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Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Seventh Term Yuen Long District Council
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Date: 21 January 2025 (Tuesday)
Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Yuen Long District Council, 13/F., Yuen Long Government Offices,
2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long

Present

Chairman : Mr WU Tin-yau, Gordon, JP
Members : Mr MAN Yick-yeung
Mr MAN Luk-sing, MH
Mr MAN Ka-ho, Donald, JP
Mr WONG Wai-leung
Mr WONG Hiu-shan
Mr SZE TO Chun-hin
Ms HO Hiu-man
Mr YU Chung-leung
Mr LUI Kin, MH
Mr LI Kai-lap, Riben
Ms LI Ching-yee
Mr SHUM Ho-kit, BBS, JP
Mr LAM Chung-yin
Mr LAM Wai-ming
Mr LAM Tim-fook
Ms LAM Wai-ming
Mr YIU Kwok-wai, MH
Mr SEI Chun-hing
Mr CHUI Kwan-siu
Mr TSUI Wai-ngoi
Ms YUEN Man-yee, MH
Ms MA Shuk-yin
Mr CHEUNG Wai-sum
Mr LEUNG Ming-kin
Mr LEUNG Yip-pang
Mr CHONG Kin-shing, MH, JP
Mr KWOK Wing-cheong
Mr CHAN Ka-fai
Ms CHAN Yin-kwan, Yankie
Mr CHAM Ka-hung, Daniel, BBS, MH, JP
Mr TONG Tak-chun
Mr CHING Chan-ming
Mr FUNG Chun-wing
Mr WONG Yuen-tai, MH
Mr WONG Siu-chung
Ms WONG Wai-ling
Mr WONG Wing-ho, Allan
Ms CHIU Sau-han, MH
Ms LAU Kwai-yung
Mr TANG Che-keung, MH
Mr TANG Sin-hang

Mr TANG Ho-nin, MH
Mr TANG Yung-yiu, Ronnie
Ms LAI Yuet-kwan, Fennie
Mr TAM Tak-hoi
Mr SO Yuen

Secretary : Ms TAM Yu-yan, Maggie Senior Executive Officer (District Council),
Yuen Long District Office
Assistant Secretary : Miss WONG Cheuk-ying, Cherry Executive Officer I (District Council),
Yuen Long District Office

In Attendance

Mr Hubert CRUZ Assistant District Officer (Yuen Long) 1
Mr TSANG Churn, Roy Assistant District Officer (Yuen Long) 2 (designate)
Miss LAU Sze-nga, Vivicia Senior Liaison Officer (1),
Yuen Long District Office
Ms CHUI Po-ling, Polly Senior Liaison Officer (2),
Yuen Long District Office
Ms OR Lai-kum, Christina Senior Liaison Officer (3),
Yuen Long District Office
Mr LAU Hiu-lap, Frederick Senior Liaison Officer (4),
Yuen Long District Office
Mr NG Kam-leung, Julian Chief Engineer/West 1,
Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr CHAN Chak-sum, Jason District Lands Officer/Yuen Long (District Lands
Office, Yuen Long), Lands Department
Mr CHEUNG Ho-man Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands
Office, Yuen Long), Lands Department
Mr WONG Chun-hung, Samuel Chief Manager/Management (Tuen Mun & Yuen
Long), Housing Department
Mrs SHEK CHAN Lai-wah, Judy District Social Welfare Officer (Yuen Long),
Social Welfare Department
Mr KWOK Ming-gon District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Yuen
Long), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Miss CHAN Kam-kuk, Tammy District Commander (Yuen Long),
Hong Kong Police Force
Ms LO Hoi-lam, Burcu Police Community Relations Officer (Yuen Long),
Hong Kong Police Force
Ms TAM On-kei, Susan Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories North),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LAM Chi-kin District Leisure Manager (Yuen Long),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms YOUENG Wai-sze, Sally Chief School Development Officer (Yuen Long),
Education Bureau
Mr AU Hei-fan, Raymond District Planning Officer/Tuen Mun & Yuen Long
West, Planning Department
Mr CHEUNG Chi-yeung, Fabian Chief Transport Officer/New Territories North West,
Transport Department

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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and government department representatives to the seventh meeting of the seventh-term Yuen Long District Council (“YLDC”).

2. On behalf of the YLDC, the Chairman welcomed Mr Roy TSANG, Assistant District Officer (Yuen Long) (designate), who attended the meeting for the first time and would succeed Miss ONG Kei-hang, Chelsea.

