

**Minutes of the 10th Meeting of
Community Building Committee
Yau Tsim Mong District Council (2012-2015)**

Date: 25 July 2013 (Thursday)
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Yau Tsim Mong District Council Conference Room
4/F., Mong Kok Government Offices
30 Luen Wan Street
Mong Kok, Kowloon

Present:

Chairman

Mr WONG Kin-san

Vice-chairman

Mr HUNG Chiu-wah, Derek

District Council Members

Mr CHUNG Kong-mo, JP	Mr HAU Wing-cheong, BBS, MH	Mr WONG Chung, John
Ms KO Po-ling, BBS, MH, JP	Mr HUI Tak-leung	Mr WONG Man-sing, Barry, MH
Mr CHAN Siu-tong, MH	Mr IP Ngo-tung, Chris	Ms WONG Shu-ming
Mr CHAN Wai-keung	Ms KWAN Sau-ling	Mr YEUNG Tsz-hei, Benny, MH
Mr CHOW Chun-fai, BBS, JP	Mr LAU Pak-kei	

Co-opted Members

Mr SIU Hong-ping	Mr TANG Ho-bun	Mr LAU Kai-kit, Vincent
Ms LEE See-yin, Leticia	Mr CHIU Sung-bun, Ernest	

Representatives of the Government

Ms HO Siu-ping, Betty, JP	District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong)	Home Affairs Department
Mr CHIU Chung-yan, Charlson	Assistant District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong)	Home Affairs Department
Mr CHEUNG Kam-wai	Senior Community Relations Officer, Regional Office (Kowloon West)	Independent Commission Against Corruption
Ms CHUNG Po-yuk	Senior School Development Officer (Yau Tsim and Mong Kok) 1	Education Bureau
Mr NG Tsan-tak	Assistant District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong) 3	Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss CHAN Wai-chun	Assistant District Social Welfare	Social Welfare Department

	Officer (Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong) 2	
Mr CHENG Chun-wai	Sergeant, Police Community Relations Office (Yau Tsim)	Hong Kong Police Force
Mr YEUNG Chi-shing	Sergeant, Police Community Relations Office (Mong Kok)	Hong Kong Police Force
Mr WONG Sai-kit	Sergeant, Police Community Relations Office (Mong Kok)	Hong Kong Police Force

Secretary

Ms WONG Ka-wing, Glorious	Executive Officer I (District Council), Yau Tsim Mong District Office	Home Affairs Department
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In Attendance:

Prof CHAN Siu-chee, Sophia	Under Secretary for Food and Health	Food and Health Bureau
Mr LEE Yau-kwong	Principal Executive Officer (Health)	Food and Health Bureau
Ms LAU Li-yan, Candy	Principal Assistant Secretary (Community Care Fund)	Home Affairs Bureau
Mr SO Ting-lut, Vincent	District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong)	Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WONG Pui-hung, William	Deputy Manager (Outdoor Facilities), Kowloon Park	Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Dr HUNG Chi-tim	Cluster Chief Executive (Kowloon Central Cluster)/Hospital Chief Executive (Queen Elizabeth Hospital)	Hospital Authority
Dr Jenny LAM	Chief Manager (Strategy, Planning and Service Transformation), Kowloon Central Cluster	Hospital Authority
Ms Helen TANG	Senior Hospital Manager (Public Affairs), Queen Elizabeth Hospital	Hospital Authority
Mr PUI Wai-yiu, Frankie	Senior Social Security Officer (Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong)	Social Welfare Department
Dr Jaime SIN	Senior Medical and Health Officer (Community Liaison) 2	Department of Health
Mrs CHENG KWAN Yee-kin, Peggy	Labour Officer (Employment Information and Promotion Programme Office)	Labour Department
Mr YEUNG Chi-kit	Labour Officer (Employment Information and Promotion Programme Office)	Labour Department

Absent:

Mr KONG Pui-wai
Mr KO Hiu-wing

Co-opted Member
Co-opted Member

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He said that Mr Charlson CHIU, Assistant District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong) was unable to attend the whole meeting due to other prior commitments. During the absence of Mr CHIU, Ms Betty HO, District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong) would stand in for him as the representative of the Government at the meeting. He further reported that Ms CHUNG Po-yuk, Senior School Development Officer (Yau Tsim and Mong Kok) 1 of the Education Bureau (“EB”) attended the meeting on behalf of Mrs LING SO Ka-lan, Jacqueline; Miss CHAN Wai-chun, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong) 2 of the Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) stood in for Ms WONG Yin-yee at the meeting; Mr NG Tsan-tak, Assistant District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong) 3 of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) attended the meeting on behalf of Ms WONG Sau-ling, Vicky; Mr CHENG Chun-wai from the Yau Tsim District Police Community Relations Office of the Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”) stood in for Mr Mohammad Munir KHAN at the meeting; Mr YEUNG Chi-shing and Mr WONG Sai-kit from the Mong Kok District Police Community Relations Office attended the meeting on behalf of Ms HONG Yuen-kwan, Natalie. He also reported that Mr KONG Pui-wai and Mr KO Hiu-wing were absent due to other commitments.

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

2. The Chairman said that Mr Barry WONG’s proposed amendments were set out in Annex 1 for Members’ information.

3. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed with amendments.

4. The Chairman said that in response to the discussion on the handling of questionable receipts by the Yau Tsim Mong District Council (“YTMD”) at the previous meeting of the Community Building Committee (“CBC”), a Member requested the Secretariat to revise paragraph 6.17(b) and/or relevant provisions of the “Guidelines on Yau Tsim Mong District Council Funds” (“the Guidelines”) and submit the amendment to the CBC for review and then to the in-house meeting and general meeting of the YTMD for endorsement.

5. The Secretary said that the Secretariat would write to all CBC Councillors and co-opted members in early August, asking them to provide comments on revising the above provisions of the Guidelines. The Secretariat would pass the collected and consolidated views to the Working Group on Community Funds (“the Working Group”) for preliminary discussion at its meeting to be held on 24 September. The proposal submitted by the Working Group would be reviewed at the CBC meeting to be held on 17 October and amendments would be drawn up and submitted to the in-house meeting of the YTMD for endorsement. She added that the current Guidelines were applicable to activities to be held on or before 30 June 2014. Hence, the revised Guidelines would take effect from 1 July

2014.

6. The Chairman asked whether Members agreed to the above arrangement. There was no objection.

7. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo said that while the CBC and the Working Group would provide their views on the amendment of the Guidelines, the Secretariat could also raise comments to the CBC and the Working Group on the subject.

8. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat wrote to Councillors and co-opted members of the CBC on 1 August 2013 to seek their suggestions and views on the amendments to paragraph 6.17(b) and the relevant provisions of the Guidelines.)

Item 2: Matters Arising:

**-- Urging Commission on Poverty to Relax Eligibility Criteria for
Community Care Fund Dental Assistance Programme
(YTMCBC Paper No. 23/2013)**

(Mr Vincent LAU joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.)

9. The Chairman said that the consolidated written response of the Home Affairs Bureau (“HAB”) (Annex 2) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:

- (i) Prof Sophia CHAN, Under Secretary for Food and Health of the Food and Health Bureau (“FHB”);
- (ii) Mr LEE Yau-kwong, Principal Executive Officer (Health) of the FHB; and
- (iii) Ms Candy LAU, Principal Assistant Secretary (Community Care Fund) of the HAB.

10. Ms WONG Shu-ming supplemented the contents of the paper. She strongly requested the FHB to review and expand the scope of assistance of the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme. She also suggested that the FHB should make reference to the current School Dental Care Service to provide dental care services to members of the public aged 55 or above, and that the Government should set up public dental clinics in the 18 districts to provide more comprehensive dental care services to the public. In addition, she said that despite the YTMDC’s strong request over the years for the setting up of a dental clinic in the proposed community health centre at the site of the former Mong Kok Market, the FHB and the Department of Health (“DH”) responded in a lukewarm manner. She requested the departments concerned to give serious consideration to the views to respond to the local residents’ demand for dental services.

(Mr CHAN Siu-tong left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.)

