leisure corner in September 2025. Free refreshments, board games and book lending services would be provided, allowing elders and parents to rest, socialise and make new friends in a comfortable space;
- (ii) On primary healthcare, plans for opening the “East Kowloon Community Pharmacy” and “On On Dental Centre” in Kai Chuen Shopping Centre were being made to serve grassroots in need in the district;
- (iii) On youth development, the “4th Inter-School Tug-of-War Competition in Celebration of National Day” would be held in September 2025. It aimed to promote tug of war and help young people strengthen their team spirit;
- (iv) On patriotic education, the district was preparing the “National Security Outstanding Student” patriotic education quiz competition for primary students in October 2025 to enhance their knowledge on national security; and
- (v) On organising special activities, the “Peak Runner Wong Tai Sin Lion Walk” to be held in October 2025 was under preparation. Themed around the hiking trails in Wong Tai Sin District, this large-scale competition allowed participants to explore the joy of hiking and experience the unique charm of the district.

28. Ms. YEW Yat-wa, Deannie then introduced the following highlight events under preparation with the aid of PowerPoint (Annex IV):

Tradition

- (i) Plans were being made to produce a promotional video with a renowned local director to promote Wong Tai Sin's culture, tourism, food and hiking routes. The video would be promoted on online platforms to attract more tourists to visit Wong Tai Sin District and experience its culture.

Sustainability

- (ii) Regarding waste reduction and recycling, highlight events under preparation included (1) a food waste recycling scheme to be held in September 2025 for promoting food waste recycling and processing to shopping centres in Wong Tai Sin District; and (2) the "GREEN@TSZ WAN SHAN/SCHOOL VILLAGE" guided tour to be held in collaboration with schools in the district, which would take students to visit "GREEN@WONG TAI SIN"; and
- (iii) Regarding energy saving, the "Energy Saving Ambassador Scheme" was being planned in collaboration with CLP Power Hong Kong Limited. "Energy Saving Ambassadors" would be recruited to help schools formulate energy-saving and carbon reduction measures, and schools would be encouraged to participate in the "Inter-School Energy Saving Competition" to be held in October 2025.

29. The Chairman thanked Members for organising, co-organising or participating in various activities that covered the three general directions of "WTS" in July and August 2025. He also hoped that Members, government departments and local groups could continue to organise more activities, especially those that could cover the three general directions of Wellness, Tradition and Sustainability. The Chairman also encouraged organising activities for residents of all ages to promote patriotic education and national security. The Chairman then invited Members and representatives of government departments to share their views about the report on the future work plan.

30. Members raised the following suggestions on the work plan and its three general directions:

Work Plan - Overall direction

- (i) Mr. YUET Ngai-keung suggested fully utilising the water feature park in Diamond Hill to organise activities that covered all three general directions. He pointed out that the park's facilities could promote wellness among residents in the district, and its three valuable historical structures, namely the Old Pill Box, the Former Royal Air Force Hangar and the Stone House (the former residence of acclaimed actor Mr. Roy CHIAO), could also effectively promote the district's unique culture. The water feature system was also in line with the concept of sustainable development. Therefore, he opined that the water feature park could be used as an event venue in the future to complement WTSDC's three general work directions of "WTS".

Wellness – Safeguarding national security and patriotic education

- (ii) Mr. MOK Kin-wing pointed out that this year marked the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance, and he was pleased that Members and local groups had organised various commemorative activities on this theme. He suggested including such activities in future reports; and
- (iii) Mr. POON Cheuk-bun opined that exhibitions on patriotic education should continue and cover topics such as the overall national development. In order to attract schools and the public, the exhibition period could be extended to cater to the start of the new academic year, and organisers might consider holding the exhibitions at different locations.

