

**Minutes of the 1st Meeting of
the District Facilities Management Committee
under the Yuen Long District Council in 2017**

Date: 6 January 2017 (Friday)

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room, 13/F., Yuen Long Government Offices, 2 Kiu Lok Square,
Yuen Long

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Withdrawal</u>
Chairman: Mr LEE Yuet-man, MH	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Vice-chairman: Mr TANG Cheuk-yin	(10:45 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Members: Mr CHAM Ka-hung, Daniel, BBS, MH, JP	(Beginning of the meeting)	(12:05 p.m.)
Ms CHAN Mei-lin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr CHAN Sze-ching	(Beginning of the meeting)	(11:05 a.m.)
Mr CHEUNG Muk-lam	(Beginning of the meeting)	(11:45 a.m.)
Mr CHING Chan-ming	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Ms CHIU Sau-han, MH	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr CHOW Wing-kan	(Beginning of the meeting)	(12:10 p.m.)
Mr KWOK Hing-ping	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr KWOK Keung, MH	(Beginning of the meeting)	(11:15 a.m.)
Mr LAI Wai-hung	(Beginning of the meeting)	(11:35 a.m.)
Ms LAU Kwai-yung	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr LEUNG Ming-kin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr LUI Kin	(11:10 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Mr LUK Chung-hung	(11:05 a.m.)	(11:25 a.m.)
Mr MAK Ip-sing	(10:15 a.m.)	(End of the meeting)
Mr MAN Kwong-ming	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr MAN Ping-nam, MH	(Beginning of the meeting)	(10:30 a.m.)
Mr SHUM Ho-kit	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr SIU Long-ming	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr TANG Cheuk-him	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr TANG Hing-ip, BBS	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr TANG Sui-man	(Beginning of the meeting)	(10:30 a.m.)
Mr TSANG Shu-wo	(Beginning of the meeting)	(10:15 a.m.)
Mr WONG Cheuk-kin	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Ms WONG Wai-ling	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr WONG Wai-shun	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)

Mr YIU Kwok-wai	(Beginning of the meeting)	(End of the meeting)
Mr YOUNG Ka-on	(Beginning of the meeting)	(11:20 a.m.)
Ms YUEN Man-yee	(Beginning of the meeting)	(10:45 a.m.)

Secretary:	Miss LAM Ka-hing, Alexis	Executive Officer I (District Council), Yuen Long District Office
Assistant Secretary :	Miss FOK Sui-lam, Christine	Executive Officer (District Council)4, Yuen Long District Office

In attendance

Mr WONG Chi-wah, Steve	Assistant District Officer (Yuen Long) 1
Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHAN Sai-hung	Senior Inspector of Works(2), Yuen Long District Office
Mr HUI Wai-ming, Kenneth	Liaison Officer-in-charge (R5), Yuen Long District Office
Ms LUNG Lai-seung, Wendy	District Leisure Manager (Yuen Long), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WONG Shu-yan, Francis	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories North), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms SHUM Chui-sim, Evon	Senior Librarian (Yuen Long), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr MA Kam-wing, Anthony	Senior Manager (New Territories West) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LI Yee-wa, Cathy	Senior Estate Surveyor/West, District Lands Office, Yuen Long

Item 2

Miss LAW Mei-sze, Michelle	Architect (Works)5, Home Affairs Department
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Items 4 to 6

Mr HO Kwai-hung, Barry	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Yuen Long District Office
Miss WONG Man-kei, Maggie	Executive Officer (Community Affairs), Yuen Long District Office
Ms WONG Suk-fun, Josephine	Housing Manager/YLG6, Housing Department

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Mr LAU Raymond	Senior Project Manager, Architectural Services Department
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Ms LEE Shuk-fong, Susanna	Project Manager, Architectural Services Department
Miss FUNG Wai-min, Vivien	Senior Architect, Architectural Services Department
Mr LAU Wai-kin, Tony	Architect, Architectural Services Department

Absent

The Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP	(Absent due to other commitments)
Mr LEUNG Fuk-yuen	(Absent due to other commitments)
Ms MA Shuk-yin	(Absent due to other commitments)
Mr TANG Ka-leung	(Absent due to other commitments)
Mr TANG Lai-tung	
Mr TANG Yung-yiu, Ronnie	(Absent due to other commitments)

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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the meeting.