11. Prof Sophia CHAN responded as follows:

- (a) The FHB was concerned about dental services for the elderly, and accorded top priority to it.
- (b) The DH could only focus on providing emergency dental services to the public as there was a shortage of dentists in Hong Kong currently.
- (c) The Community Care Fund (“CCF”) had set aside \$100 million for the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme (“the programme”) to subsidise elders for dentures and relevant dental services. The beneficiaries must be aged 60 or above and receiving Integrated Home Care Services or Enhanced Home and Community Care Services, but must not be recipients of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (“CSSA”).
- (d) The CCF Task Force would monitor the implementation of the programme. Feedback from the public was generally positive since the launching of the programme on 24 September 2012, but there was still room for improvement. The FHB had implemented two to three improvement measures so far, benefiting more elderly people with the number of persons referred to the service increasing to over 600 at present.
- (e) Over 200 private dentists had participated in the programme at present. While increasing the number of elderly beneficiaries under the programme, the FHB should also take into account whether there were enough participating dentists so that the elderly would not have to wait for an excessively long time for the service.
- (f) Under the Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services for the Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres, the Government provided outreach primary dental care and oral health care services to the elderly in residential care homes or day care centres.

12. Ms Candy LAU responded that she would relay the views of the CBC on elderly dental services to the CCF Task Force. She added that adjustments had been made to the programme in early June 2013, and that the Task Force had set up a working group to explore ways to relax the eligibility criteria of the programme so as to benefit more elderly people. However, it should be noted that the programme must be supported by a sufficient number of dentists.

(Ms KWAN Sau-ling joined the meeting at 2:50 p.m.)

13. Mr Barry WONG said that as there were not enough dentists participating in the programme, he asked whether the FHB would consider allowing paramedical staff to join it to provide the relevant services to the elderly. He also suggested that the FHB provide appropriate incentives to attract more non-governmental organisations (“NGOs”) to participate in the programme so as to solve the problem of lack of participating private dentists.

14. Mr TANG Ho-bun said that demand for dental services from the elderly was keen, and hoped that the FHB would take the initiative to invite private dentists to participate in the programme and step up publicity on it.

15. Mr Chris IP opined that the Government had spent too much time to implement the programme. He hoped that the Government would allocate extra resources to enhance dental care services for the elderly apart from the CCF Elderly Dental Assistance Programme so as to shorten the waiting time of the elderly for the services.

16. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo said that dental problems severely affected the health and daily life of the elderly. He hoped the Government could allocate more resources for elderly dental service and outsource the service to NGOs to increase the number of service providers and shorten the waiting time of the elderly.

17. The Chairman said that an NGO recently organised two elderly dental care activities in the district which were well received. This showed that there was keen demand for elderly dental services. Therefore, he urged the FHB to set up public dental clinics throughout the 18 districts in Hong Kong. Moreover, he wanted to know whether the FHB had set a target for the number of participating dentists for the programme.

18. Mr HUI Tak-leung asked Prof Sophia CHAN to reflect the CBC's views on the programme to the FHB. He also requested bureau officials to attend meetings of the YTMDC and its committee more to listen to the views of the public to facilitate policy implementation. Moreover, he suggested that the Government invite District Council ("DC") members and the grassroots to join the Commission on Poverty to facilitate the collection of public views.

19. Ms KWAN Sau-ling hoped the FHB could optimise the service of government dental clinics and increase the number of dentists to benefit the public.

20. Prof Sophia CHAN responded as follows:

- (a) Other than private dentists, the FHB also invited NGOs to participate in the programme and their participation was voluntary.
- (b) The Oral Maxillofacial Surgery and Dental Units of the 11 government dental clinics and seven public hospitals of the DH mainly provided emergency dental service. The FHB would consider public views and conduct a review as appropriate.
- (c) The elderly health care vouchers could be used for dental service. The voucher amount was increased to \$1,000 starting from 1 January 2013. She hoped Councillors could help promote to community members the arrangement so that more elders could benefit.

21. Ms Candy LAU said that she would relay the views of Mr HUI Tak-leung on the composition of the Commission on Poverty to the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office. She further said that the Legislative Council ("LegCo") recently endorsed an injection of \$15 billion into the CCF and welcomed suggestions from various sectors of the community on new assistance programmes.

22. Mr John WONG wanted to know whether insufficient participating dentists and financial resources were the greatest difficulties encountered by the programme. He also asked whether the number of beneficiaries was still below 100, given that \$100 million had been injected into the CCF in September 2012 for elderly dental service. He restated the CBC's request for relaxing the eligibility of the programme to benefit more elders.

23. Mr Barry WONG said that there was an imminent need for elderly dental service. He hoped the FHB could give priority to strengthening elderly dental service and also review and revise the programme as appropriate so that the elderly could enjoy the service as soon as possible.

24. Prof Sophia CHAN replied that the CCF had allocated \$100 million for the implementation of the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme. Moreover, the Government had injected \$15 billion into the CCF for the introduction of new assistance programmes or the optimisation of existing ones. Therefore, financial resource was not the greatest obstacle currently faced by the CCF. She further said that the FHB would continue to study ways to improve elderly dental service.

25. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

**Item 3: Financial Position of Yau Tsim Mong District Council Funds
as at 15 July 2013
(YTMCBC Paper No. 30/2013)**

**Item :4 DC Fund Application from Working Group on Concern for
Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market for Distribution of Oral History Report on the
Fruit Market
(YTMCBC Paper No. 31/2013)**

**Item :5 DC Fund Application from Working Group on Care for the Community for
Subsidising Hiring of Coach Service by a District Group for Visit to Happy
Valley Racecourse
(YTMCBC Paper No. 32/2013)**

**Item :6 DC Fund Application from 2013-2014 Yau Tsim Mong Fire Safety
Committee for Organising 2013-2014 Fire Safety Activities among Schools
(YTMCBC Paper No. 33/2013)**

**Item :7 DC Fund Application from 2013-2014 Yau Tsim Mong District Fight Crime Committee for Organising Anti-crime Activities
(YTMCBC Paper No. 34/2013)**

26. The Chairman proposed that items 3 to 7 be discussed together. There was no objection. He reminded Members to fill in the Declaration of Interests form on the table if necessary.

27. Members noted the financial position of the YTMDC Community Involvement Funds as at 15 July 2013 and endorsed the fund applications in respect of items 4 to 7 (YTMCBC Paper Nos. 31/2013 to 34/2013).

28. Members endorsed an allocation of \$10,000 to the Working Group (“WG”) on Concern for Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market for distribution of oral history report on the fruit market.

29. Members endorsed an allocation of \$2,000 to the WG on Care for the Community for subsidising hiring of coach service by a district group for the visit to the Happy Valley racecourse.

30. Members endorsed an allocation of \$30,000 to the Yau Tsim Mong Fire Safety Committee for organising 2013-2014 fire safety activities among schools.

31. Members endorsed an allocation of \$109,730 to the Yau Tsim Mong District Fight Crime Committee for organising five anti-crime activities.

32. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

**Item 8: Follow-up Report on the Ficus Microcarpa (Old and Valuable Tree LCSD YTM/97) Adjacent to Mini-soccer Pitch in Kowloon Park by Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(YTMCBC Paper No. 35/2013)**

33. The Vice-chairman welcomed Mr Vincent SO, District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong) and Mr William WONG, Deputy Manager (Outdoor Facilities), Kowloon Park of the LCSD to the meeting.

34. Mr Vincent SO briefly introduced the paper. He said the LCSD suggested removing the ficus microcarpa (listed as LCSD YTM/97 on the old and valuable tree (“OVT”) register) adjacent to the mini-soccer pitch in the Kowloon Park after considering its latest condition and the views of the Expert Panel on Tree Management (“Expert Panel”) of the Development Bureau. He would like to consult the CBC on this matter.

35. Mr HAU Wing-cheong said that the species of ficus microcarpa was rare. He was informed that the tree had once shown signs of health improvement when it was carefully maintained by experts on tree management.

36. The Vice-chairman said that he inspected the tree with Mr CHAN Siu-tong many times and found that its health condition was deteriorating. In fact, the LCSD had currently enclosed half of the spectator stand of the mini-soccer pitch of the Kowloon Park lest the tree collapsed and hurt others. Even though there was no immediate risk of collapsing, the Tree Management Office (“TMO”) and Expert Panel opined that the tree was irrecoverable after the site inspection on 16 July 2013. On top of that, it was not cost-effective to conserve the tree over a prolonged period. Therefore, he hoped that the CBC could consider if the tree was worthy of conservation.