Wellness – Mental health

- (iv) Ms. LAU Yuen-ye, Janus suggested that Members should pay attention to the mental health and emotional well-being of residents in the district. Having recently helped refer a case in the district involving suicidal thoughts due to debts, she urged that Members should, apart from organising activities, also pay attention to the emotional health of residents in the community, and refer cases to the relevant units or departments for follow-up when necessary.
- (v) Mr. LEE Tung-kong opined that it took time for SWD to vet and process cases. Meanwhile, Care Teams only visited residents as volunteers and would not know whether SWD was following up on the residents they had visited. Therefore, he was concerned that those who needed help might not be able to get it when Care Teams were trying to find out whether SWD was following up. Therefore, he enquired if SWD would provide support for residents in need during the confirmation process.
- (vi) Mr. POON Cheuk-bun opined that the list provided under the Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers would enable Members and Care Teams to effectively reach and assist residents and hidden cases that were previously under the radar. He hoped that SWD would extend the scheme and urged Members to take time to visit residents on the visit list to learn about their needs.

31. Ms. LEE Kam-yung, Dora of SWD noted Members' views on the mental health of residents and the Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers, and gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) The Labour and Welfare Bureau ("LWB") was actively building a database for earlier identification of high-risk cases so that they could be referred to Care Teams for home visits. As an initial development, the database had already included the data of SWD, HA and the Hong Kong Housing Authority. The list of households on the database would only contain addresses, and service users

registered in the department's system and those who were waiting for or receiving services would be excluded;

- (ii) The department organised a briefing session for Care Teams on 27 August 2025 and invited them to visit public housing estate residents who were elderly singletons, elderly doubletons or persons with disabilities in a targeted manner starting from 8 September 2025. The department hoped that Care Teams could reach families in need, especially the elderly, persons with disabilities and carers, introduce them to suitable services and make referrals as appropriate;
- (iii) The elderly services, rehabilitation services and integrated family service centres in the district would organise small-scale community service promotion and experience days from September to December 2025. Local communities could learn about the services and facilities of the centres through the events. Members and local stakeholders were welcome to participate;
- (iv) Care Teams Members were volunteers who would assist in home visits and service referrals out of an eagerness to serve. Care Teams could maintain communication with SWD and draw the department's attention to urgent cases through various channels, so that the department could grasp the relevant information for timely assessment and follow-up; and
- (v) Currently the visit list only covered residents of public housing estates. If Members had identified residents of Home Ownership Scheme ("HOS") or private residential buildings who needed services, they could provide the information to Care Teams for home visits based on the current sub-district boundaries of Care Teams. SWD would regularly update the visit list and suggested that Care Teams could contact the department through the prevailing service mechanism so that appropriate services could be provided.

32. The Chairman noted Members' views and gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) The water purification and circular filtration system displayed in the water feature park could effectively filter effluent, and the park's facilities such as the Hangar were also suitable for organising large-scale activities. Therefore, he agreed that the water feature park could be fully utilised when planning future activities;
- (ii) Members could report on the commemorative activities for the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance at the next WTSDC meeting. Plans could also be made for holding similar activities in the future;
- (iii) Members, Care Teams and local groups should be more attentive and provide assistance promptly when carrying out district work and identifying cases in need in the community;
- (iv) Care Teams, local groups and Members should refer cases in need to SWD for follow-up in a timely manner, so that SWD could provide assistance based on the urgency of the cases; and
- (v) SWD might consider setting up a reporting system for Members or Care Team members to notify the department after handling service cases, so that the visit list could be updated.

III. Project i-CARE of Hong Kong Police Force's Emergency Unit Kowloon East

33. The Chairman welcomed Mr. CHOW Shu-fan, Senior Superintendent, Operations Wing (East Kowloon Region) (Acting) and Ms. LAU Cho-yin, Senior Inspector, Emergency Unit Kowloon East of the Hong Kong Police Force ("HKPF"), who had attended the meeting for this agenda item.

34. Mr. CHOW Shu-fan of HKPF introduced Project i-Care, a project the Kowloon East Region had been implementing since January 2025, with the aid of PowerPoint (Annex V) and a video. He presented the vision, details and effectiveness

of the project, and expressed the hope that more members of the public understand how the project could help frontline police officers support those in need. His presentation is summarised as follows:

