

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

Date: 7 January 2025 (Tuesday)
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

Chairman:

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

Present:

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-ye, 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	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	
Mr. NG Wai-lung, David	District Social Welfare Officer (Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung)	SWD	
Ms. LAW Chi-ping, Iris	Chief Manager/Management (WTT)	HD	
Mr. LEUNG Yu-sun	Senior Housing Manager(WTT2)	HD	
Mr. CHAN Wing-yin, Albert	Chief Engineer/ East 3	CEDD	
Ms. CHEUNG Yee-mei, May	Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon)	LCSD	
Ms. LAM Yee-mei, Evelyn	District Leisure Manager (Wong Tai Sin)	LCSD	
Ms. TONG Shuk-ting	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Wong Tai Sin)	FEHD	
Mr. CHAN Chi-man, Chapman	Chief Transport Officer/Kowloon 1	TD	
Dr. CHOW Po-ling, Paulina	Kowloon Central Cluster Chief Manager (Planning & Commissioning)	HA	} Re: Item IV
Mr. Matthew CHENG	Senior Project Manager	HA	
Miss HO Wing-tung, Bonnie	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	

Secretary:

Ms. CHAN Wai-chi, Ida	Senior Executive Officer (District Council)	WTSDO	
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Opening Remarks

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

I. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 6th Meeting of Wong Tai Sin District Council held on 5 November 2024

2. 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.

II. Progress Report of the 6th Meeting of Wong Tai Sin District Council held on 5 November 2024
(WTSDC Paper No. 1/2025)

3. Members noted the Progress Report.

III. Arrangements of the 2025 Working Group on Boosting Local Economy under Wong Tai Sin District Council
(WTSDC Paper No. 2/2025)

4. The Secretary presented the Paper and explained that the tenure of the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (“WGBLE”) under WTSDC would be extended for one year with end date of its term postponed from 31 December 2024 to 31 December 2025. The terms of reference of WGBLE were set out in Annex I to the Paper and the updated list of Members was set out in Annex II to the Paper.

5. Pursuant to Order 87(2) of the District Council Standing Orders, the appointment (including re-appointment, continued appointment or cessation of

appointment) and term of office of the chairman of a working group should be determined by the District Council Chairman. Having considered the updated membership list, the Chairman announced that Mr. LI Dennis would continue to serve as the chairman of WGBLE.

6. Members noted the Paper.

Items for discussion

IV. Progress Update on New Acute Hospital in Kai Tak Development Area
(WTSDC Paper No. 3/2025)

7. The Chairman welcomed Dr. CHOW Po-ling, Paulina, Chief Manager (Planning & Commissioning) of Kowloon Central Cluster and Mr. Matthew CHENG, Senior Project Manager of the Hospital Authority (“HA”), who had attended the meeting for this discussion item.

8. Mr. Matthew CHENG of HA presented the latest progress of the New Acute Hospital (“NAH”) project in Kai Tak Development Area with the aid of PowerPoint (**Annex I**). His presentation is summarised as follows:

- (i) The “Oncology Block” and “Specialist Out-patient Clinic Block” (“Site B”) were already topped out and the curtain wall works of the external walls were substantially completed. Interior renovation, installation of electrical and mechanical facilities, and electrical and communication infrastructure works were currently underway. The two blocks would be connected by a link bridge;
- (ii) A covered footbridge on the first floor of the “Specialist Out-patient Clinic Block” would connect the building to Kowloon Bay. The structural works for the footbridge connecting Site B had also been completed and its cover was expected to be installed within one to two months. The covered footbridge would be connected to the footbridge built by the Civil Engineering and Development

Department, which was already opened and equipped with barrier-free facilities such as lifts and ramps; and

- (iii) The foundation works for the “Acute Block”, “Administration Block”, and “Education Block” (“Site A”) had been completed and the superstructure works were currently underway.

9. Dr. CHOW Po-ling, Paulina of Kowloon Central Cluster continued to introduce the relocation plan and the scope of services of the “Specialist Out-patient Clinic Block” with the aid of PowerPoint (Annex I). Her presentation is summarised as follows:

- (i) After the “Oncology Block” and “Specialist Out-patient Clinic Block” were completed, HA would take over the blocks and arrange for administrative staff to move in first to make internal preparations such as arranging security and cleaning services, and at the same time work on facility management to ensure that the hygiene condition of the blocks meets the requirements for healthcare use. The two blocks were expected to be gradually put into service in 2026 after the relevant preparations were completed;
- (ii) Integrated rehabilitation services would be provided on the ninth and tenth floors of “Specialist Out-patient Clinic Block” starting from 2026;
- (iii) The existing specialist outpatient services at Queen Elizabeth Hospital (“QEH”), including medicine, surgery, orthopaedics and oncology, would be gradually relocated to the fifth to eighth floors of “Specialist Out-patient Clinic Block”. There would also be a nurse clinic;
- (iv) Diagnostic and interventional radiology services including x-ray, ultrasound and computed tomography would be provided on the fourth floor of “Specialist Out-patient Clinic Block”;
- (v) The first floor of “Specialist Out-patient Clinic Block” would be a

community health centre providing general outpatient services to residents in the district and its adjacent areas;

- (vi) With the opening of the “Specialist Out-patient Clinic Block”, HA would arrange for patients to be transferred to NAH in an orderly manner. For example, some new patients would receive consultations at NAH first, and stable patients would be gradually transferred to NAH for services afterwards; and
- (vii) In addition to basic medical examination services, corresponding supporting services of healthcare professionals would also gradually move in, so that patients could receive one-stop services that encompassed pharmacy, blood-taking services, pathologic specimen collection services, etc.