37. Mr Chris IP said that the Vice-chairman, Mr CHAN Siu-tong and he had regularly inspected the tree and found its health condition waxed and waned. He continued that the tree had already been infected with the brown root rot (“BRR”) disease and the public concern was whether other trees in the park would also be infected with the BRR disease when conserving the tree. Moreover, the LCSD had to permanently enclose the spectator stand of the mini-soccer pitch in the park for safety reason. He opined that investing substantially in conserving the irrecoverable tree might not be economically efficient.

38. Mr Vincent SO responded as follows:

- (a) According to the TMO and Expert Panel, the tree was irrecoverable.
- (b) After the removal of the tree, the LCSD would reopen the enclosed spectator stand of the mini-soccer pitch in the park and then redesign and replant plants at the location of the OVTs with the registration numbers LCSD YTM/96 and 97 to beautify the environment.

39. Mr HAU Wing-cheong said that he agreed that the LCSD should remove the tree to reopen the grandstand of the mini-soccer pitch which had been enclosed for a long time for public use as both the TMO and Expert Panel considered the tree irrecoverable.

40. Mr Chris IP would like to know what kind of plants the LCSD would plant after removing the tree. In addition, he suggested that the LCSD provide elderly fitness facilities at the location of the OVTs LCSD YTM/96 and 97.

(Mr CHAN Wai-keung left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.)

41. Ms KWAN Sau-ling said that the health conditions of the OVTs LCSD YTM/96 and 97 had been the concern of the Conservancy Association (“CA”) and that the LCSD should give an account of the two trees to the CA. Besides, she suggested that the LCSD plant small shade trees and provide benches and fitness equipment for the elderly at the location of the two trees.

42. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo pointed out that the OVT LCSD YTM/97 had become the collective memory of the public. He hoped that the LCSD could explain clearly to the public the remedial measures taken to conserve the tree when removing the tree. Moreover, the LCSD should open as soon as possible the spectator stand of the mini-soccer pitch in the park which had been enclosed for a long time. The department should also provide leisure and cultural facilities at the location of the tree to address the needs of the public.

(Ms WONG Shu-ming left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.)

43. Mr CHOW Chun-fai also thought the LCSD should give a clear account of the remedial measures taken to save the tree to the public during the removal of the tree. Besides, he suggested that the Government consider trying the cure for the BRR disease used by international tree experts.

44. The Vice-chairman opined that most Councillors and co-opted members at the meeting agreed to remove the tree having regard to the suggestions of the TMO and Expert Panel and the views of the LCSD. He thought that the LCSD should give an account to the public on the YTMDC's proactive follow-up action on the conservation of the tree over the years during the removal of the tree.

45. Mr Vincent SO responded as follows:

- (a) The LCSD would redesign the area, replant trees and provide elderly fitness facilities in situ subsequent to the removal of the tree.
- (b) The TMO was exploring effective ways/medicine to cure the BRR disease. If it was confirmed that a certain medicine could cure the BRR disease effectively, he believed that the TMO would gather relevant information and then advise the tree management departments.
- (c) Prior to the removal of the tree, the LCSD would announce the arrangement in the newspaper and post notices in the park to inform the public.
- (d) If the tree showed no sign of health improvement in the short term, the LCSD would arrange to remove it in September.

46. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

(Mr Vincent LAU left the meeting at 3: 40 p.m.)

**Item 9: Introduction to Hospital Authority Annual Plan 2013/14 and Kowloon Central Cluster Annual Plan 2013/14
(YTMCBC Paper No. 36/2013)**

47. The Chairman welcomed Dr HUNG Chi-tim, Cluster Chief Executive (Kowloon Central Cluster) ("KCC")/Hospital Chief Executive (Queen Elizabeth Hospital) ("QEH"), Dr Jenny LAM, Chief Manager (Strategy, Planning and Service Transformation), KCC and Ms Helen TANG, Senior Hospital Manager (Public Affairs), QEH of the Hospital Authority ("HA") to the meeting.

48. Dr Jenny LAM gave a Powerpoint presentation to briefly introduce the annual plans of the HA and KCC for 2013-2014.

49. Dr HUNG Chi-tim added that the Kowloon Hospital would provide case management service to patients with severe mental illness in the Sai Kung District. Therefore, mental health services in the Sai Kung District were under the purview of KCC. Moreover, he thanked the YTMDC for supporting the reprovisioning of Yaumatei Specialist

Clinic and said that the LegCo Finance Committee (“FC”) had endorsed the funding application in June 2013. The HA was now proceeding with the reprovisioning project.

50. Ms KO Po-ling was pleased to see that the HA had launched a number of programmes to allay staff shortage and high turnover in its annual plan for 2013-2014, and to improve hospital facilities to respond to the public and YTMDC’s aspirations. Furthermore, she noted that the Government had endorsed the allocation of funds for constructing the Kai Tak Hospital (“KTH”) and wished to know whether the KTH would be grouped under the KCC. She was also concerned about the division of responsibilities between the KTH and QEH. In addition, she wished to know how the QEH would coordinate with the Kwong Wah Hospital which was being redeveloped to reduce the adverse impact on residents in the district.

51. Ms KWAN Sau-ling said that the KCC served an increasing proportion of elderly patients, but only an additional 100 registered nurses would be trained up in the QEH in 2014. She was concerned whether the manpower of nurses was sufficient to cope with the service demand. She urged the HA to allocate additional resources to enhance training for frontline health care personnel so as to alleviate the problems of staff shortage and high turnover.

52. Mr Barry WONG was pleased to see that the HA had listed allaying staff shortage and high turnover as one of the targets in its annual plan for 2013-2014. He wished to know which area of services would be provided by the additional staff and asked whether the HA would set a threshold on doctors’ consultation duration.

53. Mr HUI Tak-leung suggested that the HA circulate a paper to the CBC Members and report the completion of targets in its annual plan. He also said that the media always asked Councillors about the redevelopment of the QEH and hoped that the HA’s representatives could brief them on the future development of the QEH.

54. Dr HUNG Chi-tim responded as follows:

- (a) The HA had set up three schools for registered nurses and another three for enrolled nurses, which was expected to slightly alleviate the shortage of nurses.
- (b) The number of medical graduates from local universities would increase from the present 250 annually to 320 in July 2015. The number would continue to increase and was expected to reach 420 in 2018. The increase in medical graduates would mitigate the shortage of doctors.
- (c) Although the HA was recruiting overseas doctors to practise in Hong Kong, those doctors had to pass a licentiate examination or could otherwise only practise in Hong Kong with limited registration. In the latter case, the doctors concerned had to apply to the Medical Council of Hong Kong (“MCHK”) for licence renewal in order to continue to work in hospitals under the HA or in universities.
- (d) As the job stability of doctors practising with limited registration was relatively lower, recruiting overseas doctors under such an arrangement was not of great help. In 2012 and 2013, the HA submitted to the MCHK more

than 10 applications for recruiting overseas doctors by way of limited registration. One of the applications was rejected by the MCHK. In addition, the HA also recruited retired or private doctors to be part-time doctors in hospitals under the HA.

- (e) The workload and pressure of frontline healthcare staff had increased substantially because of the ever-increasing number of patients and the longer consultation time for elderly patients. Owing to the shortage of healthcare manpower, the HA could hardly develop new services and could only reinforce the services developed over the past few years.
- (f) The FC endorsed in June 2013 an allocation for the construction of the Medical Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics in the Kai Tak Development Area. The centre was a children's hospital which was due for completion in 2017 and commissioning in 2018. Moreover, the Government had reserved a site near the centre for developing an acute general hospital. Both of the proposed hospitals would be grouped under the KCC. The development projects concerned were still in the preliminary planning stage, and the HA would consider the roles of the QEH in the cluster together with the two hospitals.
- (g) The HA strived to shorten the waiting time of patients and could extend the consultation time if there was sufficient healthcare staff. Generally speaking, at present the consultation time for each new case ranged from 15 to 20 minutes while that for follow-up cases was shorter.
- (h) The annual report of the HA set out the targets and the implementation progress of the targets listed in the annual plan of the KCC.
- (i) The aim of forming clusters was to facilitate administrative arrangements. Although the KCC covered Yau Tsim and Kowloon City, 63% of the in-patients and 67% of the out-patients of the cluster did not reside in those two districts at present.

55. Mr Benny YEUNG hoped that the HA could maintain or even enhance the current service level of the QEH while pressing ahead with the development of the hospitals in the Kai Tak Development Area.