2. Ms MA Shuk-yin, Mr TANG Ka-leung, Mr Ronnie TANG, Mr LEUNG Fuk-yuen and the Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP were absent due to other commitments.

Item 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the sixth meeting in 2016

3. The minutes of the 6th meeting in 2016 were confirmed unanimously.

Item 2: Progress report on District Minor Works (“DMW”) Programme (projects proposed by District Council Members) (DFMC Paper No. 1/2017)

4. In addition to the regular representatives, the Chairman welcomed the following persons to the meeting:

Senior Executive Officer (Planning)1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department	Ms Selina LEUNG
Architect (Works)5, Home Affairs Department	Miss Michelle LAW

5. The opinions and responses on the following projects by the Chairman, Members and relevant department representatives were summarised as follows:

(1) “Construction of a sitting-out area adjoining Pat Heung Pai Lau, Pat Heung Road” (YL-DMW143)

- Ms Selina LEUNG said the project commenced on 30 November 2016 and was expected to complete by the end of this year at the earliest; and
- Local Members and project proponents invited the Chairman and Members of the District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”), as well as the representatives from government departments to the ground-breaking ceremony organised by them on 11 January.

(2) “Construction of a Children’s Playground at Shek Wu Wai , Yuen Long” (YL-DMW169)

- Ms Selina LEUNG said the tender for the project had been closed. Since the tender price was higher than expected, she now sought approval to adjust the project estimate upwards to \$9.99 million. Besides, she anticipated that the project would start during February – March 2017; and
- A Member expressed concern that the estimate was increased from the original \$7.68 million to \$9.99 million, pointing out that various reasons had delayed the project which resulted in the repeated upward adjustments of the estimate. It was suggested that the project be commenced as soon as possible.

(3) “Construction of Sitting-out Area at Shan Ha Tsuen” (YL-DMW209)

- A Member enquired when the above project would commence and whether the estimate of \$4.76 million was sufficient, and was dissatisfied that the project was delayed repeatedly;
- Ms Selina LEUNG understood Members’ concerns and said the consultant company was preparing the tender documents. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) was also following up matters relating to land grant with the District Lands Office, Yuen Long (“DLO/YL”); and
- The Chairman hoped the District Office and the LCSD could understand Members’ concerns and expeditiously confirm the commencement date where resources permitted.

(4) “Construction of Covered Walkways in Tin Shui Wai (Phase 1)” (YL-DMW212-214)

- A Member enquired about the location and the progress of the project;
- Miss Michelle LAW said the project was located between Tin Yuet Estate and the vicinity of Light Rail Tin Yuet Stop. The tender would be closed on 6 January this year and construction was expected to commence in about March, lasting for about a year.

(5) “Ma Tin Road – Tai Yuk Road Civic Green Corridor (Phase II)”

- A Member enquired about the progress of the project.

(6) “Provision of a covered walkway from Yuen Long South to Yuen Long Town”

- A Member enquired about the progress of the above item and said that as there were a number of new facilities in Yuen Long Town, such as the new sports centre and library in Area 3, to be completed soon, it was suggested that the implementation of the project be expedited so as to meet the future increase in utilisation rate.

(7) “Addition of a leisure park at Tai Tong Shan Road (near the pavilion)”

- A Member enquired about the progress of the above item.

(8) “Construction of arbours at Yuen Lung Street (the section near YOHO Town)”

- A Member indicated that during the on-site inspection by Members and department representatives earlier, it had come to their attention that technical problems were encountered. The Member enquired about the progress of the above item.

(9) “Provision of sitting-out area at the open space near the junction of Fung Cheung Road and Kong Yau Road”

- A Member enquired about the progress of the project, as well as the feasibility of identifying an alternative location in the vicinity; and
- Ms Selina LEUNG pointed out that in response to Members’ views on the provision of pet gardens earlier, the LCSD was working with the DLO/YL to identify suitable sites and would follow up with the Members concerned later.

6. The Chairman of the District Council said that he, together with a number of District Council Chairmen, had already requested the Government to increase the funding for district minor works.

7. The Chairman concluded that Members noted the above paper and endorsed the upward adjustment of the project estimate for Shek Wu Wai Children’s Playground (YL-DMW169) from \$9.50 million to \$9.99 million.