10. The Chairman thanked Mr. CHENG and Dr. CHOW for their detailed presentation on the progress of the NAH project. He then invited Members to share their views.

11. Mr. YUET Ngai-keung, Mr. MOK Kin-wing, Mr. LAI Wing-ho, Joe, Mr. HUNG Chor-ying, Edmond and Mr. FUNG Kin-lok were all concerned about the transport links for NAH. The salient points of their speeches are summarised as follows:

- (i) Mr. YUET Ngai-keung said that he had, together with other Members, suggested further enhancing the transport links between Wong Tai Sin District and NAH at the 5th meeting of WTSDC. Therefore, he wished to learn about the latest progress of the transport planning for NAH and its surrounding areas. He also pointed out that NAH was quite far from MTR stations, making it less accessible. Meanwhile, there were quite a lot of grassroots and elderly residents in Wong Tai Sin District, and many residential areas in the district were built on hillsides. Therefore, Members were very concerned about the public transport arrangements. He hoped that the Transport Department (“TD”) and HA could understand the importance of the public transport services for NAH

and exchange views with WTSDC in a timely manner;

- (ii) Mr. MOK Kin-wing was pleased to learn about the plan to introduce a Green Minibus (“GMB”) Supplementary Route No. 88A running between Chuk Yuen or Tsz Wan Shan and NAH. He enquired about the concrete routing and service frequency of the route, as well as the latest development about other public transport services connecting Wong Tai Sin District and NAH;
- (iii) Mr. LAI Wing-ho, Joe pointed out that QEH was located near Nathan Road, Gascoigne Road, Jordan Road and Wylie Road and served by 56 KMB routes, 21 Citybus routes and two GMB routes, making the hospital very accessible. He suggested that the transport links for NAH should be confirmed and expanded expeditiously and enquired about the relevant arrangements;
- (iv) Mr. HUNG Chor-ying, Edmond said that the public did not have a clear idea of the actual location of NAH at the moment. Therefore, members of the public travelling to NAH, no matter they chose to use public transport, walk or drive, would need clear road signs to guide them. He suggested that considerations should also be given to Kai Tai Sports Park when planning the road signs, and clear directions should be given to the public (especially users of accident and emergency (“A&E”) services) and the elderly to help them reach NAH using the most convenient way; and
- (v) Mr. FUNG Kin-lok suggested that TD should be invited to meetings of the Traffic and Transport Committee again to discuss the transport planning regarding NAH. He said that the relevant information might be confusing when NAH first opened and the public might not be familiar with the transport arrangements for NAH. He suggested that HA should consider formulating emergency plans or backup plans, such as providing shuttle bus services, to deal with unexpected situations. Drawing from the practice of inviting local stakeholders to stress tests when Kai Tai Sports Park was first opened, he also suggested that similar stress

tests could be conducted before the completion of NAH in order to test the operation of the transport services.

12. Dr. CHOW Po-ling, Paulina said that HA had been working closely with TD regarding the public transport arrangements. HA had also discussed with the Fire Services Department about the ambulance services and planned to carry out road tests to ensure that the routes to the A&E department would be unobstructed. HA also considered it very important that the directional signs on the roads and in the hospital should provide clear directions to the public. HA would timely invite Members to visit the mock-up sites of NAH and give comments.

13. Mr. CHAN Chi-man, Chapman of TD replied that TD had previously collected Members' comments and suggestions on the transport arrangements for NAH and referred them to the section responsible for the NAH project for follow-up. TD was reviewing the relevant transport arrangements and would closely communicate with HA in order to devise public transport arrangements based on the progress of the NAH project. The department was working on the details and would thoroughly communicate with HA and report in a timely manner once the plan had been finalised.

14. The Chairman noted that TD was reviewing the transport arrangements for NAH and suggested that TD should continue exchanging views with WTSDC on the public transport and traffic planning.

15. Ms. LAU Yuen-ye, Janus, Mr. HUNG Chor-ying, Edmond, Ms. YEW Yat-wa, Deannie, Mr. LI Dennis and Mr. NGAI Shi-shing, Godfrey were concerned about the publicity and communication work regarding NAH. The salient points of their speeches are summarised as follows:

- (i) Ms. LAU Yuen-ye, Janus noted that HA had provided thematic talks and publications for ethnic minority associations in order to better publicise the service arrangements of NAH. She believed that some residents in the district were still not familiar with the details of NAH's services. Therefore, she suggested that HA should expeditiously provide local residents with a commissioning schedule of NAH and explain to them the relevant transport

arrangements, so that residents in need could access the services of NAH;