56. Mr HAU Wing-cheong said that the HA should consider relaxing the requirement for overseas doctors to practise with limited registration in Hong Kong by lengthening the period of licence renewal from every year to every two or three years so as to attract more overseas doctors to practise in Hong Kong. The HA should also enhance welfare benefits for healthcare staff to prevent brain drain to private hospitals. He welcomed the HA's proposal of building hospitals in the Kai Tak Development Area, and hoped that the QEH could be redeveloped by phases so as to reduce impacts on patients.

57. The Vice-chairman asked whether the KCC was well-equipped with facilities to ensure service quality and medical safety. In addition, he referred to the plan of a hospital in the KCC to perform Deep Brain Stimulation treatment for nine patients with advanced Parkinson's disease in the first quarter of 2014 and asked whether the treatment had begun.

(Ms KWAN Sau-ling left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.)

58. Dr HUNG Chi-tim responded as follows:

- (a) Because of the shortage of doctors serving in Accident and Emergency (“A&E”) Departments, patients had to wait for quite a long time for A&E services.
- (b) The HA would report to the YTMDC or the CBC upon confirmation of the plans to build an acute general hospital in the Kai Tak Development Area and redevelop the QEH.
- (c) The MCHK was responsible for the matter in respect of the limited registration of overseas doctors.
- (d) The QEH had 10 years of experience in performing the Deep Brain Stimulation treatment for patients with advanced Parkinson's disease.
- (e) Neurostimulators could effectively control the symptoms of severe Parkinson's disease and enable patients to stop or reduce medications.
- (f) The KCC had taken charge of the eye bank of the HA since 2009. The HA would explore new technologies for ophthalmology treatment to benefit more patients.

59. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

**Item 10: To Urge the Administration to Lift Asset Limits of Old Age Living Allowance and Normal Old Age Allowance
(YTMCBC Paper No. 37/2013)**

60. The Chairman said that the written response of the SWD (Annex 3) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed Miss CHAN Wai-chun, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong) 2 and Mr Frankie PUI, Senior Social Security Officer (Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Mong) of the SWD to the meeting.

61. Mr HUI Tak-leung supplemented the contents of the paper. He said that with the introduction of the statutory minimum wage (“SMW”), the income and asset limits of the Old Age Living Allowance (“OALA”) seemed to be outdated. He requested the Government to review the mechanism of the OALA so that more elders could benefit.

62. Mr Frankie PUI responded that the OALA was aimed at poverty alleviation. It provided a new tier of financial assistance for the elderly between the CSSA, a last safety net, and the Old Age Allowance which was not aimed at poverty alleviation. Therefore, applicants would only be eligible if their income and assets did not exceed the prescribed limits. He added that the limits would be adjusted annually in accordance with the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (“the Index”). As the OALA involved huge government

expenditure which would amount to \$10 billion annually, the Government had to be financially prudent and to optimise resources. He also said that the Government would review the OALA one year after its implementation.

63. Mr Chris IP requested the Government to appropriately relax the means test of the OALA to benefit more elders in need.

64. Mr HUI Tak-leung said that the Government did not consider the impact of inflation and the SMW on the income and asset limits of the OALA when it rolled out the scheme. He urged the Government to review the limits as soon as possible.

65. Mr Benny YEUNG said that the asset limit of the OALA were out of touch with the current price hikes. Moreover, following the implementation of the SMW, there was a general increase in wages. He opined that it was unreasonable to set the income limit of the OALA at the current level which had shut out many elders with genuine needs whose income were slightly above the limit.

66. Mr Barry WONG said that the Government's setting of the income limit of the OALA at \$6,880 showed that it had not considered the factor of the general increase of income under the SMW system. He opined that this was tantamount to discouraging the elderly from working and providing for themselves.

67. Ms KO Po-ling said that elders who owned a property but had no income probably could not meet the requirement of the asset limit of the OALA. The SWD really had to set the income and asset limits of the OALA at a reasonable level. She suggested writing to the Labour and Welfare Bureau ("LWB") in the name of the CBC to request the bureau to review and adjust the income and asset limits.

68. The Chairman said when the Government rolled out the OALA, it had indicated that it would review the scheme one year after its implementation. As the LegCo endorsed the scheme in December 2012, he asked whether the Government would review the scheme in December 2013 or in April 2014, i.e. when the scheme had been implemented for one year. Moreover, he did not understand why the SWD adjusted the income and asset limits of the OALA according to the Index instead of developing a new reference indicator.

69. Mr Frankie PUI responded that he could not provide any details on the review timetable for the OALA for the time being. He also said that the SWD would proactively follow up the views of Councillors and co-opted members.

70. Mr Barry WONG supported writing to the LWB in the name of the CBC, requesting an early review of the income and asset limits of the OALA and lowering of the approval threshold.

71. Mr HUI Tak-leung stressed that the SWD should take the initiative to review the income and asset limits of the OALA so as to provide a more reasonable benchmark for similar schemes in future. He also supported writing to the LWB to reflect the views of Councillors and co-opted members on the OALA.

72. Miss CHAN Wai-chun responded that the LegCo endorsed the implementation of the OALA in December 2012. Since its implementation was in three phases, the SWD had been

collecting views from various sectors and would proactively follow up the valuable views of Councillors and co-opted members.

73. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

(Post-meeting note: The CBC wrote to the LWB on 13 August 2013, requesting the bureau to review the income and asset limits of the OALA.)

Item 11: Request for Enhanced Efforts to Promote Organ Donation and Garden of Life
(YTMCBC Paper No. 38/2013)

----- 74. The Chairman said that the written responses (Annexes 4 and 5) of the DH and the LCSD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:

- (i) Dr Jaime SIN, Senior Medical and Health Officer (Community Liaison) 2 of the DH; and
- (ii) Mr NG Tsan-tak, Assistant District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong) 3 of the LCSD.

75. The Vice-chairman supplemented the contents of the paper. He said that he was not aware of the Garden of Life's opening ceremony in November 2011 even though he was the then DC Member of that constituency. He considered that the departments concerned should enhance publicity of the garden. Besides, he suggested that the LCSD place a sign bearing "Garden of Life" outside Kowloon Park for wider publicity.

(Mr CHOW Chun-fai left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.)

76. Dr Jaime SIN responded as follows:

- (a) The DH established the Centralised Organ Donation Register ("CODR") in November 2008. As at mid-July 2013, there were over 132 000 registrations at the CODR.
- (b) The Garden of Life was unveiled on 12 November 2011 and there was wide media coverage on the opening ceremony.
- (c) The DH was planning to hold a celebration ceremony for the fifth anniversary of the launch of the CODR at the Garden of Life in late 2013.
- (d) The DH promoted the Garden of Life through various channels including promotion by means of supporting the activities held by other organisations. For instance, on the 7th World Kidney Day held in Kowloon Park on 11 March 2012, the DH included information of the Garden of Life in the activity's promotional posters. Also, the DH had placed relevant promotional posters at Mass Transit Railway ("MTR") stations and made use of the illuminated advertisement boxes in pedestrian subways along Nathan

Road to promote the Garden of Life to the public. The DH had also invited artiste Annie Liew to shoot the promotional video about supporting organ donation at the garden.

- (e) The DH would continue to promote the positive message of organ donation through publicity work by public and private organisations, public education and, media and digital promotional channels.

77. Mr NG Tsan-tak responded that the LCSD was responsible for the management, repair and maintenance of the Garden of Life. Regarding the comment about inadequate signs of the garden, he indicated that the location of the garden was clearly shown in the 14 maps placed at Kowloon Park's entrances at Austin Road, Haiphong Road and other locations. The 13 directional sign posts on the main paths of Kowloon Park had also shown the way to the garden.

(Mr HUI Tak-leung left the meeting at 5:12 p.m.)

78. Mr LAU Pak-kei enquired the DH about the number of people who decided to donate organs after visiting the Garden of Life. He indicated that the Garden of Life aimed to promote organ donation as a commendable life-saving act. Besides the symbolic significance, the garden might not have an actual effect in promoting organ donation

79. Mr Chris IP hoped the Government would continue to improve the organ donation scheme and encourage more members of the public to participate in it. He also agreed that the Garden of Life might not be very helpful in promoting organ donation.

80. Mr Barry WONG pointed out that even if those who had signed organ donation cards passed away, organ donation could only be done with the consent of their family members. He thought that it was necessary for the DH to amend the laws and remedy the deficiencies of the organ donation scheme.