Case sharing

- (i) In a wounding case that had taken place in Lower Wong Tai Sin Estate in August 2024, a hearing impaired person was poured with boiling water and sustained second degree burns after a dispute involving recycling cardboards. However, the victim could not call the police for help immediately due to difficulties in communication;
- (ii) In September 2024, a deaf man who had been suffering from depression for ten years sent his mother a final message before going missing. While the emergency unit quickly found the missing man, it had taken a lot of time to send him to the hospital for treatment due to communication difficulties;
- (iii) In October 2024, police officers found an elderly person wandering in Lok Fu in the middle of the night. The police officers took the elderly person home and discovered that the elderly person had been living in a poor environment with his/her spouse. They had no one to take care of them and lacked social support. It was a case of “the elderly taking care of the elderly”; and
- (iv) The above cases had revealed the difficulties faced by the underprivileged, leading the Police to explore how it could provide better support for those in need in addition to its traditional duties of maintaining law and order.

Background of “Project i-CARE”

- (v) According to the 2021 Population Census conducted by the Census and Statistics Department, there were approximately 140 000 speakers of Chinese dialects such as Fukien, Hakka, and Chiu Chau

in Hong Kong. With such language barriers, these individuals required translation assistance when they sought help from the police. Additionally, there were around 270 000 hearing impaired individuals in Hong Kong, with nearly 50 000 of them suffering from severe hearing impairment. As sign language interpretation services were not ubiquitous, it was often difficult for them to obtain immediate assistance. Furthermore, there were over 1.1 million young people aged between 6 and 24 in Hong Kong. Meanwhile, the elderly population continued to grow and the population aged 65 and above was expected to reach 2.08 million by 2028. The mental health and well-being of at-risk youths and the elderly were of significant concern;

- (vi) Project i-CARE aimed to make the most of existing resources and establish a long-term one-stop support platform by coordinating and connecting with other stakeholders. By making policing services accessible to the four target groups, namely the hearing-impaired, users of specific dialects, elderly individuals in need of welfare assistance, and at-risk youths, this initiative could benefit the community and its residents in the long run, demonstrating that the HKPF not only maintained public order but also provided assistance to those who needed it;

- (vii) To ensure that the project could be implemented effectively, Emergency Unit Kowloon East had established partnerships with many organisations that would provide the police with free translation and support services. For the hearing-impaired, Emergency Unit Kowloon East would cooperate with Silence, the Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Y's Men's Centre for the Deaf and the Hong Kong Society for the Deaf to provide sign language interpretation services for hearing-impaired individuals. As for the communication needs of dialect users, three clansmen associations, namely the Kowloon East Chaoren Association, the Hong Kong Federation of Fujian Associations and the Hong Kong Federation of Meizhou Associations, would provide simultaneous interpretation services for people in need; and

- (viii) Emergency Unit Kowloon East would refer cases involving elderly individuals who needed welfare services to SWD through an electronic referral system. Missing elderly cases would be referred to the Regional Missing Persons Unit of Kowloon East for follow-up under Project PINPOINT, and the elderly individuals involved would be given positioning devices to prevent them from going missing again. Meanwhile, cases involving youths would be referred to the Hong Kong Playground Association (“HKPA”), an organisation that, through the “New Horizons” Community Support Service Scheme, provided follow-up services for youngsters living or studying in Kowloon East who were cautioned under the Police Superintendent’s Discretion Scheme and their families.

Work flow

- (ix) If frontline police officers came across someone who belonged to the four target groups when carrying out their duties, they would immediately inform the duty officer of Emergency Unit Kowloon East, who would then arrange for sign language interpreters or interpreters of the relevant dialect to provide simultaneous interpretation services on the phone or via video calls. In the past, there had been cases where sign language interpreters had to be urgently summoned to the hospital to help hearing-impaired parents handle their children’s emergency care. Such communication barriers could now be quickly overcome by real-time video calls and the waiting time could be significantly shortened;
- (x) As for elderly persons or at-risk youths that required welfare support, duty officers of the Police would refer such cases to SWD, HKPA, or the Regional Missing Persons Unit of Kowloon East for follow-up through the electronic referral system; and
- (xi) The electronic referral form was simple with only one page. It only required basic information such as name, sex, age, identity card number and contact number. The design of the form allowed

elderly persons and at-risk youths in need to sign the consent form for referral on their mobile phones. To ensure personal data privacy, all information would be sent to partner organisations via the Police's intranet and would not be uploaded to the internet.