Item 3: Progress report for 2016/17 on DFMC Minor Environmental Improvement Programme
(DFMC Paper No. 2/2017)

8. Mr CHAN Sai-hung briefly introduced the paper.
9. The Chairman concluded that Members noted the above paper.

Item 4: Utilisation rate of community halls/community centres in Yuen Long District
(DFMC Paper No. 3/2017)

10. The Chairman welcomed the following persons to the meeting:

Yuen Long District Office

Senior Executive Officer (District Management)	Mr Barry HO
Executive Officer (Community Affairs)	Miss Maggie WONG

Housing Department

Housing Manager/YLG6	Ms Josephine WONG
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11. The Chairman concluded that Members noted the above paper.

Item 5: Report of the Review on “Extension of Opening Hours for Community Halls/Community Centres in Yuen Long District”
(DFMC Paper No. 4/2017)

12. Mr Barry HO said the Working Group on the Management of Facilities in Community Halls and Community Centres had already endorsed the above review report. As the scheme, “Extension of Opening Hours for Community Halls/Community Centres in Yuen Long District”, achieved satisfactory results, the application for an allocation of \$33,069 in 2017-18 was made for the follow-on implementation of the scheme.

13. The Chairman concluded that Members unanimously endorsed an allocation of \$33,069 in 2017-18 for the follow-on implementation of the above scheme.

Item 6: Community Halls and Community Centres Management Review
(DFMC Paper No. 12/2017)

14. Mr Barry HO said the above review report had been endorsed by the Working Group on the Management of Facilities in Community Halls and Community Centres. It was now submitted to the DFMC for consideration. The salient points of the paper were as follows:

- Regarding how alternate applications for the booking and use of facilities of community halls and centres should be handled, he said that currently alternate applications for “irregular and non-successive activities” and the

second round of alternate applications for “regular and successive activities” were handled on a first-come-first-served basis and no restrictions would be imposed on the number of sessions that each representative could apply for. In order to enable fairer allocation of the available time slots and more organisations to use the hall facilities, the report proposed that the representative could only represent one organisation to apply for one session in each round. If the representative required more sessions or needed to represent other organisations to apply for the available sessions, s/he would have to queue up afresh. Furthermore, each organisation could arrange only one representative to be in the queue;

- The report also proposed to provide subvented educational institutions, subsidised schools and non-profit-making schools in Yuen Long District with priority booking of venues on weekdays (except Public Holidays) to organise large scale activities, but the number of participants would have to exceed 100. Details of application submission deadlines were set out in paragraph 4 of the paper. If more than one application for hiring the same venue was received within the same week, lots would be drawn. Moreover, within the same calendar year (i.e. from 1 January to 31 December), educational institutions or schools would only be given priority in the allocation of venues once;
- Furthermore, the report proposed to retain the application mode for “irregular and non-successive activities”, i.e. organisations or bodies could apply for any time slots on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays to organise large scale activities and the organisations could only use the same facility once each month;
- As regards the arrangement when the facility was operated as a temporary cold or heat shelter, it was mentioned that temporary shelters were currently provided in Yuen Long District in the event of the prolonged period of very cold or very hot weather. The District Office would continue to inform the applicant organisations affected as soon as possible. The applicant organisations could also contact the District Office for the latest information. If no members of the public were seeking shelter at the temporary cold or heat shelters during the booked time slots, the applicant organisations could still continue to use the facilities; and
- According to the direct investigation report on “HAD’s management on booking and use of facilities of community halls and centres” announced by the Ombudsman on 23 March 2016 and the proposed recommendations

for examining the operations of community halls in all districts by the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”), “keep the relevant receipts on income and expenditure in support of the statement of account for two years for District Office’s spot checks” would be added to the terms and conditions under the Demerit Points System, where non-compliance would attract 5 demerit points and the bodies concerned would have to pay back the charges for the use of the facilities.

15. The Chairman concluded that Members unanimously endorsed the revision of the “Guidelines and Conditions on the Use of Facilities Available in Community Halls/Community Centres in Yuen Long” and the relevant application forms, which would come into operation in February 2017.