81. The Vice-chairman opined that the Garden of Life was not an ordinary tourist spot. Although the LCSD had indicated the location of the garden at the main entrances and paths of Kowloon Park, the garden would not be very helpful in promoting organ donation if members of the public were not aware of the symbolic meaning of the garden. He suggested that the DH consider conducting district-based publicity through the DC when holding organ donation activities in future. He also suggested installing directional signs of the Garden of Life on Tsim Sha Tsui's key streets and recommending the garden as a tourist spot in the district through the Tourism Commission ("TC") to strengthen publicity.

82. Mr HAU Wing-cheong enquired the DH about the effectiveness of the organ donation scheme. He considered the DH's publicity efforts for the Garden of Life inadequate as the garden was only promoted to the public at its opening ceremony. He suggested displaying promotional materials of organ donation at different government venues to enhance public understanding of organ donation.

83. Dr Jamie SIN responded as follows:

- (a) The DH promoted organ donation through various channels, not only through the Garden of Life.

- (b) There might be many reasons that triggered members of the public to support organ donation. It was rather difficult to identify whether the decision was made after visiting the Garden of Life.
- (c) The number of people who had registered with the CODR rose from 69 000 in late 2010 to 132 000 in mid-July 2013.
- (d) The DH endeavoured to promote the organ donation scheme through different channels including organisations (such as public and private sectors, community organisations, religious and medical institutions, etc.), networking, public education (including roving exhibitions launched at government offices buildings, shopping malls and public places, etc. and exhibitions as well as seminars organised in schools) and media publicity (including radio stations, television broadcasters and the Internet). She added that the DH not only televised announcements of public interest (APIs) on organ donation, but also created a fan page on Facebook in order to enable the public (especially the youth) understand and support organ donation better.
- (e) Upon death of prospective donors, transplant coordinators of hospitals under the HA would usually seek the bereaved family's consent for organ donation. Hence, the DH urged prospective donors to tell their families about their wish.

84. Mr NG Tsan-tak responded that the LCSD would clearly indicate the location of the Garden of Life in the Kowloon Park. He was not in a position to comment on the suggestion of adding directional signs for the Garden on main streets outside the Park because the area outside the Park was not under the purview of the LCSD.

85. The Vice-chairman emphasised that the Garden of Life was different from general tourist spots and facilities. If the LCSD only showed the location of the Garden on the maps and directional sign posts in the Kowloon Park, this might not be efficient in promoting organ donation. In addition, he asked the DH the number of cases in which the deceased had signed organ donation cards but the donation could not proceed because their family members refused to do so. He suggested that the DH consider treating a signed organ donation card as a will. In case that a holder of organ donation card passed away, the bereaved family could not act against the deceased's last wish by refusing to donate organs.

86. Dr Jamie SIN reiterated that according to the HA's current practices, organ donation could proceed only if transplant coordinators could obtain the consent of the family of the deceased who had indicated wish to donate organs. However, the HA would take public opinions on legislative amendments into consideration and review the policies in a timely manner.

87. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

Item 12: To Request the Administration to Raise Youth Awareness of Online Employment Traps (YTMCBC Paper No. 39/2013)

88. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:

- (i) Mrs Peggy CHENG and Mr YEUNG Chi-kit, Labour Officers (Employment Information and Promotion Programme Office) of the Labour Department (“LD”); and
- (ii) Mr YEUNG Chi-shing and Mr WONG Sai-kit, Sergeants of Police Community Relations Office (Mong Kok) and Mr CHENG Chun-wai, Sergeant of Police Community Relations Office (Yau Tsim) of the HKPF.

89. Mr John WONG supplemented the contents of the paper. He requested the departments concerned to strengthen promotions on online employment traps to the public.

90. Mr YEUNG Chi-kit responded as follows:

- (a) The LD had already made online employment traps a matter of ongoing concern. It would also remind the public to beware of employment traps through a series of publicity and promotion works, particularly stepping up promotions targeting young summer job seekers.
- (b) The LD would produce publicity materials and posters in relation to summer job scams for display or distribution in secondary schools, tertiary institutions, District Offices, public libraries and youth centres in order to remind the youth not to fall into employment traps.
- (c) The LD would post promotional messages on popular websites such as Yahoo and Facebook to remind job seekers to beware of employment traps.
- (d) The LD would contribute articles about employment traps to the newspaper and broadcast TV APIs at outdoor video screens in high-traffic areas such as Mong Kok, Tsuen Wan and Causeway Bay, etc.
- (e) The LD would produce radio APIs and arrange for broadcasting between April and September every year.
- (f) The LD would put up posters in job centres and distribute leaflets during large-scale recruitment activities to remind people to beware of employment traps.

91. Mr CHENG Chun-wai responded that the Yau Tsim Police District would combat online employment traps by gathering intelligence and organising operations. The Yau Tsim Police District would regularly collaborate with the Yau Tsim Mong District Fight Crime Committee, Crime Prevention Bureau (“CPB”) and Intelligence Section to distribute publicity leaflets on employment traps in the district. Moreover, the CPB and Police Community Relations Office (“PCRO”) would regularly organise related seminars in schools in the district. He added that the crime rate of online employment traps in Yau Tsim remained low. The Yau Tsim Police District would continue to keep an eye on online employment traps crime.

92. Mr YEUNG Chi-shing responded as follows:

- (a) The Mong Kok Police District had launched a Teen Protection Operation to curb juvenile crime since April 2011. The Anti-triad Unit and CPB officers would hold seminars with School Liaison Officers of the PCRO to alert youngsters to Internet crimes and employment traps.
- (b) The HKPF would distribute publicity leaflets in the district to alert residents to Internet crimes.
- (c) The Mong Kok Police District would enhance publicity and education on juvenile crime during the summer vacation.
- (d) The Mong Kok Police District received four reported cases about online employment traps in 2011 and eight in 2012. As at June 2013, the Mong Kok Police District had not received any similar reported cases.
- (e) The Mong Kok Police District would continue to monitor and combat Internet crimes.

93. Mr John WONG asked whether the LD would check that employers posting recruitment advertisements on the Interactive Employment Service (IES) website had a genuine need to recruit employees.

94. Mr TANG Ho-bun said that the LD could brief students on the labour legislation in Hong Kong and share with them labour cases when organising employment seminars in schools. This could equip school leavers with the necessary knowledge to prevent exploitation by employers. Moreover, the LD should verify the contents of recruitment advertisements prior to posting to prevent youngsters from falling into employment traps.

95. The Chairman hoped that government departments could cooperate to raise the awareness of youngsters to enable them to beware of online employment traps and prevent Internet crimes.

96. Mr HAU Wing-cheong hoped the LD and the HKPF could teach youngsters how to identify fake recruitment advertisements.

97. Mr YEUNG Chi-kit responded as follows:

- (a) The Job Vacancy Processing Centre of the LD would check every recruitment advertisement before putting them on the IES website. If the employer was a limited company, the LD would require the company to provide its Business Registration Certificate and the details of the company, including the company name, address, contact person, job title and salary of the vacancy, etc. If the employer was an individual, the employer should provide his name and proof of address.
- (b) Employers who wanted to post a recruitment advertisement on the IES website should sign a document to confirm compliance with the local labour legislation, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance and labour insurance policies.

- (c) The LD would follow up complaints where there were discrepancies of the employment package in recruitment advertisements on the IES website and the actual situation. If the complaint was substantiated, the LD might suspend all recruitment advertisements of the employer and forward the case to other law enforcing departments for follow-up action.
- (d) The LD would distribute “A Guide on the Employment Ordinance for Summer Job Students” and leaflets on industrial safety to secondary schools to enhance youngsters’ knowledge about labour legislation and employment protection.
- (e) The LD had published “A Guide for Students Seeking Summer Jobs” which set out the common employment traps, such as pyramid selling schemes, charging unreasonable fees and luring job seekers to pursue further studies. Job seekers could refer to it to avoid being deceived.

(Ms KO Po-ling left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.)

98. Mr WONG Sai-kit responded that the HKPF had broadcast a series of APIs about Internet crimes on the department’s website and Hong Kong Police @youtube.

99. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

Item 13: Request for Opening Government Venues for Foreign Domestic Helpers to Gather on Holidays
(YTMCBC Paper No. 40/2013)

100. The Chairman said that the written responses (Annexes 6 to 8) of the LCSD, the SWD and the Immigration Department (“ImmD”) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:

- (i) Mr NG Tsan-tak, Assistant District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong) 3 of the LCSD;
- (ii) Ms CHUNG Po-yuk, Senior School Development Officer (Yau Tsim & Mong Kok) 1 of the Education Bureau (“EDB”); and
- (iii) Mr Charlson CHIU, Assistant District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong).

101. The Chairman said he often received public views in recent years about a large number of foreign domestic helpers (“FDHs”) gathering in the parks and on the footbridges in the district during Sundays and public holidays had caused inconvenience to the public. He opined that some popular gathering places of FDHs (e.g. Mong Kok Road Footbridge) might not be suitable for holding events and group activities. The Government should consider opening the lobbies and common areas of its office buildings to FDHs so that they could have more suitable places for gatherings while fully utilising government resources.

102. Mr Charlson CHIU responded as follows:

- (a) There was a strong demand for community halls (“CHs”) and community centres (“CCs”) in the district. In considering the issue of opening those facilities on holidays to FDHs for gatherings and activities, the Yau Tsim Mong District Office (“YTMDO”) must strike a balance between the interests of the public and FDHs.
- (b) Tax-exempt charitable institutions according to section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) and government recognised area committees/organisations (e.g. mutual aid committees, owners’ corporations and owners’ committees) might be exempted from charges for using CHs and CCs for non-profit-making activities. If FDH groups jointly organised activities with such organisations in venues managed by the YTMDO, fees would be waived.

103. Mr NG Tsan-tak responded that the LCSD had an open mind in making its leisure and sports facilities available for use by expatriates. However, the users of these facilities must comply with the conditions of use, keep the venue clean and should not cause nuisance to other users.

104. Ms CHUNG Po-yuk responded that it had been the Government’s policy to encourage schools to open up their school facilities and hire out their school premises to community organisations as a means to foster collaboration between schools and the community. For instance, Hotung Secondary School in Causeway Bay and Kowloon Technical School in Sham Shui Po opened their school halls on Sundays for FDH organisations to hold activities. FDH groups could directly contact schools in the district to borrow their venues for gatherings and activities.

105. The Chairman hoped that the YTMDO could ask the ImmD and the SWD to enhance communication with FDH groups so as to foster relationship between members of the community and FDHs.

106. Mr HAU Wing-cheong was pleased to see that the YTMDO, the LCSD and the EDB were receptive to the suggestion of opening government venues on holidays for use by FDH groups.

107. Mr Charlson CHIU responded that the YTMDO would continue to ensure that venues in the district were fully utilised.

108. Mr Barry WONG opined that the Government should make proper arrangements when opening their venues to FDHs on holidays. It might otherwise be counter-productive if FDHs perceived such a policy as the Government’s intention to isolate them and regulate their use of public space. He also said that the outdoor activities of FDHs during holidays might not be suitable to be conducted indoors.

109. Miss CHAN Wai-chun responded that she would encourage social welfare organisations to organise a wide range of activities so as to attract participation from different ethnicities.

110. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

**Item 14: Request for Beautifying Park Lane, Tsim Sha Tsui
(YTMCBC Paper No. 41/2013)**

----- 111. The Chairman said that the written responses (Annexes 9 and 10) of the Highways Department ("HyD") and the LCSD as well as the joint written response of the TC and the Hong Kong Tourism Board (Annex 11) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed Mr NG Tsan-tak, Assistant District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong) 3 of the LCSD to the meeting.

112. Mr Chris IP supplemented the contents of the paper. He said that during the last term of the YTMDC, the HyD had undertaken to replace paving blocks at the Park Lane Shopper's Boulevard ("PLB") in Tsim Sha Tsui and the owners' committee of the PLB had recently agreed to bear part of the capital cost. However, the HyD had not honoured its undertaking of implementing the works.

113. Mr NG Tsan-tak replied that the HyD was responsible for the resurfacing works while the LCSD, for the maintenance of trees and plants on the streets as well as the provision of advice in this regard for road works involving trees. He added that the LCSD had all along been keeping an open mind on the issue of resurfacing the PLB.

114. Mr Chris IP was dissatisfied with the HyD that it did not send representatives to attend the meeting and procrastinated in taking forward the resurfacing works at the PLB. He referred to the written response of the HyD that the growth of tree roots would be affected when resurfacing the PLB. He questioned such a remark and proposed to continue the discussion on this item at the next meeting.

115. The Vice-chairman agreed to continue the discussion of this item under "Matter Arising". He said that resurfacing footpaths with paving blocks did not involve excavation works and was puzzled why the HyD said the works would affect the growth of tree roots and hence "would require the approval of the LCSD". He stressed that during the last term of the YTMDC, the HyD had undertaken to replace paving blocks at the PLB. The owners/occupiers and the management company had also agreed to conduct the works. The government departments therefore should have proactively supported the plan. Moreover, he wanted to know whether the TC had provided directional signs at the exits of Tsim Sha Tsui MTR Station and nearby attractions to facilitate tourists to visit the PLB.

116. Mr Barry WONG was dissatisfied with the HyD that it had disregarded the request of two terms of the YTMDC for resurfacing the PLB and that it responded perfunctorily by sending a written response instead of sending representatives to attend the meeting and answer Councillors' inquiries. He agreed to continue the discussion on this item at the next meeting and strongly called upon the HyD to deploy representatives to attend the meeting next time.

117. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo said that the current-term Government often called for concerted efforts from all walks of life. Given that the two terms of the YTMDC had already resolved to replace paving blocks at the PLB and the owners/occupiers concerned had also consented to carry out the works in order to foster the development of tourism in the district, the HyD should have proactively supported the works. He agreed to continue the discussion on this matter and urged the HyD to give a clear account on the issue.

118. Mr Chris IP pointed out that according to the written response of the HyD, the works “would require the approval of the LCSD”, but the LCSD had clearly indicated its open attitude on the works. He hoped that the HyD could respond positively to the project. He further said that roads in the vicinity of Austin Road and Haiphong Road in Tsim Sha Tsui had already been resurfaced, whereas the PLB were still using dilapidated paving blocks. He requested the paving blocks be replaced as soon as possible.

119. The Chairman asked Councillors and co-opted members whether they agreed to continue the discussion of this item at the next meeting and invite the HyD to attend the next meeting. There was no objection.

120. Mr Chris IP said as the LCSD had indicated its open attitude on the repaving works of the PLB and the TC had provided directional signs in the district to show its location, the CBC only needed to invite the HyD to attend the next meeting.

121. The Chairman announced that the item would be discussed at the next meeting and would continue to invite representatives of the HyD to attend the meeting.

Item 15: Any Other Business

(A) Concern over Planning and Design for Footbridges to Connect Express Rail Link West Kowloon Terminus

(B) Organisation of Large-scale Public Events in West Kowloon Cultural District

(C) Arrangement for Provision of a Self-study Room in Tai Kok Tsui Municipal Services Building

122. The Chairman said that the Vice-chairman had notified the Secretariat of his request to add supplementary information to two papers, namely “Concern over Planning and Design for Footbridges to Connect Express Rail Link West Kowloon Terminus” (YTM CBC Paper No. 20/2013) and “No Local Consultation on a Poon Choi Feast cum Cultural Carnival Held at West Kowloon Cultural District Site” (YTM CBC Paper No. 22/2013). The relevant information (Annex 12) was placed on the table for Members’ perusal.

123. The Vice-chairman said that the CBC had written to the Railway Development Office of the HyD on 30 May 2013, requesting further information on the planning and design of the three footbridges linking the Express Rail Link (“XRL”) West Kowloon terminus and the MTR Kowloon station. The HyD replied on 10 June 2013 with an information brief attached therein. However, the information was still insufficient and thus he requested to write to the HyD again in the name of the CBC to urge the department to give a clear account to the CBC and the owners’ corporations of various housing estates above the MTR Kowloon Station on the final layout plan of the three footbridges.

124. The Vice-chairman further said that at the 10th meeting of the Consultation Panel of West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (“WK CDA”) on 4 June 2013, the WK CDA had revised the terms of applications for organising activities on the temporary sites of the West Kowloon Cultural District, requiring applicants for organising large-scale public activities to consult stakeholders in the district on the proposed activities for the WK CDA’s consideration.