Effectiveness

- (xii) The project had shown impressive results since its implementation nine months ago. Most electronic referral cases (238 cases) involved elderly singletons or elderly chronic patients, and the project had given them access to appropriate support provided by SWD. Meanwhile, there had been 175 referral cases involving at-risk youths, covering issues such as dropping out, drug use and emotional distress. The project had successfully led them to professional counselling services. At the same time, 13 cases involving interpretation services for hearing-impaired individuals and three cases involving dialect translation services had been completed;
- (xiii) After the project's implementation, translation procedures that used to take hours could be completed in minutes. The service efficiency had been significantly improved by overcoming the constraints of traditional services. For example, with the help of "Project i-CARE", the Police was able to clarify a case involving an elderly Fukien speaker whose family member had died due to delayed medical attention as language barriers had prevented the Fukien speaker from seeking help in time; shorten the handling procedure for a falling case in a care home involving a hearing-impaired elderly resident by turning the focus from criminal investigation to medical assistance with the help of sign language interpreting; and swiftly handle cases about hearing impaired persons suffering from internet scams and missing person cases; and
- (xiv) Emergency Unit Kowloon East had attended the meeting of LWB's Rehabilitation Advisory Committee to promote "Project i-CARE". Members of the committee had expressed their support for the

project and their hope that the project could be promoted to other departments. In August 2025, the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee invited Emergency Unit Kowloon East again to share the experience gained from the implementation of the project with SWD, the Labour Department, the Home Affairs Department and HA. Furthermore, HA had already started making preparations to explore whether hospitals could provide similar sign language interpretation services for hearing-impaired individuals.

35. Mr. CHOW Shu-fan of HKPF also called on Members to help promote “Project i-CARE” to residents in Wong Tai Sin District by displaying promotional posters on notice boards in housing estates so that residents could understand the project. He also welcomed cooperation proposals from Members for expanding the coverage of “Project i-CARE”, in the hope of building a harmonious community together.

36. The Chairman praised “Project i-CARE” for showing the Police’s care for the community. He said cases of “the elderly taking care of the elderly” showed that there were many elderly people in similar circumstances in the community who were in desperate need of care. Understanding that the underprivileged might face difficulties in communication, the Chairman enquired if the project would provide a designated hotline so that service users could be spared the anxiety of using the 999 emergency call service. The Chairman then invited Members to share their views on “Project i-CARE”.

37. Mr. YAU Yiu-shing recognised the benefits of “Project i-CARE” to the community and spoke of his concern about the recent attempted suicide incident in Wong Tai Sin District. He understood that the persons attempting suicide might not have been residents of Wong Tai Sin District, so it would be more difficult to find out their personal details and contact information. Therefore, he suggested that the scope of “Project i-CARE” could be expanded to cover those suffering from emotional distress and a cross-district referral mechanism could be established. By doing so, the Care Teams and district offices concerned could be informed of the attempted suicide cases and intervene in a timely manner to prevent tragedies.

38. Mr. YUEN Kwok-keung suggested that the service should also cover South Asians and other ethnic minorities. For example, many South Asian women in San Po Kong faced challenges in communication and had to rely on their children as translators. In the event of a serious incident that required police intervention, the availability of translators could help mediate and defuse the conflict. Mr. CHAN Wai-kwan, Andie also added that while the ethnic minority youths in Lok Fu could speak English, many ethnic minority people communicated in their mother tongues.

39. Mr. YUEN Kwok-keung also suggested promoting “Project i-CARE” to security staff through HD and let them know that they could seek help from Care Teams or duty officers of the Police to prevent tragedies of delayed treatment caused by communication difficulties from happening again.

40. Mr. LEE Tung-kong said that “Project i-CARE” was very effective in helping the Police perform its duties and providing the public with assistance. He suggested that the Police should work more closely with other government departments and non-governmental organisations and pointed out that the service could be further enhanced by incorporating the latest technologies. He also suggested developing a service that could convert sign language into written words in real time using AI. At last, he said the project had shown that the Police was proactive in providing more services in addition to its usual duties and supported the further promotion of the project.