- (ii) While NAH would be commissioned in 2026, its existing transport network was not as convenient as QEH's. In this connection, Mr. HUNG Chor-ying, Edmond and Ms. YEW Yat-wa, Deannie both suggested that HA should publicise the commissioning of NAH to the public in advance, especially residents of Wong Tai Sin District, and help them learn about the facilities and services of NAH through various means;
- (iii) Mr. LI Dennis pointed out that with the exception of the Hong Kong Children's Hospital, which was opened in 2018, most hospitals in Kowloon Central Cluster were built in the 1960s. Therefore, the relocation of QEH's services to NAH would be a significant change for the community. He agreed with other Members' suggestion that the promotion for NAH should be enhanced. He also suggested that HA should consider producing a clear information note for the reference of WTSDC or stakeholders in the community, and at the same time regularly release information such as the progress of the works for NAH and the service arrangements to answer any questions that residents might have; and
- (iv) Mr. NGAI Shi-shing, Godfrey enquired when HA would introduce the relocation plan to existing patients. He pointed out that although the "HA Go" application was widely used among the public, elderly people might not be able to use the application to obtain information about NAH. Therefore, he suggested that the publicity for NAH among the elderly should be stepped up.

16. Dr. CHOW Po-ling, Paulina of the Kowloon Central Cluster gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) HA attached great importance to the dissemination of information. Since 2024, it had been stepping up publicity in the community through holding events such as seminars, public activities and

exhibitions so as to introduce the public to the information and service arrangements of NAH. HA had also publicised NAH in different districts. For example, information about NAH's services was disseminated at "Yau Tsim Mong Health Carnival in Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China" to help service users understand the service arrangements of NAH;

- (ii) HA would continue to disseminate information about NAH through various channels, including the websites of HA and QEH, and inform patients about the arrangements for follow-up appointments and transport services in a timely manner. A telephone hotline would also be set up for answering enquiries. HA also looked forward to working with district organisations and Care Teams in order to extensively publicise the services of NAH;
- (iii) HA had stepped up its overall publicity campaign in 2024. A seminar was held in December 2024 in Wong Tai Sin District to help members of the public, especially users of NAH's ambulatory medical services, learn more about the soon-to-be-opened NAH. Furthermore, HA had been distributing leaflets to patients and their families at QEH to give them advance notification of the relocation of QEH's services to NAH; and
- (iv) HA was in the process of designing the relevant promotion leaflet, which would contain infographics and frequently asked questions, in order to better communicate the information to the public. HA also hoped to work with WTSDC for more extensive publicity in the community. HA would provide Members with the promotional leaflets on NAH after the meeting so that Members could use their established local networks to distribute the leaflets to residents in the district.

17. The Chairman enquired when NAH would start providing A&E services. He also invited HA to strengthen its collaboration with WTSDC and local groups on publicity, so that information on NAH could be promoted to the public through distributing leaflets or electronic infographics.

18. Mr. MOK Kin-wing enquired about the specific arrangements and timetable for the relocation of QEH's specialist outpatient services to NAH. He also expressed his concern about the relocation arrangements for healthcare professionals and other supporting staff.

19. Mr. LEE Tung-kong pointed out that NAH was not close residential areas and enquired what factors had been considered by HA in setting up a general outpatient clinic on the first floor of NAH.

20. Mr. LAI Wing-ho, Joe enquired about the future development arrangements for the existing QEH site after QEH's services were relocated to NAH.

21. Mr. NGAI Shi-shing, Godfrey enquired whether the waiting time would be shortened after patients were transferred to NAH.

22. Mr. CHAN Ying, Leonard pointed out that most of QEH's existing services would be taken over by NAH after its commissioning. He therefore asked whether NAH could significantly improve the service standards of the Kowloon Central Cluster, such as the waiting time for admission.

23. Dr. CHOW Po-ling, Paulina of the Kowloon Central Cluster gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) NAH would conduct the relocation using a step-by-step approach and transfer patients to NAH in phases. Stable and suitable patients would be arranged to receive ambulatory services at NAH first, and then other patients would be gradually transferred;
- (ii) Regarding the factors considered for providing general outpatient services at NAH, HA hoped that the general outpatient services and the Community Health Centre could create a synergistic effect. In addition to caring for chronic patients and patients with episodic diseases, the Community Health Centre could also support chronic patients whose conditions were stable but required support in

various aspects by providing multi-disciplinary integrated healthcare services to meet the needs of patients in the district, so that fewer patients would require hospitalisation due to their illness;

- (iii) Regarding the future development of QEH, the Government was reviewing the “Second Hospital Development Plan” and at the same time considering the future use and development of the King’s Park site. The specific functions of the site would be announced after the plan was finalised;
- (iv) NAH would be commissioned gradually in 2026. The construction works for Site A were underway and the inpatient services and A&E department of the “Acute Block” would be put into service between 2027 and 2028; and
- (v) NAH would improve the existing healthcare services by increasing service capacity and providing more space. Compared with QEH, NAH would have 100 more consultation rooms, an A&E department that would be a few times larger, as well as more operating theatres. Also, NAH would be developed into a smart hospital that used smart devices to improve service efficiency. Moreover, the layout of NAH was designed in a way that placed various medical facilities close to each other. Taking emergency services as an example, NAH would arrange for patients in critical conditions to receive a series of services in close proximity, including consultations, urgent laboratory tests, emergency surgery or even transfers to the Intensive Care Unit for further treatment, in order to make the process smoother. NAH would restructure its service model to improve the overall quality of its healthcare services.