Item I: Confirmation of the minutes of the sixth meeting of the YLDC held on 26 November 2024

3. Members confirmed the minutes of the sixth meeting of the YLDC held on 26 November 2024.

Discussion Items

Item II: Mr Daniel CHAM proposed a discussion on “Enquiry and discussion on the widening of the section of Yuen Long Highway between Tong Yan San Tsuen and Pok Oi Roundabout” (YLDC Paper No. 1/2025)

4. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 1 and a written reply from the Transport Department (“TD”).

5. Mr Daniel CHAM, BBS, MH, JP briefed Members on the paper. He noted that the Highways Department (“HyD”) had devised a plan to widen a Yuen Long Highway section between Lam Tei and Tong Yan San Tsuen in 2022. This would involve changing the road section from a three-lane dual carriageway to a four-lane dual carriageway. He was concerned that the road section would become a traffic bottleneck because the plan did not include the section between Tong Yan San Tsuen Interchange and Pok Oi Roundabout. He anticipated that the traffic flow of the road section would be increased upon the successive completion of the public rental housing projects near Kam Tin and Shap Pat Heung Roundabout, as well as the possible toll reduction measure at the Tai Lam Tunnel. He also noted that many vehicles had to pass through the said road section in order to commute to the Tai Lam Tunnel because of the lengthy construction of Route 11, the Northern Metropolis Highway (“NMH”) and the proposed Tuen Mun Bypass. He therefore suggested that the road section between Tong Yan San Tsuen Interchange and Pok Oi Roundabout should be widened in the first instance in order to ease traffic congestion.

6. Mr CHING Chan-ming opined that the Government should adopt a holistic approach to planning the transport network for the district, rather than focusing on individual road sections for improvement works. He considered this to be a more effective way of managing traffic. Furthermore, he highlighted that traffic congestion was already a significant issue at Pok Oi and Shap Pat Heung roundabouts, with vehicles queuing as far as Tai Tong Road and roads in the vicinity of Sereno Verde during the morning rush hours. He urged the Government to expedite the bypass plan as a matter of urgency in order to alleviate traffic congestion.

7. A consolidated reply provided by Mr Fabian CHEUNG of the TD was as follows:

- (1) To coincide with various development projects in the north-west of the New Territories, the Government was pushing ahead with the Route 11 project while widening a section of Yuen Long Highway between Lam Tei and Tong Yan San Tsuen; and
- (2) The TD would continue to monitor traffic conditions along the Yuen Long Highway section between Tong Yan San Tsuen Interchange and Pok Oi Interchange. This would be done in conjunction with future district development planning to assess the need for relevant traffic improvement works.

8. The Chairman concluded by requesting the TD take note of Members' views and suggestions.

Item III: Mr SZE TO Chun-hin, Mr SO Yuen, Mr TONG Tak-chun, Mr LUI Kin, Ms MA Shuk-yin, Ms CHIU Sau-han, Mr FUNG Chun-wing, Ms LAM Wai-ming, Mr CHEUNG Wai-sum, Mr LAM Wai-ming, Mr YU Chung-leung, Mr LEUNG Yip-pang, Ms Fennie LAI, Ms WONG Wai-ling, Mr CHUI Kwan-siu, Mr Riben LI, and Mr CHAN Ka-fai proposed a discussion on "Matters relating to patriotic education in Yuen Long District" (YLDC Paper No. 2/2025)

9. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 2 and a written reply from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau.

10. Mr SZE TO Chun-hin briefed Member on the paper. He believed that patriotism should be promoted through continuous education, and enquired about the work details of the Education Bureau ("EDB") in this regard. Besides, he suggested that the Government should consider ways to better promote and preserve historical sites in Yuen Long District associated with the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the revolutionary period. He also suggested that closed school buildings, such as the CCC Fong Yun Wah Primary School, or vacant land set aside in the Northern Metropolis ("NM") should be used to build a patriotic education base. He envisioned that the patriotic education base to include a range of facilities such as an exhibition gallery and a drill ground (where young people could demonstrate the Chinese-style foot drill) to coincide with the long-term development of patriotic education in Yuen Long District.

11. Mr LEUNG Ming-kin favoured establishment of an exhibition hall for Hong Kong patriotic education at San Tin. He suggested that, as this year marked the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression, the Government or local organisations should organise guided tours or war commemoration activities at patriotic sites, such as Yeung Ka Tsuen in Yuen Long, to help the public learn more about Yuen Long's history and promote national awareness and patriotism.

