Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the 4th Meeting of the Community Building Committee held on 26 July 2012

Opening Remarks

<u>The Chairman</u> welcomed District Councillors and Government Representatives to the meeting.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes of 3rd CBC Meeting

2. Minutes were confirmed without amendment.

Item 2 Matters Arising:

- Request for Early Conversion of Mong Kok Market Complex into a <u>Community Health Centre</u>
 (YTMCBC Paper No. 5/2012)
- 3. Members requested the Planning Department ("Plan D") and the Department of Health to attend the next meeting to answer enquiries on the services of the new community health centre.
 - Request for Early Implementation of Phase II of Yau Ma Tei Xiqu
 Activity Centre Project (Revised)
 (YTMCBC Paper No. 11/2012)
- 4. The Administration proposed to build a new centre at Hau Cheung Street for reprovisioning of the refuse collection point and the street sleepers' home adjacent to the Xiqu Activity Centre. Members commented on the design of the building. The Architectural Services Department ("Arch SD") and the project consultant would follow up on members' views to improve the layout and design of the new centre.
 - Request for Review of Wok Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme (YTMCBC Paper No. 13/2012)
- 5. The Labour and Welfare Bureau ("LWB") responded in writing that it would continue to collect views of different stakeholders on the WITS Scheme. In addition, LWB would conduct a mid-term review of the scheme based on the experience of first year implementation.

Item 3 Financial Position of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council ("YTMDC") Funds as at 16 July 2012

(YTMCBC Paper No. 24/2012)

6 Members noted the financial position of YTMDC Funds as at 16 July 2012.

Item 4 Application for 2012-2013 DC Funds from Specified Organisations (YTMCBC Paper No. 25/2012)

7. Members endorsed an allocation of \$401,578 to eight specified organisations for organising 15 activities. They also recommended YTMDC to allocate \$170,000 to the Yau Tsim Mong ("YTM") District Fire Safety Committee for organising an activity.

Item 5 Application for DC Funds from Working Group ("WG") on Care for the Community in Organising a Public Education Activity to Promote the Talents of Disabled Persons under Ching Chung YTM-2012 (YTMCBC Paper No. 26/2012)

8. Members endorsed an allocation of \$50,000 for the WG to jointly organise the activity with its appointed district group.

Item 6 Application for DC Funds from WG on Care for the Community in Organising Community Care Activities (YTMCBC Paper No. 27/2012)

9. Members endorsed an allocation of \$108,732 for the WG to jointly organise six community care activities with appointed district groups.

Item 7 Funding Application from WG on Promotion of Tourism and Local Community Economy (YTMCBC Paper No. 28/2012)

10. Members endorsed an allocation of \$191,105 for the WG to subsidise appointed business bodies in the district in organising activities to promote tourism and local community economy in YTM District.

Item 8 Funding Application from 2012-2013 Organising Committee on Cultural Arts Events in Organising an Exhibition on the Ghost Festival and Chau Chow Opera Performance

(YTMCBC Paper No. 29/2012)

11. Members endorsed an allocation of \$25,000 for organising the exhibition.

Item 9 Funding Application from 2012-2013 Organising Committee on Cultural Arts Events in Organising Chinese Studies Seminars (YTMCBC Paper No. 30/2012)

12. Members endorsed an allocation of \$90,000 for organising the seminars.

Item 10 Relocation of West Kowloon Office and Kowloon Births Registry of **Immigration Department ("Imm D")**

(YTMCBC Paper No. 31/2012)

13. The meeting noted that Imm D's West Kowloon Office and Kowloon Births Registry in Yau Ma Tei would be relocated to the former Kimberly Street Market in Tsim Sha Tsui ("TST") in 2013-14. Members encouraged greater use of electronic services in the new offices and requested Imm D to pay attention to fire safety and environmental hygiene in renovating the offices.

Item 11 Request to Improve Mobile Library Services in Hoi Fu Court (YTMCBC Paper No. 33/2012)

14. Upon members' request, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") would promote the book recommendation scheme to readers on mobile This would be conducive to understanding readers' preferences in library vehicles. choosing books for mobile libraries.

Item 12 Request to Lower the Minimum Age Requirement for Applying Senior Citizen Cards ("SCCs") to 60, to Fully Review SCC Concessions, and to **Strengthen Promotion of SCCs in YTM District** (YTMCBC Paper No. 34/2012)

15. Members requested the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") to reflect their views to LWB, indicating their preference for lowering the minimum age requirement for applying SCCs to 60.

Item 13 Concern over Provision of a Lift to the Existing Footbridge at Tong Mi Road, Tai Kok Tsui

(YTMCBC Paper No. 35/2012)

The Highways Department ("HyD") gave a written response advising that the 16. footbridge at the junction of Argyle Street and Tong Mei Road was equipped with a standard ramp for wheelchair users. HyD had no plan for installing a lift at the footbridge. Members opined that a lift was direly needed by residents in Cherry Constituency to access the footbridge. They agreed to invite government representatives to attend the next meeting to further discuss the matter.

Item 14 Hospital Authority ("HA") Annual Plan 2012/13, Hospital Authority Strategic Plan 2012 to 2017 and Kowloon Central Cluster Annual Plan 2012/13

(YTMCBC Paper No. 32/2012)

Members noted the work plans submitted by HA. They urged HA to strengthen training for frontline medical staff and address the manpower shortage problem.

Item 15 Urging the Administration to Take Effective Measures to Prevent **Recurrence of Tree Collapse Incidents**

(YTMCBC Paper No. 36/2012)

Members noted the cause of the tree collapse incident at Parklane Shopping Boulevard in TST. They requested the Development Bureau ("DEVB") and LCSD to arrange a site visit and remove seats under trees at risk of collapse.

Item 16 Any Other Business

- (i) District Representative in League Matches of Hong Kong Football Association
- Members confirmed that Mong Kok District Cultural, Recreational and 19. Sports Association Limited was the representative of the YTM District Team.
- Proposed Change of Date of 7th Meeting of Community Building Committee (ii) ("CBC") (Originally Scheduled on 7 February 2013)
- Members agreed to advance the date of the 7th CBC Meeting to 1 February 20. 2013 (Friday).

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