24. The Chairman once again thanked Dr. CHOW Po-ling, Paulina of Kowloon Central Cluster, Mr. Matthew CHENG of HA and Mr. CHAN Chi-man, Chapman of TD for their detailed presentation on the progress of the NAH project. He also hoped that HA and TD would continue their collaboration with WTSDC to widely disseminate the latest information on NAH.

V. Wong Tai Sin District Council 2024 Work Review and 2025 Work Plan

25. The Chairman invited Miss HO Wing-tung, Bonnie, Assistant District Officer (Wong Tai Sin) of Wong Tai Sin District Office (“WTSDO”) to give a summary of the work of WTSDC in 2024.

26. Miss HO Wing-tung, Bonnie presented the work of WTSDC in 2024 with the help of PowerPoint. Her presentation is summarised as follows:

General Achievements of WTSDC

- (i) In the past year, Members had actively gathered views on livelihood issues and community development and offered practical advice to the relevant departments on these topics. Members had also assisted in promoting the Government’s policies; and
- (ii) Members had actively maintained close communication with organisations in Wong Tai Sin District to jointly implement plans and services that benefited the people.

Responding to extreme weather and handling emergencies

- (i) Wong Tai Sin District had experienced emergencies such as power outages, water suspensions, fires and extreme weather in the past year. During these incidents, Members had not only helped residents in the district take preventive measures, but also provided support to government departments in their efforts to resume normalcy and bring about recovery; and
- (ii) Members actively participated in the follow-up work on flood prevention in the district. For example, in addition to gathering views from more than 15 000 residents, they had also consulted experts with rich experience in drainage, surveying and engineering and worked with the relevant government departments to formulate and implement short, medium and long term flood prevention

measures. Members also actively participated in flood prevention drills and offered their views on flood prevention measures.

Advancing various livelihood issues and district development projects

- (i) District facilities and works: WTSDC had had multiple meetings with CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (“CLP”) to discuss response measures and risk mitigation measures regarding the power outages in the district. Furthermore, WTSDC had reflected opinions from the district and offered suggestions to government departments on works projects in the district, including the main projects under the District Minor Works Programme, drainage improvement works in Wong Tai Sin, transformation of public play spaces and so on;
- (ii) Housing: WTSDC actively participated in district consultations for the redevelopment study for Choi Hung Estate and offered views on other housing issues in the district, such as unauthorised building works and water seepage cases and management arrangements for government subsidised housing;
- (iii) Traffic and transport: WTSDC had given its opinions for improving the transport facilities in the district and exchanged views with TD and the relevant government departments on the proposed design of the smart and green mass transit system in East Kowloon. Moreover, WTSDC had also launched a publicity campaign about safe driving with Traffic Kowloon East of the Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”) to raise drivers’ awareness of safe driving;
- (iv) Environmental hygiene: WTSDC had reflected views from the district and shared its views on environmental protection, cityscape enhancement, public hygiene, pest prevention and control, healthy city, ecological conservation in the district. Some Members also joined the Market Management Consultative Committee to offer their insights on market management, and played active roles in educating the public about issues such as pest prevention and control. WTSDC also co-organised the District Clean-up

Campaign and participated in the Wong Tai Sin District Pre-Lunar New Year Clean-up Campaign 2024 last year;

- (v) Primary healthcare: Primary healthcare was a policy focus of the current-term government. In this connection, WTSDC had worked with Wong Tai Sin District Health Centre, healthcare groups in the district and Care Teams to organise activities such as health seminars, vaccination events and body checks to facilitate the development of primary healthcare in the district; and
- (vi) Community involvement and culture promotion: Apart from holding community involvement events with the 25 Care Teams in the district such as the Lunar New Year Poon Choi Banquet which had served more than 3 000 elderly participants, WTSDC had also co-organised events related to civic education, culture, sports and art. Furthermore, in order to echo the policy objective of “tourism is everywhere”, WTSDC had also planned activities for promoting hiking and the districts’ trails in order to advertise the unique landmarks of the district.

Boosting local economy

- (i) WTSDC had set six performance targets for boosting the local economy. Based on these targets, a wide array of events had been held to showcase the district’s characteristics, including the new year carnival in February 2024, the dessert bazaar in June 2024, the antique music box exhibition in September 2024, the Winterfest in December 2024 and the youth bazaar in February 2025; and
- (ii) In order to promote the characteristics of Wong Tai Sin District, WTSDC published a “Wong Tai Sin Attraction Map”. It was also about to publish the “Wong Tai Sin Cultural Tourism Brochure” (“Tourism Brochure”), which would come with both Chinese and English versions, to introduce the major tourist attractions in the district.

District consultation

- (i) WTSDC also held 50 sessions under the “Meet the Public Scheme”, during which Members had personally provided assistance to members of the public by handling or referring their enquiries and help requests. WTSDC also set up mobile service points in various sub-districts on nine occasions to deliver information on the Government’s policies to residents and listen to their views on different issues in the district. WTSDC also collected more than 15 000 questionnaires through street interviews and home visits and joined experts in site visits to assist in the formulation of flood prevention measures for the district.