12. Mr SO Yuen suggested that the Government draw reference from the Mainland on the development of red tourism. He said that history education should be combined with tourism to nurture national awareness and stimulate the local economy. He suggested that as there were a lot of unique historical landmarks in Yuen Long, the Government should create a red tourism brand for the district to attract tourists.

13. Mr CHONG Kin-shing, MH, JP, suggested that the rich history of Yuen Long, including its role in the War of Resistance and the related revolutionary period, should be fully utilised to promote patriotic education in the district. He suggested organising activities such as history lectures, dramas and interactive exhibitions, as well as inviting experts and scholars to give lectures on the spot to help strengthen young people's patriotism and historical awareness.

14. Ms WONG Wai-ling considered that field trips and visits to places connected to patriotic history could help students learn more about these subjects and achieve better outcomes in patriotic education. She suggested setting up a patriotic history exhibition centre in Yuen Long, as well as providing venues for local organisations to organise relevant exhibitions or activities to promote Yuen Long's patriotic history.

15. Acknowledging Yuen Long's rich history, Mr LAM Wai-ming expected further support from the Government in historical preservation. He suggested building a large exhibition hall in Yuen Long where history was preserved in the form of video and audio recordings. He also suggested inviting veterans of the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression to give talks to help members of the public in understanding the history of this war in Yuen Long and to promote patriotism.

16. Mr TONG Tak-chun suggested that the Government should give due consideration to the resources and economic benefits involved in implementing patriotic education. He advised that the feasibility and sustainability of developing red tourism in the district should be assessed based on local circumstances, with examples of red tourism sites on the Mainland, such as Jinggangshan and Yan'an, as references.

17. Ms Fennie LAI supported the item under discussion and quoted her experience of leading groups of students and parents on visits to the gatehouse and ancient cannons at Shan Ha Tsuen as an example. She opined that these activities could enhance patriotic awareness among the public. She also proposed the establishment of a patriotic education base with on-site staff to enlighten visitors and enhance public knowledge about the country's history.

18. Ms CHIU Sau-han, MH said that education should be taught in a non-obvious manner, and that patriotic education should be taught in the same way. She suggested that a memorial hall should be constructed in Yuen Long, with existing resources being utilised for on-site teaching in schools. She suggested that the Government should gather force of local patriotic organisations and school resources to enhance the quality of patriotic education.

19. Mr SHUM Ho-kit, BBS, JP opined that the impact on buildings under conservation and local residents should be considered when planning visits to heritage sites. He suggested that the Heritage Conservation and Resource Centre ("HCRC") in Area 109, Tin Shui Wai, should be used as a patriotic education centre to provide information on red tourist attractions in Yuen Long District. He also suggested that the EDB consider adapting historical events into drama performances to encourage students to develop a sense of patriotism.

20. Mr LAM Chung-yin pointed out that Yuen Long was rich in history and culture, and that sites such as Pun Uk and Yeung Ka Tsuen could be used as resources for patriotic education. He

suggested that the Government should revitalise and preserve the red tourist attractions as part of the NM development, thereby making Yuen Long a more attractive place.

21. Ms LAM Wai-ming considered that it was very important to implement patriotic education and remarked that the financial support provided by the EDB to kindergartens last year to organise “School-based Learning Activities of Chinese Culture” could promote national identity and patriotism among kindergarten students. She suggested setting up a patriotic education working group and inviting local patriotic organisations to participate to jointly promote patriotic education with Yuen Long characteristics.

22. Mr WONG Yuen-tai, MH stressed the importance of patriotic education and the need for long-term planning and continuous promotion. To promote the red tourist attractions of the district to students in Hong Kong and the Mainland, he suggested that the Government employ technology to present the history in pictures, coupled with collated historical information, which could be displayed initially in venues such as community halls and the Yuen Long Town Hall. He also suggested the establishment of a museum, if suitable sites were available, for the promotion of patriotic education in a progressive manner. In addition, he supported the work of the EDB and suggested that the District Council (“DC”) should help coordinate education on Yuen Long’s history and patriotism, and set up exhibition galleries or short-term exhibition venues to enable the public to understand Yuen Long’s patriotic history.