Item 7: Proposed design of Swimming Pool in Area 107 Tin Shui Wai
(DFMC Paper No. 13/2017)

16. The Chairman welcomed the following persons to the meeting:

Architectural Services Department

Senior Project Manager

Project Manager

Senior Architect

Architect

Mr Raymond LAU

Ms Susanna LEE

Miss Vivien FUNG

Mr Tony LAU

17. Ms Selina LEUNG thanked Members for their valuable opinions all along regarding the swimming pool in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai, finalising the proposed construction. After the Home Affairs Bureau issued the project definition statements in October 2014, the Development Bureau also approved the technical feasibility study (“TFS”) report in June 2015.

18. Mr Tony LAU briefly introduced the proposed design of the swimming pool in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai and consulted Members on the preliminary design options, the salient points of which were as follows:

- The proposed project involved three sites, namely the temporary community planting and landscaped areas, the vacant government land and the temporary seating area and walkways developed by the Yuen Long District Office. As the three sites were zoned “Open Space” on the Tin Shui Wai Outline Zoning Plan (“OZP”), an application would have to be made first to the Town Planning Board (“TPB”) for the permission to

construct a swimming pool there;

- The proposed scope comprised one indoor heated training pool, one indoor Jacuzzi, one outdoor main pool with a spectator stand with seating capacity of 700, one outdoor training pool, ancillary and supporting facilities, and landscaped and seating areas; and
- In order to provide permanent vehicular access and run-in/out, it was proposed that the bus stop outside Tin Sau Bazaar be relocated to other sections of Tin Sau Road. The Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) would discuss with traffic consultants and the Transport Department (“TD”) to confirm the new location of the bus stop.

19. Members’ opinions and enquiries were summarised as follows:

- (1) Members were in support of the proposed design of the swimming pool in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai and enquired about the implementation timetable. They hoped that its implementation could be expedited;
- (2) A Member suggested making provisions between the swimming pool and Grandeur Terrace for the construction of additional pedestrian access. As regards other design details, such as the water depth of the swimming pool, the specifications of the training pools and the location of the cycling track, it was hoped that the Department could take into account the suggestions in the past;
- (3) Members were concerned that security issues would arise from the free and open spectator stand and suggested management arrangements. Another Member pointed out that the spectator stands of many swimming pools or stadia were open to the public and said that the mentioned concern was about management, not design issues;
- (4) Regarding the relocation of the bus stop, a Member hoped to conduct a site inspection with the TD and the ArchSD to discuss the ideal location for the bus stop;
- (5) Members pointed out that the proposed design did not mention parking spaces and enquired about the arrangement of parking facilities;
- (6) Members suggested reducing the size of the changing room so as to increase the size of the swimming pool;

- (7) A Member was not satisfied that the proposed design deleted a teaching pool and a diving pool the year before and hoped that a public swimming pool complex, including diving pools and teaching pools, would be provided in the Hung Shui Kiu (“HSK”) New Development Area (“NDA”) Planning in the future to meet the needs of the ever-increasing population in Yuen Long District; and
- (8) A Member also enquired about the feasibility of decking over the nullah and whether it had been approved by the Drainage Services Department (“DSD”).

20. Ms Selina LEUNG thanked the Committee and the Working Group for their past efforts. Her responses were summarised as follows:

- (1) As the project was still at the preliminary design stage, upon approval of the preliminary proposed design, the LCSD would continue to actively work with the ArchSD to implement the project in accordance with the Public Works Programme and seek internal resources to apply for funding from the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) as soon as possible to begin construction. Moreover, the sites were zoned “Open Space” on the OZP. An application would have to be made first to the TPB for the permission to construct a swimming pool. Therefore, a precise works schedule could not be provided yet. However, she understood Members wanted the construction to start expeditiously. If there were no major changes in respect of project design and the proposed facilities and where the distribution of the Government’s overall resources permitted, she hoped to strive to submit the funding application to the LegCo in the 2018/19 financial year;
- (2) If the proposed facilities were changed at this stage, the project definition statements and the TFS report would have to be revised which would seriously delay the progress of planning;
- (3) The initial recommendations included public car parking spaces and thereafter in 2012, the DFMC endorsed to revise the proposed facilities to provide cricket training facilities and bicycle parking spaces and cancel public car parking spaces. Besides, the swimming pool complex would be surrounded by Tin Sau Road Park, Grandeur Terrace and the Light Rail, rendering it impossible to construct a

normal carriageway for normal vehicular access, and so no visitor car parking spaces would be provided after the completion of the swimming pool in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai. Drivers of private cars could consider using the carpark in Tin Yat Estate or Grandeur Terrace nearby. However, loading/unloading areas would be provided at the swimming pool complex for large vehicles; and