Promoting the Government’s policies

- (i) Members had participated in seminars and workshops held by various government departments and actively promoted the Government’s policies and messages in the community, such as promoting anti-scam information and national security awareness, assisting residents in the district with their voter registrations, advertising the “HKYouth+” mobile application of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (“HYAB”), etc.

Building Management

- (i) Members provided building management support for private housing estates in the district by, for example, attending meetings of owners’ corporations (“OCs”) to offer advice to owners, assisting owners and OCs in handling building management issues, providing talks on the relevant legal issues and giving free legal advice and so on.

Connecting local stakeholders, government departments and the Legislative Council

- (i) WTSDC actively liaised with stakeholders in the district such as

District Fight Crime Committee (Wong Tai Sin District), District Fire Safety Committee (Wong Tai Sin District), Area Committees (Wong Tai Sin), District Youth Committees and Care Teams to help them advance their work and services in the district. For example, Members had participated in the rice dumpling distribution event in 2024 to bring care and blessings to residents of Wong Tai Sin District. Members had also provided assistance in promoting the photo-taking landmark in Wong Tai Sin District;

- (ii) Heads of different government departments had visited WTSDC in 2024 to brief Members on policies in various fields such as labour, social welfare, building management and education and exchange views with Members. Members also paid a visit to the Legislative Council (“Legco”) and discuss livelihood issues in the district with Legco members. Furthermore, Members had also regularly exchanged views on district affairs with government departments through WTSDC and the relevant committees; and
- (iii) WTSDC continuously maintained communication with major local stakeholders such as the MTR Corporation, Sik Sik Yuen and CLP. Moreover, in light of the imminent commissioning of Kai Tak Sports Park, Members had also visited the sports park to learn about its facilities and management arrangements and participated in the stress tests for Kai Tak Sports Park.

Participating in training and policy briefing sessions

- (i) Members had participated in various training and policy briefing sessions in 2024, including a training session on district governance given by the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, briefing and consultation sessions on the Basic Law Article 23 legislation, consultation sessions on the proposed regulatory regime for Basic Housing Units and so on.

27. The Chairman presented the future action plan of WTSDC with the aid of PowerPoint (Annex II). Noting that WTSDC Members had participated in a training

programme for District Council members in Shanghai from 23 to 26 August last year, he hoped that Members could combine what they had learnt from the training and their experience to improve the effectiveness of district governance. The Chairman also hoped that Members could collect views from local groups, schools, non-governmental organisations (“NGOs”) and the relevant stakeholders in Wong Tai Sin District to make better use of resources and implement projects that met the district’s needs. Based on last years’ experience, the Chairman suggested that Members should focus on the following five areas when collecting views from stakeholders:

- (i) Youth development: Promoting youth development was one of the key policies of HYAB. It was therefore suggested that Members should collect views on how to strengthen the support for students in the district in terms of their academic performance, life planning, personal growth and physical and mental well-being;
- (ii) Well-being of the elderly: There were more than 90 000 residents aged 65 or above in Wong Tai Sin District, and the median age of the district’s residents was 50, which was the highest among the 18 districts. It was therefore suggested that the consultation should cover strengthening support for the elderly;
- (iii) Residents’ health: Promoting the development and popularisation of primary healthcare was one of the key policies of the current-term Government. Members could collect views on how to step up the promotion of primary healthcare and holistic health;
- (iv) Promoting the rich cultural characteristics of Wong Tai Sin: Wong Tai Sin boasted a profound cultural background. WGBLE under WTSDC had established the guiding principles for its future work at its fifth meeting, including effectively utilising the district’s rich cultural resources to position it as a blend of Chinese and Western cultures and implementing the policy objective of “tourism is everywhere”. Members could collect views on how to further promote the cultural characteristics of Wong Tai Sin District; and
- (v) Sustainable development: The current-term Government was

committed to promoting a green and low-carbon lifestyle. Members could collect views on the promotion of sustainable development topics such as environmental protection, energy efficiency, waste reduction and green lifestyles.

28. The Chairman expected Members to report on the summary of the preliminary views collected on the above five areas and propose plans for the future direction of WTSDC at its eighth meeting on 4 March 2025. The Chairman then invited Members to share their views on the future work prospects of WTSDC.

29. Mr. YUET Ngai-keung said that under the leadership of the Chairman and the coordination of various government departments, WTSDC had pragmatically handled a number of livelihood issues in the past year, especially in flood prevention and control. As for the future direction of WTSDC, he opined that the promotion of primary healthcare should be strengthened to improve the health of residents in the district, especially the elderly and the middle-aged. He also agreed that promotion of the cultural characteristics of Wong Tai Sin District should be continued in order to boost local economic development, enhance the sense of belonging of residents in the district and make Hong Kong more attractive to overseas tourists.

30. Ms. LAU Yuen-ye, Janus was glad that WTSDC was proactively handling the issues faced by residents under the leadership of the Chairman. For example, on the ventilation window sealing works in Fu Shan Estate, the Chairman, Members and relevant government departments had taken immediate follow-up actions and coordinated with residents of Fu Shan Estate to promptly ease their worries. She hoped that Members would continue to strengthen their close collaboration with local stakeholders such as Care Teams and various government departments to boost residents' sense of happiness and fulfilment in the coming year. As for the future direction of WTSDC, she opined that WTSDC could strengthen its collaboration with NGOs in the district to achieve targets for the district such as promoting youth development, the well-being of the elderly and health of residents by utilising the resources of NGOs.