23. Mr YIU Kwok-wai, MH stressed that the core of patriotic education was rooted in “love” and “country”, and that it was only through “love” that one could have knowledge of, recognition of and contribution to the country. He suggested that the Government should strengthen the preservation of the historical sites in Yuen Long and support local patriotic organisations in promoting patriotic education.

24. Mr TSUI Wai-ngo noted that the Government would be organising a number of large-scale events this year to mark the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression. He said that these events, apart from promoting patriotic education, should fit in with the Government’s “tourism is everywhere” policy and attract tourists from other districts of Hong Kong, the Mainland and overseas. He also said that patriotic education should represent the country’s history and traditional culture of Yuen Long. As Hong Kong was an international cultural exchange centre, it should set up a patriotic education centre to showcase the heroic deeds of war veterans and historical stories, thereby encouraging the public and tourists to visit other historical sites in Yuen Long. He also suggested that schools should hold activities such as role-playing to help students learn more about Yuen Long’s history. Finally, he suggested that the Government should make good use of Yuen Long’s rich historical resources related to the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression to enhance public understanding of Yuen Long.

25. Mr LUI Kin, MH noted that Yuen Long had many historical sites and suggested that the Government should allocate more resources in patriotic education, such as the maintenance, rehabilitation and acquisition of historical sites for display. He also suggested that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) should provide historical background information on the district’s historical sites to travel agencies participating in the Characteristic Local Tourism Incentive Scheme initiated by the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau in order to align with the Scheme. In addition, he suggested that Radio Television Hong Kong introduce and recommend the historical sites and related itineraries in Yuen Long District in its “Travel Hong Kong to Learn about the Country”

programme. Finally, he enquired whether the patriotic education programmes promoted by the Government's Working Group on Patriotic Education would cover the war history and historical sites of Yuen Long.

26. A consolidated reply provided by Ms Sally YOUENG of the EDB was as follows:

- (1) As an integral part of the school curriculum, national education ("NE") and national security education ("NSE") in primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong had already incorporated the elements and spirit of patriotic education, covering areas such as Chinese history, our country's current situation, Chinese culture, national geography, and education about the Constitution and the Basic Law; and
- (2) The EDB would continue to update the curriculum, strengthen teacher training and provide teaching resources to support the implementation of NE and NSE in all primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong, with a view to enhancing students' understanding of the country and cultivate an enhanced patriotic atmosphere in schools.

27. A consolidated reply provided by Mr LAM Chi-kin of the LCSD was as follows:

- (1) Concerning the suggestion to borrow part of the HCRC in Area 109, Tin Shui Wai, for patriotic activities, the LCSD could refer the matter to the relevant sections after the meeting for response;
- (2) The LCSD had always supported local schools in promoting patriotic education. In addition to broadcasting promotional videos in its venues and hoisting the national and regional flags on National Day and the anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, the LCSD would also accept applications from local schools to hire recreation venues to organise activities to celebrate National Day and the anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR so as to promote national awareness and patriotism among the public;

(Post-meeting note: Facilities and venues at Ginza Square were made available to Yuen Long residents for flag-raising and NE activities.)

- (3) The LCSD was also considering the possibility of improving rural recreation venues through the District Minor Works Programme for use in flag-raising activities; and
- (4) The LCSD welcomed schools organising diversified activities at its recreation venues to promote patriotic education.

28. The Chairman concluded that the Yuen Long District Office had proactively promoted patriotic education in the district, including organising local events on the National Security Education Day to promote a holistic approach to national security and related topics, providing financial support to local organisations through the Community Involvement Programme to organise patriotic education-related activities, and organising exchange tours for local young people to visit the Mainland and learn more about the development of our country. He asked the Secretary to forward Members' views on the promotion of patriotic education to the Working Group on Patriotic Education.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had already forwarded to Members the follow-up replies from the LCSD and the Secretariat of the Working Group on Patriotic Education on 12 March 2025 and 21 March 2025 respectively.)

Item IV: Mr LEUNG Ming-kin, Mr MAN Yick-yeung, Ms HO Hiu-man, Ms LI Ching-ye, Mr SHUM Ho-kit, Mr LAM Chung-yin, Mr SEI Chun-hing, Ms YUEN Man-ye, Mr KWOK Wing-cheong, Ms Yankie CHAN, Mr Daniel CHAM, Mr WONG Yuen-tai, Mr WONG Siu-chung, Mr TANG Che-keung, Mr TANG Sin-hang, Mr Ronnie TANG and Mr TAM Tak-hoi proposed a discussion on “Concern over land development issues in the Northern Metropolis” (YLDC Paper No. 3/2025)

29. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 3 and a written reply from the Development Bureau (“DEVB”).