- (4) She pointed out that there were already the Yuen Long Swimming Pool, Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool and the indoor Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool in Yuen Long District. Coupled with the swimming pool in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai which was being planned for construction, there would be four swimming pool complexes in Yuen Long District. According to the projected population in 2024 and taking into account the new developments in Yuen Long District including the HSK project, it would be sufficient to meet the recommendations in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines. Therefore, the LCSD had no plans to construct a swimming pool in the HSK NDA for the time being. That said, since the HSK NDA was still at the preliminary planning stage, it might change in the future. The LCSD understood Members' views on the construction of a swimming pool in HSK NDA and would study it further.

21. Mr Raymond LAU's responses were summarised as follows:

- (1) The DSD had been consulted on the decking of nullah and was of the view that the project was feasible;
- (2) Regarding the relocation of the bus stop to an ideal location, the ArchSD would reflect Members' views to the TD after the proposed design, including the location of the permanent vehicular access in Tin Sau Road Park, had been passed by the Council. Local Members were welcomed to join the discussion;
- (3) Regarding the cycling track, the ArchSD noted Members' views and would further study it; and
- (4) As for the size of the changing room, the ArchSD said the existing gross floor area was in line with the requirements specified by the LCSD in the project definition statements and was comparable to the area of the changing rooms of other newly-completed large swimming

pools such as Kwun Tong and Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pools.

22. A Member was dissatisfied that the LCSD said it had no plans to provide a swimming pool complex in the HSK planning.

23. The Chairman concluded that:

- (1) Members were in support of the above proposed design and hoped it would be submitted to the LegCo as soon as possible for funding approval so as to expedite the implementation of the project;
- (2) It was hoped that the Department would consider Members' fine-tuning proposals regarding the design, including increasing the water depth of the swimming pool, straightening the cycling track, providing additional sports and recreational facilities and art installations of various types at the extension of the piazza and conducting a study to convert the land into an hourly carpark after Tin Sau Bazaar ceased operation and the land had been surrendered;
- (3) Members requested that a swimming pool complex be provided in the HSK planning;
- (4) Members proposed that provisions be made between the swimming pool and Grandeur Terrace for the construction of additional access gates and the related pedestrian access;
- (5) He suggested the LCSD discuss with Members on the management arrangements of the spectator stand. Regarding the greening design of the external wall of the spectator stand, audio and soundproof facilities, landscape, etc., he suggested the LCSD take Members' views into account; and
- (6) As for the relocation of the bus stop, he requested the Secretariat to make arrangements for Members to conduct a site visit with the ArchSD, the TD and the LCSD.

Item 8: Consolidated report on the recreation and sports activities to be held in Yuen Long District and the management of facilities by LCSD in 2016/17 (January 2017 Issue)

(DFMC Paper No. 5/2017)

24. Ms Wendy LUNG briefly introduced the paper.
25. The Chairman concluded that Members noted the above paper.

Item 9: LCSD Projects and Community Involvement Activities on Greening in Yuen Long District for 2017-18

(DFMC Paper No. 6/2017)

26. Ms Wendy LUNG briefly introduced the paper.
27. Where resources permitted, a Member suggested enhancing the attraction of roadside hanging planters in the district and also suggested other landscaping locations, such as roundabouts.
28. The Assistant District Officer (Yuen Long)¹ understood Members' concern on greening in the district. If the funds for Community Involvement Projects in Yuen Long District could be increased this year, reference could be made to the practice by 2015/16. Then, the "Installation of Roadside Hanging Planters in Yuen Long District" could be funded under Community Involvement Projects.
29. The Chairman suggested the LCSD listen to Members' views when selecting locations for greening and enhance the management of the installation of roadside hanging planters in the district. In addition, he welcomed that the installation of roadside planters would be funded under Community Involvement Projects so that more resources of District Minor Works ("DMW") funding could be saved for other projects. He hoped that the District Office and the LCSD would follow up and adjust the funding upwards to a scale no smaller than that in 2015/16.
30. The Chairman concluded that Members unanimously endorsed (a) two allocations of a total of \$2,860,000 under DMW and (b) an allocation of \$218,487 under community involvement activities for the LCSD to implement "Greening Improvement Works in Yuen Long District for 2017/18", "Installation of Roadside Hanging Planters in Yuen Long District for 2017/18" and "Community Involvement Activities on Greening in Yuen Long District for 2017/18".