31. Mr. CHAN Wai-kwan, Andie was glad that the current-term WTSDC was actively dealing with livelihood matters. Citing the example of the water suspension

incident in Lok Fu Sub-district in July last year, he pointed out that Members, Care Teams and government departments had worked together to provide immediate assistance to residents in need. Noting that there were many elderly residents in Wong Tai Sin District, he suggested that WTSDC should focus on promoting services such as elderly healthcare and home services.

32. Mr. YEUNG Nok-hin, who was also the chairman of the Wong Tai Sin District Youth Community Building Committee, thanked WTSDO and WTSDC for jointly setting up a special photo-taking landmark in Wong Tai Sin District and carrying out beautification works for the rain shelter at Tung Kwong Road. He was glad that youth development was one of focuses of the future work of WTSDC and hoped that the views of various groups of young people in the district would be collected to promote community development.

33. Mr. POON Cheuk-bun commended WTSDO for its prompt responses to emergencies in the district last year. In particular, he mentioned that during the power outage incident in June last year, WTSDO had provided residents with the assistance they needed by expeditiously arranged for the residents of Mei Tung Estate to use Tung Tau Community Hall. He also hoped that WTSDC could strengthen its collaboration with “Kai Tak Sports Initiative”, a community project of Kai Tak Sports Park, and include more temples and hiking trails in Wong Tai Sin District in the route of “Wong Tai Sin City Heritage Run”, thereby promoting the cultural characteristics of Wong Tai Sin District.

34. Mr. HUNG Chor-ying, Edmond believed that WTSDC should consider the three major age groups, i.e. the elderly, the middle-aged and the youth, when planning for the way forward and strive to provide people-oriented services. For the elderly, in light of the aging population in the district, the needs of the elderly should be considered in district planning. For the middle-aged, transport and housing and were the issues that concerned them most, and WTSDC could give more thoughts to these two issues. As for the youth, he opined that quarterly events on national security education could be held for young people regularly. He also pointed out that life planning was of paramount importance to the future of young people. Mr. HUNG was also concerned about the mental health of young people who were stressed about their studies. He suggested holding sports and art activities for young people to relieve their stress.

35. Mr. NGAI Shi-shing, Godfrey believed that the existing community services for the elderly could be further improved. He suggested that NGOs should be encouraged to provide more comprehensive services to elderly singletons in the district.

36. Mr. LI Dennis pointed out that the median income of residents in Wong Tai Sin District was relatively low among the 18 districts. He hoped that WTSDC could foster sustainable development in the district and build a sense of belonging to the community among residents by promoting youth development, improving the well-being of the elderly and helping residents to become healthier. Furthermore, he suggested that WTSDC could, apart from gathering views through Members and members of Area Committees, consider consulting local stakeholders who were familiar with certain issues (e.g. young people and members of Care Teams).

37. Mr. YAU Yiu-shing hoped that WTSDC could adopt “co-development” as a core value in its future work and invite local residents to participate in community building in order to create a better environment in the district.

38. Mr. LEUNG Tang-fung believed that WTSDC had shown a proactive attitude and achieved fruitful results by working with various government departments and stakeholders. On encouraging youth development, he suggested that WTSDC could work more closely with career-oriented institutes such as Vocational Training Council to provide young people in the district with career guidance and life planning support. As for elderly welfare and residents’ health, in addition to providing support for senior residents in the district, WTSDC could also consider strengthening the support for caregivers. Furthermore, he suggested that WTSDC could set up mobile service points more frequently in the coming year in order to collect views from members of the public. He also felt that the “18 Districts Day and Night Vibes @ Wong Tai Sin WinterFest” held next to Kai Tak River had not only demonstrated the environmental and cultural characteristics of Wong Tai Sin District, but also fostered cohesion in the community. Therefore, he hoped that more events showcasing the district’s characteristics could be held in the future.

39. The Chairman thanked government departments such as HKPF, the Social Welfare Department (“SWD”), the Housing Department (“HD”), the Food and

Environmental Hygiene Department, TD and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) for their active assistance in dealing with emergencies in the district, handling inclement weather, responding to the needs of residents and providing the necessary support in many events in the district. He also invited government departments to share their views on the future direction and work plan of WTSDC. WTSDC would continue to work in cohesion with government departments to deal with various livelihood issues. Furthermore, in light of the approaching rainy season, WTSDC would continue to join forces with government departments to implement short, medium and long term flood prevention measures in the district.

40. Mr. NG Wai-lung, David invited Members and Care Teams to work with NGOs that received SWD’s subvention. He also encouraged them to participate in activities held by NGOs. Moreover, if Members and care teams received any cases about social welfare, they could refer such cases to SWD or NGOs for follow-up.

41. The Chairman said in summary that WTSDC would soon hold a working meeting so that Members could finalise the arrangements on the collection of views, including the target groups, scope and content of the consultation, in the hope of coming up with plans that suited the characteristics and demographic profile of Wong Tai Sin District as well as the needs of residents. The Chairman also hoped to collect views from stakeholders in the district, such as NGOs, district organisations and schools, so that resources could be concentrated on jointly implementing measures that suited the needs of the district.