30. Mr LEUNG Ming-kin briefed Members on the paper and declared his position as Vice Chairman of the New Territories Warehouse and Logistic Business Association. He suggested that while developing brownfield sites for residential use, the Government should more actively consider the possibility of developing brownfield sites for other uses. He also suggested that the Government should consider converting unused recreational areas into residential areas and combining them with leisure farms or fish farms to promote urban-rural integration. Finally, he welcomed the “Agri enJoy” Scheme being implemented in the NM by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (“AFCD”). He also suggested that the Scheme should include other projects aimed at promoting the development of the fishing industry.

31. Mr WONG Yuen-tai, MH declared his ownership of land in San Tin and his position as Vice Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Agricultural Associations. He stressed the importance of allocating land for agriculture in the NM and believed that the development of leisure farming could help relieve the pressure on urban residents and reduce carbon emissions. He hoped that the DEVB and relevant departments would consider setting aside more land in the NM to develop leisure farms.

32. Mr Daniel CHAM, BBS, MH, JP opined that the mainland concept of “village within the city” might be more difficult to apply in Hong Kong. He added that rural development would require the support of multiple factors and the negotiations between the representatives of the Heung Yee Kuk and Rural Committees and the Government so as to reach a consensus. He also pointed out that quite a number of sites in Yuen Long that were supposed to be used for agriculture and recreation had been converted into brownfield sites or deserted, contrary to the original planning intentions for these sites. He therefore suggested that the Town Planning Board should review the proportion of agricultural and recreational sites, or re-zone some of the suitable sites to be used for higher value. Finally, he noted that under the existing arrangement, brownfield operators were required to operate for at least two years prior to the freezing surveys in order to be eligible for ex-gratia allowances. However, due to the gap of several years between the freezing surveys and the actual resumption of the land, the original registered operators might have changed and those brownfield operators who had only commenced operation after the completion of the freezing surveys would not be eligible for the ex-gratia allowances. He therefore suggested that the Government should exercise flexibility in developing the NM and discuss with the relevant trades to reach a consensus.

33. Mr TANG Ho-nin, MH did not support extensive agricultural development in the NM, citing the limited economic benefits of such development in Hong Kong. Instead, he suggested that agricultural land should be re-zoned for alternative uses, such as open storage, to optimise the use of land resources.

34. The Chairman concluded by requesting the relevant departments take note of Members' views and suggestions about the NM development, and requested the Secretary convey their views to the DEVB.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had already forwarded to Members a follow-up reply provided by the DEVB on 21 March 2025.)

Item V: Mr WONG Siu-chung, Mr WONG Yuen-tai, Mr SHUM Ho-kit, Mr Ronnie TANG, Ms HO Hiu-man, Mr WONG Hiu-shan, Mr Allan WONG and Mr LEUNG Ming-kin proposed a discussion on “Promotion of drone workshops and application scenarios in Yuen Long District in support of the Chief Executive’s Policy Address” (YLDC Paper No. 4/2025)

35. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 4 and the written replies from the Fire Services Department (“FSD”), the Civil Aviation Department (“CAD”) and the AFCD.

36. Mr WONG Siu-chung briefed Members on the paper. He suggested promoting the application of drones in Yuen Long District on a pilot basis in two scenarios, namely eco-education and rescue tasks.

37. Ms HO Hiu-man was pleased to note that the CAD and the FSD had adopted a positive attitude towards the application of drones and had initiated various studies to support their daily operations. She suggested launching a pilot programme on drone education and application in Yuen Long District, enabling students to gain exposure to and experience the use of drones.

38. Mr Allan WONG expressed support for the proposal. He enquired about the number of drones that were available for requisition by fire stations in Yuen Long District out of the 35 drones currently owned by the FSD’s Unmanned Aircraft System Team. Besides, he suggested that, in addition to rescue and search operations, the FSD could also use drones to assist in firefighting and deploy robotic dogs to transport rescue supplies during hill fires in order to reduce the burden on firefighters.

39. Mr WONG Hiu-shan opined that given the vast expanse of Yuen Long District, drones should be used to capture images of the district’s scenery and cultural heritage. He suggested publishing these photos and videos online to attract tourists to Yuen Long and boost the development of the local tourism industry.