(Post-meeting note: The amount for "Installation of Roadside Hanging Planters in Yuen Long District for 2017/18" was proposed to increase from the original \$400,000 to \$700,000 and the project would be funded under Community Involvement Projects.)

Item 10: Recreation and Sports Programme to be implemented by LCSD in Yuen Long District for 2017-18
(DFMC Paper No. 7/2017)

31. Ms Wendy LUNG briefly introduced the paper.

32. The Chairman said this year marked the 20th anniversary of the return of Hong Kong to the Motherland. He hoped the LCSD would discuss with the District Office to allocate additional resources under community involvement funding to organise more activities under the theme of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to attract public participation.

33. The Chairman concluded that Members unanimously endorsed an allocation of \$8,064,140 for the implementation of the above programme, \$7,537,163 of which would be paid in 2017-18 and the remaining \$526,977 would be paid in 2018-19.

(Post-meeting note: Following the endorsement of the proposal to allocate additional resources for organising more recreation and sports activities at the meeting, the amount for “Recreation and Sports Programme to be implemented in Yuen Long District for 2017/18” was proposed to increase from the original \$8,064,140 to \$8,500,000.)

Item 11: Report on the library extension activities organised by LCSD and usage of public libraries in Yuen Long District
(DFMC Paper No. 8/2017)

34. Ms Evon SHUM briefly introduced the paper.

35. Similarly, it was hoped that the LCSD would discuss with the District Office to allocate additional resources under community involvement funding to organise more library activities under the theme of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

36. The Chairman concluded that Members noted the above paper.

Item 12: LCSD public library extension programmes in Yuen Long District for 2017/18
(DFMC Paper No. 9/2017)

37. Ms Evon SHUM briefly introduced the paper.

38. The Chairman concluded that Members unanimously endorsed an allocation of \$74,510 for the implementation of the above programmes, \$70,805 of which would be

paid in 2017-18 and the remaining \$3,705 would be paid in 2018-19. It was hoped that the Yuen Long Public Library would organise more extension activities under the theme of the anniversary celebration.

(Post-meeting note: Following the endorsement of the proposal to allocate additional resources at the meeting, the amount for public library extension programmes in Yuen Long District for 2017/18 was proposed to increase from the original \$74,510 to \$100,000.)

Item 13: Report on the cultural and entertainment programmes implemented in Yuen Long District by LCSD as well as the utilisation rate of Yuen Long Theatre (DFMC Paper No. 10/2017)

39. Mr Anthony MA briefly introduced the paper.

40. The Chairman hoped that the LCSD would discuss with the District Office to allocate additional resources under community involvement funding to organise more cultural activities under the theme of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

41. The Chairman concluded that Members noted the above paper.

Item 14: Proposal on the district free cultural and entertainment programmes to be co-organised by LCSD and YLDC for Yuen Long District in 2017/18 (DFMC Paper No. 11/2017)

42. Mr Anthony MA briefly introduced the paper.

43. The Chairman concluded that Members unanimously endorsed an allocation of \$808,000 in 2017-18 to fund the activities organised between April 2017 and February 2018, as well as an allocation of \$72,000 in 2018-19 to fund those organised in March 2018, and hoped that the activities could be organised under the theme of the anniversary celebration as far as practicable.

(Post-meeting note: Following the endorsement of the proposal to allocate additional resources at the meeting, the amount for the district free cultural and entertainment programmes to be co-organised by LCSD and YLDC for Yuen Long District in 2017/18 was proposed to increase from the original \$880,000 to \$1,000,000.)

Item 15: Any other business

44. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Yuen Long District Council Secretariat
January 2017