125. The Chairman asked Councillors and co-opted members whether they agreed to write to the HyD again, requesting the department to give a clear account to the CBC and the owners' corporations of various housing estates above the MTR Kowloon Station on the final layout plan of the three footbridges linking the XRL West Kowloon terminus and the MTR Kowloon station as well as listening to the views of stakeholders on the enclosed and open design of the footbridges and the management of the pedestrian access on the first floor of the MTR Kowloon Station. There was no objection.

126. The Chairman added that the Vice-chairman made a further request. If the HyD failed to give a satisfactory reply one month after the letter was sent, he suggested lodging a written complaint to the Secretary for Transport and Housing in the name of the CBC against the HyD for failing to handle the matter properly. The Chairman asked Councillors and co-opted members if they agreed with the arrangement and there was no objection.

----- (Post-meeting note: The CBC wrote to the HyD (Annex 13) on 13 August 2013 to express the requests of Councillors and co-opted members)

127. Mr LAU Pak-kei said the LCSD had undertaken at the last meeting that it would report the arrangement for the provision of a temporary self-study room in the Tai Kok Tsui Municipal Services Building at the current or the next CBC meeting on 17 October. He wanted to know the progress of the matter.

128. Mr NG Tsan-tak said that the LCSD would report the arrangement concerned at the CBC meeting on 17 October.

129. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 17 October 2013 (Thursday).

Yau Tsim Mong District Council Secretariat
August 2013

**Proposed Amendments to the Draft Minutes of
the 9th Meeting of Community Building Committee held on 13 June 2013
Yau Tsim Mong District Council (2012-2015)**

Paragraph 57:

Original Text: “Mr Barry WONG said that the mental wellness of men was equally important. He then said that no land had been allocated by the department to set up a Service Centre for Mental Wellness in the district yet and hoped the SWD could help take the matter forward. Moreover, he asked whether the DH had stipulated the time for consultations and follow-up consultations for psychiatric patients.”

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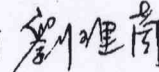
黃主席：

您於二零一三年六月二十日就油尖旺區議會社區建設委員會(社建會)會議致函行政長官。本局獲授權就有關事宜作出回覆。

食物及衛生局及本局轄下關愛基金秘書處將派員出席社建會於七月二十五日下午舉行的會議，聽取委員對於關愛基金「長者牙科服務資助」項目的意見。我們將與社建會秘書就出席會議的安排再行聯絡。

就相關政策局／部門早前未能出席社建會的會議，謹此再表歉意。

民政事務局局長

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「長者生活津貼」的入息和資產限額

目的

本文件旨在回應許德亮議員就有關「長者生活津貼」的入息和資產限額的提問和所提出的意見。

「長者生活津貼」

2. 社會福利署（下稱“社署”）由2013年4月1日起，在現行公共福利金計劃下增設「長者生活津貼」，目的是為補助本港65歲或以上有經濟需要的長者的生活開支。合資格長者可獲發每月2,200元的津貼。「長者生活津貼」在2013年4月1日實施後，已取替了「普通高齡津貼」。

3. 由於「長者生活津貼」旨在扶貧，在作為最後安全網的綜合社會保障援助和非為扶貧而設的高齡津貼之間，提供一層新的經濟支援，因此受惠人的入息及資產須沒有超過規定的限額，才符合資格申領津貼。

「長者生活津貼」的入息及資產限額和調整機制

4. 「長者生活津貼」的入息及資產上限與以往的普通高齡津貼一樣，行之有效，為很多長者所熟悉。由於「長者生活津貼」是現時高齡津貼金額的兩倍，繼續沿用以往65至69歲長者申領高齡津貼的入息和資產限額是適度寬鬆的安排。

5. 「長者生活津貼」的入息及資產限額會根據既定機制每年按社會保障援助物價指數（下稱“社援指數”）作出調整。由2013年2月1日起有關的入息和資產限額如下：

	單身長者	夫婦
每月總入息	\$6,880	\$10,940
資產總值	\$193,000	\$292,000

6. 事實上，在「長者生活津貼」推出後，年滿70歲的長者如超出入息和資產上限，或不想作出申報，仍可繼續領取每月1,135元的高齡津貼。社署未有備存因入息超過限額而未能符合資格領取「長者生活津貼」的個案數字。

7. 當局會繼續密切留意社援指數的變動，然後按既定機制調整有關限額。

總結

8. 請各議員備悉文件內容。

社會福利署

2013年7月

議項十一
書面回應(2)

就油尖旺區議會孔昭華等議員的提問，本署現謹覆如下：

推動器官捐贈活動
加強推廣「生命·愛」花園

衛生署自二零零八年十一月起設立中央器官捐贈登記名冊（中央名冊），為市民提供一個便利的方法（透過多種途徑包括互聯網、電郵及傳真等方式），登記他們死後捐贈器官的意願，截至二零一三年七月中，中央名冊已收錄超過十三萬二千名市民的登記。

為了讓市民明白器官捐贈的重要性，衛生署聯同醫管局和有關的非政府機構一直致力進行推廣工作，從以機構為本的網絡、公眾教育、媒體宣傳及推動電子形式參與等方面作出推廣。衛生署於二零一一年八月於社交網站 Facebook 設立臉書粉絲專頁（<http://www.organdonation.gov.hk/fanpage>），提升市民特別是年青人對器官捐贈的認識和支持，而醫管局與香港移植學會亦於每年舉行感恩大會，讓一眾受贈者聚首一堂向捐贈者家庭表示感謝。

此外，衛生署更在九龍公園設立「生命·愛」花園，通過象徵性地標向公眾廣泛宣揚器官捐贈這種救人善舉。「生命·愛」花園於二零一一年十一月十二日開幕，其開幕典禮得到傳媒廣泛報導。衛生署其後積極透過不同平台向市民宣傳該花園，包括發電郵予各支持機構、於報章撰文、在器官捐贈專題網頁（<http://www.organdonation.gov.hk>）和「器官捐贈在香港」臉書粉絲專頁加插「生命·愛」花園副頁等。另外，為呼籲行人前往參觀，衛生

署曾於地鐵站張貼有關宣傳海報，並在彌敦道附近的行人隧道內展示大型宣傳燈箱。我們更邀得藝人廖安麗女士到「生命・愛」花園拍攝支持器官捐贈宣傳短片，並於去年三月八日首播，有關短片可透過「器官捐贈在香港」臉書粉絲專頁瀏覽。

我們亦通過支持機構主辦的推廣活動來宣傳，例如加插「生命・愛」花園的資訊於去年三月十一日在九龍公園舉行的第七屆世界腎臟日宣傳海報內。

為進一步加強公眾對「生命・愛」花園的認識，衛生署擬於本年底假花園舉辦中央器官捐贈登記名冊成立五周年慶典，屆時歡迎各持份者及公眾到場，一同支持器官捐贈。

透過上述不同途徑，我們希望在短期內減少個人及家屬對捐贈器官的抗拒或猶豫；長遠而言則希望在社會建立一股風氣，把自願捐贈器官視為無償、值得表揚和理所當然的善行。展望未來，衛生署會把推廣器官捐贈的重點放在年青人上，繼續透過不同平台宣傳，進一步宣揚器官捐贈的正面信息。

衛生署

二零一三年七月

康樂及文化事務署

就油尖旺區議會社區建設委員會文件第 38 /2013 號

查詢加強推廣「生命·愛」花園書面回應

康文署負責「生命·愛」花園的管理、維修及保養事宜。就文件中所提及有關「生命·愛」花園指示不足的意見，為指示市民前往「生命·愛」花園，本署已採取如下的方法：

- (甲) 在九龍公園位於柯士甸道、海防道及其他主要入口設置了 14 個場地指示圖，圖上標示「生命·愛」花園的位置。
- (乙) 在九龍公園主要通道的 13 個指示標柱上放置了該花園的方向指示牌，引領遊人到該設施參觀。
- (丙) 本署亦印製九龍公園宣傳單張宣傳，介紹園內設施，當中包括「生命·愛」花園。

本署會不時檢討有關指示的數量及位置，並繼續與衛生署緊密聯繫，以加強「生命·愛」花園的推廣。

康樂及文化事務署
二零一三年七月

康樂及文化事務署

就油尖旺區議會社區建設委員會文件第 40/2013 號
要求開放政府場地供外籍家傭於假日使用書面回應

就議員提議開放政府場地供外籍家傭於假日使用的建議，本署回應如下：

1. 按照康文署現行政策，除了在舉辦運動會、球賽或嘉年華會的日子外，康文署大部份室外運動場(香港大球場，旺角大球場除外)均已開放觀眾席予公眾人士使用，惟使用者必須遵守康樂及體育設施使用條件及保持場地清潔。
2. 康文署職員在日常巡視公園時，會留意場地的使用情況。如發現使用者有任何違規行為如阻塞通道或弄污場地等，會立刻作出勸籲及阻止，以免引起與其他使用者發生衝突。

康樂及文化事務署

二零一三年七月

議項十三
書面回應(2)

**2012 至 2015 年度油尖旺區議會
社區建設委員會委員**

**社會福利署就
要求開放政府場地供外籍家傭於假日使用
作的書面回應**

對於要求開放政府場地供外籍家傭於假日使用，由於不是社會福利署的範疇，因此部門對此未有特別回應。

Towards WONG Kin-san's request on "要求開放政府場地供外籍家傭於假日使用", our Department has no particular response to the subject which is beyond our Department's purview.