40. Mr WONG Yuen-tai, MH opined that drones could effectively assist in agricultural monitoring and crop irrigation. He suggested that the Government promote drone education in schools. In view of the growing prevalence of drone applications, he further suggested that the CAD simplify the existing application procedures for drone operations.

41. Mr LEUNG Ming-kin opined that drones were versatile in firefighting and rescue, as well as in the development of low-altitude economy (“LAE”). For example, the FSD could deploy drones for low-altitude filming and rescue assistance, while businesses could use drones for goods delivery. He hoped that Hong Kong would expedite the promotion of drone applications.

42. Mr Daniel CHAM, BBS, MH, JP opined that developing LAE was the broad direction of the country, and Hong Kong should actively align with it. He highlighted the extensive applications of drones, including logistics and the transport of medical supplies. He opined that while promoting the development of LAE, the operation of drones should be properly regulated to avoid impacts on the local aviation industry, the management of flight prohibition area and the privacy of the public.

43. Mr LUI Kin, MH said that LAE was an emerging industry in which drones were an important component. He considered that Yuen Long District was one of the most suitable districts in Hong Kong for developing LAE. However, he pointed out that there was a lack of supporting facilities, such as take-off and landing points for drones as well as communication and air route networks. He suggested that while expanding various drone application scenarios, the CAD should consider providing ancillary facilities to facilitate the development of LAE. He also suggested that Yuen Long could be considered as a pilot point for developing LAE.

44. Mr SHUM Ho-kit, BBS, JP said that according to the land law of Hong Kong, airspace and underground areas of privately owned land remained the property of the landowner. As a result, legal issues could arise when drones flew over privately-owned land. He suggested that the Government consider the area between Deep Bay and Shenzhen Bay, or rural areas in Yuen Long with less private land as pilot points for developing LAE.

45. The Chairman concluded that the Government had established the Working Group on Developing LAE to promote the application of drones in Hong Kong, and various government departments had already planned and begun using drones to enhance the efficiency of public services. He requested the Secretariat to convey Members’ views to relevant departments.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat forwarded the FSD’s follow-up reply to Members on 4 March 2025.)

Report Items

Item VI: Progress Reports of Committees and Working Groups

- (i) Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (YLDC Paper No. 5/2025)**
- (ii) Town Planning and Development Committee (YLDC Paper No. 6/2025)**
- (iii) Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (YLDC Paper No. 7/2025)**
- (iv) District Facilities and Works Committee (YLDC Paper No. 8/2025)**
- (v) Traffic and Transport Committee (YLDC Paper No. 9/2025)**
- (vi) Community Affairs Committee (YLDC Paper No. 10/2025)**
- (vii) Housing Committee (YLDC Paper No. 11/2025)**
- (viii) Social Welfare and Labour Committee (YLDC Paper No. 12/2025)**
- (ix) Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (YLDC Paper No. 13/2025)**
- (x) Working Group on Mass Transit Services (YLDC Paper No. 14/2025)**

46. The Chairman referred Members to the ten progress reports of the Committees and Working Groups as set out in Paper Nos. 5 to 14.

47. Members noted the aforesaid progress reports.

Item VII: Hong Kong Police Force’s report on the district’s law and order situation and crime figures between November and December 2024

48. The Chairman invited Ms Tammy CHAN of the Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”) to report on the law and order situation and crime figures in the district.

49. Ms Tammy CHAN reported on the law and order situation and crime figures in the district between November and December 2024.

50. Mr Daniel CHAM, BBS, MH, JP said that anti-deception efforts in Yuen Long District had outperformed those in other districts. However, he noted that deception cases had accounted for more than half of the overall crime figures, which was a situation merited attention. He suggested upgrading the Anti-Deception Coordination Centre to an independent department led by an Assistant Commissioner to allocate more resources and manpower to combat fraud cases. In addition, he suggested imposing penalties on individuals reselling registered SIM cards to serve as a deterrent. Lastly, in view of the emergence of “space oil” as a new drug on the market, he enquired whether related offences would be classified as serious drug offences.

51. Mr TAM Tak-hoi commended the Police for their outstanding performance in fraud prevention and attributed the significant decrease in youth crime rates to the efforts of the Police. He expressed support for the Security Bureau’s swift initiation of the legislative procedure to list the ingredient of “space oil” as a dangerous drug from February and its provision of rapid test kits for frontline police officers to identify such ingredient. In addition, he suggested that the Police provide more information to enhance the understanding of DC Members, members of the District Fight Crime Committee, teachers and youth workers regarding the ingredients and harmful effects of “space oil” to help young people stay away from drugs.