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

42. WGBLE had held meetings on 5 November and 10 December 2024 to discuss its work plan for late 2024 to early 2025. The Chairman invited Mr. LI Dennis, the Chairman of WGBLE to report on the work plan, collect Members’ views and confirm the work plan.

43. Mr. LI Dennis presented the latest progress of the relevant work plan with the aid of PowerPoint (Annex III). He first reviewed the six main work targets set by

WGBLE, then said that WGBLE Members had been communicating and exploring over the past year to further establish that the focus and direction for Wong Tai Sin District's continuous development would be to make good use of the rich cultural and ecological resources in the district, promote the integration of Chinese and Western cultures, and at the same time actualise the policy objective of "tourism is everywhere".

44. Mr. LI Dennis then reported on the activities held in late 2024 and to be held in early 2025, including the "Sik Sik Yuen Lantern Carnival in Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China" held from 15 September to 6 October 2024, the "Melodious Charm: The Antique Music Box Exhibition and Celebrating 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China" held from 21 September 2024 to 1 March 2025, the "Wong Tai Sin in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China" held on 29 September 2024, the "In Search of Chaoshan: Intangible Cultural Heritage Carnival" held from 5 to 6 October 2024, and the photo-taking landmark with the characteristics of Wong Tai Sin District displayed from 19 October 2024 to mid-January 2025. WGBLE would also promote hiking routes in Wong Tai Sin District to highlight the district's advantage of having a wealth of hiking options.

45. Mr. LI Dennis said that WGBLE had held a Christmas bazaar named "Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts - Wong Tai Sin WinterFest" from 21 December 2024 to 6 January 2025 to celebrate Christmas with participants. The event was well received and some participants said that it had successfully created a lively atmosphere in the district. Also, WGBLE would hold "My Life MAP Entrepreneurship and Employment Programme – Bazaar Activity" ("youth bazaar") from 15 to 16 February 2025. Participating students had learnt team management skills and various entrepreneurial skills, including public speaking, operational strategy, sales and product design through a series of training and workshops in November 2024. There were also experienced mentors to guide the students in formulating business plans and implementing them at the youth bazaar, thereby supporting the diversified development of young people by providing them with entrepreneurship training and business experience. WGBLE would also organise "Wong Tai Sin Dragon and Lion Dance 2025" on 16 February 2025 to celebrate Lunar New Year with the public and tourists. WGBLE planned to promote these activities through the internet and traditional means, including traditional media, online blogs/electronic weekly magazines and social media to invite more citizens and

tourists to participate. WGBLE would co-organise the above activities with WTSDC, WTSDO, relevant committees, local groups and charitable organisations.

46. Mr. LI Dennis then introduced the Tourism Brochure, which would soon be published by WGBLE to attract the public and tourists to visit Wong Tai Sin District, with the aid of PowerPoint (Annex III). As an extension of the “Wong Tai Sin Attraction Map” previously distributed during the Spring Lantern Festival bazaar in 2024, the Tourism Brochure would introduce the main tourist attractions and places for dining, entertainment and shopping in the district in both Chinese and English.

47. The Chairman invited Members to share their views on the latest progress of the work plan.

48. Mr. HUNG Chor-ying, Edmond said that the youth bazaar provided students with practical assistance for their life planning and hoped that similar activities could be regularly held in the future to help students consolidate and apply their business knowledge. Mr. HUNG Chor-ying, Edmond also suggested identifying venues in Wong Tai Sin District for sports-related activities. He said that Po Kong Village Road Sports Centre and the nearby Tsz Wan Shan Community Hall could provide sufficient space for hosting sports events, and there were also sports facilities such as cycle tracks and soccer pitches in the vicinity. Hosting activities at these venues could also attract people to visit the surrounding areas, thereby boosting local economy.

49. The Chairman said that WGBLE would consult different stakeholders on the six main work targets set out and would, based on the views collected from the consultation, consider whether the work targets or the work plan for 2025 should be adjusted. Also, WGBLE was formulating specific details of various activities from early to mid-2025, and would collect Member’s views in a timely manner.

50. Mr. LEUNG Tang-fung pointed out that one of the work targets of WGBLE was to increase the “depth” and “breadth” of its activities. Citing the example of the Christmas bazaar, he suggested that in addition to setting up festive lighting along Kai Tak River, photo exhibitions or panels introducing the culture and history of Wong Tai Sin should be added, so that activities would not only provide entertainment, but also showcase the cultural characteristics of the district.

51. Ms. LUI Kai-lin, Wendy suggested that WGBLE should consider working more closely with schools in the district to promote the development of arts and culture. She had noticed from the previous outdoor carnival and youth Cantonese Opera event that students were becoming more interested in sports and Chinese culture. Therefore, she suggested organising a Cantonese Opera-themed event to promote and pass down traditional Chinese culture. Ms. LUI Kai-lin, Wendy also pointed out that the Christmas market held at Kai Tak River was a pleasant surprise to residents around San Po Kong and Tung Tau Estate. Therefore, she suggested that WGBLE could include Kai Tai River and its surrounding areas as a venue for holding activities in order to advertise the beautiful river landscape of Wong Tai Sin District.