41. The Chairman said that WTSDC fully supported the Kowloon East Region in the implementation of “Project i-CARE” and would actively tie in with the project by starting a promotion campaign in the community. He also suggested setting up a designated hotline for the project to provide the target groups with a more accessible help-seeking channel. Pointing out that there was a sizable ethnic minority population in the district, he suggested that the Police should consider enhancing the support for ethnic minorities in the implementation of “Project i-CARE”. The Chairman also said that there were already ethnic minority members on the Area Committees and other youth committees of Wong Tai Sin District, and these ethnic minority members could serve as representatives so that the service could more comprehensively cover different groups and the project could be further enhanced.

42. Mr. CHOW Shu-fan of HKPF gave a consolidated reply to Members' views as follows:

- (i) Regarding the recent attempted suicide incident in Wong Tai Sin District, once the Police had completed the immediate intervention and ensured the safety of the person concerned, it would usually refer the case to SWD for follow-up through the standard referral procedures. SWD and Care Teams had already established a regular cooperation mechanism for diverting and referring cases about welfare applications, elderly visits and so on. Feedback would be collected regularly to further enhance the cooperation process;
- (ii) Before launching "Project i-CARE", HKPF had already worked with non-governmental organisations to implement "Project TRANSLINK", a project that provided simultaneous interpretation services covering nine languages for ethnic minorities through a hotline that operated from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Police would further explore the feasibility of extending the service hours in future. As for sign language interpretation services, currently Silence, a partner organisation of "Project i-CARE", already provided 24-hour video sign language interpretation support. The Police thanked its community partners for their active cooperation;
- (iii) Emergency Unit Kowloon East was already working with China Overseas Property Services Limited to promote "Project i-CARE" to the frontline security staff of the multiple public housing estates and Home Ownership Scheme courts under the company's management, in the hope that the security staff could take timely actions during emergencies and understand that simultaneous interpretation services were available to those who need them;
- (iv) As for the promotion plan, Emergency Unit Kowloon East had already visited LWB to promote the project. Emergency Unit Kowloon East would continue to share its experience on platforms such as WTSDC, and it also looked forward to working with

different government departments to amplify the benefits of the project; and

- (v) When dealing with emergencies, the Police placed great importance on creating a follow-up mechanism to ensure that elderly people and at-risk youths could receive continuous support. Currently Emergency Unit Kowloon East was working with HKPF's headquarters on expanding the project to all police regions in Hong Kong. The Police would keep perfecting the project and enhancing its impact.

43. The Chairman suggested that WTSDC should expand the coverage of its services and pay special attention to those who needed support, such as the visually impaired, the hearing impaired and people facing difficulties in communication. He then invited the representatives of SWD and HKPF to share their views.

44. Ms. LEE Kam-yung, Dora of SWD said that the translation services of "Project i-CARE" mainly supported cases that required assistance or intervention from the Police, such as emergencies involving attempted suicides or seriously ill patients who were unable to communicate. Meanwhile, many social service units could also arrange translation services for their service users.

45. Mr. YEUNG Chun-po, Carmelo of HKPF said that in the event of an emergency, members of the public could call 999 and the Police would provide immediate support and quickly arrive at the scene to handle the situation. There were other hotlines for non-urgent and general help requests, and Members could choose the most suitable service referral channel based on the nature of the incident when handling cases.

46. Mr. CHAN Wai-kwan, Andie praised the Police for promoting "Project i-CARE" to China Overseas Property Services Limited. He suggested inviting more property management companies to participate in the project through the Hong Kong Association of Property Services Agents and enhance the impact of the project.

VI. Report of the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy under Wong Tai Sin District Council

47. The Chairman invited Mr. LI Dennis, the Chairman of WGBLE to present the progress of the working group's proposed work plan for 2025.