52. A consolidated reply provided by Ms Tammy CHAN of the HKPF was as follows:

- (1) As deception cases accounted for approximately half of the overall crime figures, the Police would mobilise various departments and police districts to engage in anti-fraud efforts in order to pool together substantial manpower resources in combating frauds;
- (2) The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau had indicated its plan to introduce the legislative amendments to the Legislative Council this year to regulate the resale of registered SIM cards;
- (3) Currently, the main ingredient of “space oil”, etomidate, was classified as Part 1 poison under the Pharmacy and Poisons Regulations. Once the ingredient of “space oil” was listed as a dangerous drug, the Police would categorise related offences as serious drug offences depending on the circumstances;
- (4) The Police had introduced rapid test kits in late January to help frontline police officers identify “space oil drug”, which had facilitated the swift arrest of a suspect in possession of “space oil drug”; and

- (5) In terms of education, many principals and teachers had requested the Police to provide videos and organise talks on “space oil drug”. Accordingly, the Police had held 23 talks between November and December 2024 and provided explanatory videos to schools. The Police were pleased to arrange talks for Members or others in need to explain the ingredients and impacts of “space oil drug”.

53. The Chairman concluded by requesting the Police take note of Members’ views.

Item VIII: Report on the work progress of District-led Actions Scheme

54. The Chairman invited Mr Hubert CRUZ, Assistant District Officer (Yuen Long) 1, to report on the latest progress of the District-led Actions Scheme (“DAS”).

55. Mr Hubert CRUZ introduced the DAS and its work progress.

56. Regarding the illegal extension of business by shops, Mr Daniel CHAM, BBS, MH, JP reported that some shop operators who had removed unauthorised structures such as concrete shopfront platforms had switched to using stainless steel shopfront platforms to extend their business areas, claiming these structures were movable items. He enquired how the Government would handle such cases and whether they would continue to follow up on the situation of shops that had already removed unauthorised structures.

57. Mr LEUNG Ming-kin reported that some residents were concerned about thefts occurring at bicycle parking areas and suggested that the Government install closed-circuit televisions (“CCTVs”) at these locations.

58. Mr YU Chung-leung pointed out that there was still a considerable amount of litter such as plastic bottles and stones along Yuen Long Highway and suggested relevant departments clear the litter before the Lunar New Year.

59. Mr YIU Kwok-wai, MH suggested that the Government proactively inspect the growth of vegetation near traffic light and road junctions, and conduct regular grass-cutting to ensure road safety.

60. A consolidated reply provided by Mr KWOK Ming-gon of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) was as follows:

- (1) The FEHD would continue to conduct joint operations with other departments under the DAS against illegal extension of business by shops. Regarding claims that stainless steel shopfront platforms were movable items, the FEHD would take enforcement actions based on the actual circumstances and relevant legislation; and
- (2) The cleaning of central reservations of roads and expressways fell under the purview of the FEHD and the HyD respectively. If Members reported any hygiene blackspots, the FEHD would address them in a timely manner or refer them to the HyD for follow-up actions.

61. Mr Fabian CHEUNG of the TD said that the department's CCTVs were primarily used for traffic monitoring purpose, and the installation of CCTVs at bicycle parking areas was not a standard practice. He suggested that the public take proper care of their bicycles and adopt other appropriate security measures to reduce the risk of theft.

62. In conclusion, the Chairman requested that relevant departments take note of Members' views.

**Item IX: Working Group on Boosting Local Economy
(YLDC Paper No. 15/2025)**

63. The Chairman referred Members to Paper No. 15. To complement the work of the DC in the coming year, the term of the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy would be extended for one year to 31 December 2025. Details of the terms of reference and membership list of the working group were set out in the paper. He thanked Mr WONG Yuen-tai, MH for leading the working group in 2024 and announced that Mr WONG would continue to serve as its chairman.

64. Members noted the aforesaid paper.

Item X: Any other business

Item XI: Date of next meeting

65. The Chairman said that the eighth meeting of the YLDC was to be held in the conference room of the YLDC at 2:30 p.m. on 25 March 2025.

66. There being no other business, the Chairman announced that the seventh meeting of the seventh term YLDC closed and thanked Members and the department representatives for their attendance.

Yuen Long District Council Secretariat
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