52. Regarding the Christmas market, Ms. TANG Man-wai added that the festive light display at Kai Tak River would be extended until Lunar New Year, and its theme would also change from Christmas to Lunar New Year. As for the future work targets of WGBLE, she suggested that WGBLE should focus on promoting tourism and making Wong Tai Sin District more attractive by advertising the hiking routes, Chinese temple culture and food scene of the district. Moreover, in order to tie in with the Government's Development Blueprint for Hong Kong's Tourism Industry 2.0, she suggested launching a tourism ambassador training programme and invite young people in the district to participate. These young people could receive training and then promote the history and major attractions of Wong Tai Sin District to visitors in order to attract tourists and boost the economy.

53. Mr. LEE Tung-kong said given that Wong Tai Sin District was home to elderly, middle-aged and young residents, he was interested in connecting residents of different generations through music. Noticing that pop music was widely enjoyed by families, he suggested finding out the music genres favoured by different age groups and holding parent-children singing contests to attract participants of different ages.

54. Mr. LAI Wing-ho, Joe, Mr. YUEN Kwok-keung and Mr. MOK Kin-wing agreed that WGBLE should consider holding activities at the soon-to-be-completed water feature park in Diamond Hill Comprehensive Development Area ("CDA"). Mr. LAI Wing-ho, Joe said that there would be a landscaped walk in Diamond Hill CDA, and the footbridges nearby would also be commissioned shortly. Therefore, he

suggested that WGBLE should organise suitable activities to tie in with the opening of Diamond Hill CDA. Mr. YUEN Kwok-keung proposed that events related to the cultural and creative industry could be held at the water feature park. He also hoped that HD would arrange a visit for Members after the water feature park was completed, so that Members could know more about the environment of the park and help with the organisation of events. Mr. MOK Kin-wing pointed out that the Hangar, the Old Pill Box and the Stone House would be reinstated in the water feature park. He suggested holding activities at the three historic buildings in order to attract tourists. An exhibition commemorating the “Uprising of the Two Airlines” could be held at the Hangar while an exhibition about the victory in the War of Resistance could be held at the Old Pill Box. Meanwhile, the Stone House, being the former residence of acclaimed actor Mr. Roy CHIAO, had a close link with Hong Kong’s film industry. Therefore, Mr. MOK suggested that it could be turned into a tourist attraction of Wong Tai Sin District.

55. Mr. NGAI Shi-shing, Godfrey noted that many residents in the district did not have a clear idea of the location of Morse Park (Park No. 1), where the Christmas market was held. Therefore, he suggested that more information could be provided to residents in the future so that they could locate the four areas of Morse Park. He also suggested turning Morse Park (Park No. 1) into a creative space for young people. Regular weekend youth bazaars could be held there and a space could be reserved as a performing stage for street performances by young people and performing groups, so that the park could become another unique attraction in the district that tourists would want to visit and experience.

56. Mr. LI Dennis gave the following response to Members’ views:

- (i) On youth development, WGBLE would comprehensively consider and assess how young people could be encouraged to participate in events in the district. The working group would also design appropriate programmes and activities to provide young people with more opportunities to demonstrate their creativity;
- (ii) Regarding the locations of activities, WGBLE would explore the feasibility of holding activities at places other than Wong Tai Sin

Square and strive to make the activities cover different parts of Wong Tai Sin District through comprehensive planning; and

- (iii) As for the content of the activities, in addition to Chinese temple culture, Wong Tai Sin District also boasted an abundance of other historic and cultural resources. WGBLE would organise activities with various themes to showcase the cultural characteristics of Wong Tai Sin District.

57. The Chairman asked HD and LCSD about the construction progress of the water feature park.

58. Ms. LAW Chi-ping, Iris of HD replied that HD was responsible for building the water feature park and LCSD would be in charge of the management after its completion. HD would follow up on the completion date after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The water feature park was expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2025. LCSD would then take over the site and arrange for its opening.)

59. The Chairman enquired whether HD would arrange a guided tour for Members after the park was completed so that Members could learn about its environment in advance and come up with ideas about the theme of future activities. The guided tour would also help WTSDO, other government departments and the tourism industry devise promotion strategies.

(Post-meeting note: Once the water feature park was completed, it would be handed over to LCSD. HD would gladly facilitate the arrangements about the guided tour.)

VII. Progress Reports

60. Members noted the following Papers:

- (i) Progress Report of the 6th Meeting of the Housing Committee held on 12 November 2024
(WTSDC Paper No. 4/2025)
- (ii) Progress Report of the 6th Meeting of the District Facilities and Works Committee held on 19 November 2024
(WTSDC Paper No. 5/2025)
- (iii) Progress Report of the 6th Meeting of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee held on 3 December 2024
(WTSDC Paper No. 6/2025)
- (iv) Progress Report of the 6th Meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee held on 10 December 2024
(WTSDC Paper No. 7/2025)
- (v) Progress Report of the 6th Meeting of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee held on 17 December 2024
(WTSDC Paper No. 8/2025)

VIII. Date of the Next Meeting

61. The 8th Meeting of the 8th Term of WTSDC would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 4 March 2025 (Tuesday).

62. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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