48. Mr. LI Dennis first reviewed the six amended performance targets of WGBLE endorsed at the 9th meeting of WTSDC on 6 May 2025 with the aid of PowerPoint (Annex VI). He then presented the large-scale activities that had already been organised by WGBLE in celebration of the anniversary of the establishment of HKSAR, including:

- (i) The “Wong Tai Sin Strings and Lacquer Fan Festival in Celebration of the 76th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China and the 28th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region” held from 9 to 10 August 2025;
- (ii) The “Light Up East Kowloon, Celebrate China” China-chic Cultural Celebration Event Series - China-chic Flash Mob • Dancing Hong Kong” held on 9 August 2025;
- (iii) The “Light Up East Kowloon, Celebrate China” China-chic Cultural Celebration Event Series - Intangible Cultural Heritage Craft Experience Fair” held on 23 August 2025;
- (iv) The “Light Up East Kowloon, Celebrate China” China-chic Cultural Celebration Event Series - China-chic Sports Basketball Competition” held on 31 August 2025;

49. Mr. LI Dennis said that these four activities had each attracted over a thousand participants and successfully boosted the people flow and spending in the district. Some activities had effectively enhanced the cultural atmosphere of the community, educated the public about intangible cultural heritage, helped the public appreciate and take pride in Chinese culture, and promoted the inheritance of traditional culture by integrating the new and the old.

50. Mr. LI Dennis then said that WGBLE would continue to organise large-scale activities in celebration of the National Day of China and the establishment of HKSAR, including:

- (i) A series of events under “Light Up East Kowloon, Celebrate China” China-chic Cultural Celebration Event Series” to be held from July to October 2025 in celebration of the 76th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China, the 28th anniversary of the establishment of HKSAR, the 60th anniversary of Dongjiang water supply to Hong Kong, the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance, the first National Games jointly held by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, and the 5th anniversary of the promulgation and implementation of the Hong Kong National Security Law;
- (ii) The “Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple Mid-Autumn Lantern Festival in Celebration of the Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China” to be held from 27 September to 12 October 2025;
- (iii) The “Wong Tai Sin in Celebration of the 76th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China - Youth Chinese Marching Parade and Flag-raising Ceremony” to be held on 28 September 2025; and
- (iv) The “Peak Runner Wong Tai Sin Lion Walk” to be held on 29 October 2025;

51. Regarding WGBLE’s work plan on advancing the “tourism is everywhere” policy objective, Mr. LI Dennis presented the progress of the two major publicity programmes endorsed by WTSDC at the 9th WTSDC meeting on 6 May 2025 as follows:

- (i) Promotion plan for the Brochure: The traditional Chinese version of the Brochure had been published after refinements and amendments,

and was being distributed to over 1 600 licensed travel agents throughout the territory. It would later be distributed at locations such as hotels and shopping malls. The Brochure also came with an online version, and WGBLE would publish simplified Chinese and English versions in phases later to cater to the needs of different readers; and

- (ii) Inviting local stakeholders to participate in the production of promotional videos: The relevant local group had produced and published a promotional video introducing foods in San Po Kong, such as the district's famous "egg waffles", soybean milk and Chinese sticky rice rolls. Local groups were also planning to produce a promotional video showcasing the culture, tourism, food and hiking routes of Wong Tai Sin District to present the district's key features.

52. The Chairman pointed out that, by piecing relevant pictures together, the revised cover of the Brochure could fully showcase the features of Wong Tai Sin District in terms of culture, food and natural resources, making it more attractive to tourists and the public. WGBLE would consult its Members' views on the revised Brochure at its 9th meeting on the following day.

53. Members noted the progress of WGBLE's proposed work plan for 2025 and unanimously supported WGBLE's work.

VII. Progress Reports

54. Members noted the following Papers:

- (i) Progress Report of the 10th Meeting of the Housing Committee held on 15 July 2025
(WTSDC Paper No. 33/2025)
- (ii) Progress Report of the 10th Meeting of the Traffic and Transport

Committee held on 17 July 2025

(WTSDC Paper No. 34/2025)

(iii) Progress Report of the 10th Meeting of the District Facilities and Works Committee held on 22 July 2025

(WTSDC Paper No. 35/2025)

(iv) Progress Report of the 10th Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee held on 24 July 2025

(WTSDC Paper No. 36/2025)

(v) Progress Report of the 10th Meeting of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee held on 29 July 2025

(WTSDC Paper No. 37/2025)

VIII. Date of the Next Meeting

55. The 12th Meeting of the 7th Term of WTSDC would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 4 November 2025 (Tuesday).

56. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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