二零一三年七月

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(經辦人: 黃嘉穎女士)

黃女士:

要求開放政府場地供外籍家傭於假日使用

謝謝 貴會本年 7 月 10 日的來信。

鑑於上述事宜並不屬本處職權範圍，本處抱歉未能提供進一步資料，亦未能派員出席 貴會於本年 7 月 25 日的社區建設委員會會議。

入境事務處處長

(劉文耀 代行)

二零一三年七月十一日

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2012 至 2015 年度油尖旺區議會
社區建設委員會

要求美化尖沙咀栢麗購物大道

民建聯油尖旺支部二零一三年七月十日的查詢及建議

1. 請問部門現時栢麗購物大道的地磚使用多久？部門有否為該路段的地磚進行定期維修及保養？現時又有否定期維修及保養栢麗購物大道對出的花槽？

現時栢麗購物大道的地磚已使用了一段頗長的時間。根據合約安排，本署承建商每星期都會為該路段進行定期安全視察，而每六個月亦會為該道路進行詳細視察。此外，本署會按合約要求抽樣審核承建商的報告，並會作不定期巡查各重要街道的路面及設施情況，然後就承建商所提供的報告及本署的巡查結果，為損毀道路或設施安排所需的維修。有關栢麗購物大道對出的花槽，本署亦會進行上述的定期詳細巡查及按需要進行維修。

2. 建議部門全面翻新與美化栢麗購物大道，包括研究重鋪路面與重新設計一帶的花槽，並增加旅遊指示，方便旅客。

路政署是負責道路維修的部門。栢麗大道沿路有多棵古樹，為免重鋪地磚工程會影響樹根，工程須經康樂及文化事務署批准。在重鋪和美化行人路面一事上，本署會與康文署再作跟進。

路政署/市區

二零一三年七月十二日

Request for Beautifying Park Lane, Tsim Sha Tsui
DAB Yau Tsim Mong Branch's Enquiries and Suggestions of 10.7.2013

1. 請問部門現時栢麗購物大道的地磚使用多久？部門有否為該路段的地磚進行定期維修及保養？現時又有否定期維修及保養栢麗購物大道對出的花槽？

The footpath pavers at Park Lane have been in use for a long period of time. According to the contract requirements, our contractor carries out weekly safety inspections and half-yearly detailed inspections of the road section on regular basis. In addition, we conduct regular audits of the contractor's inspection reports according to the contract requirements and also carry out random inspections of important roads on road surface and facilities. Based on the contractor's reports and the results of our inspections, we would arrange for the required road maintenance works. With regard to the planters at Park Lane, we also conduct the above-mentioned regular detailed inspections and carry out maintenance as required.

2. 建議部門全面翻新與美化栢麗購物大道，包括研究重鋪路面與重新設計一帶的花槽，並增加旅遊指示，方便旅客。

Highways Department is responsible for the maintenance of roads. There is a number of Old Valuable Trees along Park Lane. Re-paving works on footpath would require the approval of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in order not to affect the tree roots. We will continue to liaise with the LCSD on matters concerning the re-paving and beautification of the footpaths.

Urban (Kowloon) Region, Highways Department
12 July 2013

康樂及文化事務署
就油尖旺區議會社區建設委員會文件第 41 /2013 號

要求美化尖沙咀柏麗購物大道的書面回應

重鋪行人路地磚是維修工作，由道路維修的工程部門即路政署負責。本署的職責負責街道上的樹木及植物保養，及為有關涉及樹木的道路工程提供樹木護養意見。

在重鋪和美化行人路面一事上，本署持開放態度，並會與路政署緊密合作，提供適切的樹木護養意見。

康樂及文化事務署
油尖旺區康樂事務辦事處
2013 年 7 月

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社區建設委員會秘書
(經辦人：黃嘉穎女士)

(傳真號碼：2722 7696)

黃女士：

有關「要求美化尖沙咀栢麗購物大道」文件

你於 2013 年 7 月 10 日的信件已於 2013 年 7 月 17 日轉交本署跟進。就上述文件有關「增加旅遊指示，方便旅客」的建議，我們諮詢了香港旅遊發展局（旅發局）的意見，現回覆如下。

旅遊事務署聯同旅發局所推行的「改善地區旅客指示標誌計劃」，旨在向旅客提供一套既方便又容易辨認的旅客指示標誌系統，輔助旅客循著旅發局所推廣的路線，前往附近一帶的主要旅遊景點及設施。

栢麗購物大道屬尖沙咀區的主要旅遊購物熱點，我們已於區內設置多個方向指示牌，指示栢麗購物大道的位置及輔助旅客從最近的公共交通交匯處（例如港鐵站出口）前往該處。旅發局按實際情況作出評估，認為現時在區內設置的旅客指示標誌，已能為旅客提供足夠的指引，並能有效輔助他們前往栢麗購物大道。

旅發局及旅遊事務署將不會出席油尖旺區議會社區建設委員會於 2013 年 7 月 25 日舉行的會議。

旅遊事務專員
(何錦萍 代行)



2013 年 7 月 22 日

副本分送
香港旅遊發展局(經辦人：夏永欣女士)

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致油尖旺區議會社區建設委員會秘書處：

孔昭華副主席會在社區建設委員會(2012 至 2015 年度)第十次會議的其他事項中提出以下兩點：

1. 2013 年 5 月 9 日油尖旺區議會社區建設委員會第八次會議，第 20/2013 號文件：「關注高鐵九龍總站接駁九龍站行人天橋的規劃和設計」，路政署書面回覆謂該三條行人天橋的規劃及設計早已完成……，採用開放式的設計作自然的空氣對流。惟當日各發言的議員均表示港鐵及政府部門從來沒有就該三條行人天橋詳細的資料和設計圖則提交區議會作討論。黃建新主席總結討論，各議員同意以社建會名義去信路政署要求當局就三條行人天橋的規劃和設計提供進一步的資料，在 2013 年 6 月 14 日收到由油尖旺區議會秘書處轉交路政署鐵路拓展處於 6 月 10 日的回覆信件。

本人對於回覆信件及匯報內容深感失望，該信件所述 2009 年 2 月 26 日在油尖旺區議會第 27/2009 號的資料文件，只是「廣深港高速鐵路香港段高鐵總站及附近道路網絡的初步規劃及設計方案」；而於柯士甸站訪客中心展示上述接駁行人天橋的設計模型展覽，以及高鐵社區聯絡小組(高鐵總站)會議的幻燈片只交代理人天橋的位置和佈局，從沒講述會採用開放式行人天橋設計的明確訊息，其中多張幻燈片顯示的行人天橋模擬圖片出現多款不同的設計，例如模擬內圖片是中間單柱式和展覽模型是以密封式作展示；在本人出席的所有區議會及高鐵社區聯絡小組會議中，從未聽聞有關開放式行人天橋的規劃設計，直至本人最近提呈區議會文件才在署方回覆文件中得知該三條行人天橋的規劃和設計早已完成，將採用開放式的設計。本人對於港鐵及署方一直沒有向區議會及高鐵社區聯絡小組清楚主動解釋有關開放式行人天橋的設計，而只以不同的初步規劃及設計資料和模擬圖片視為其有關天橋設計早已完成的解說，實在難以理解！

再者，本人得知九龍站上蓋各期屋苑業委會亦從未被告知有關行人天橋的最終設計，因此九龍站發展項目業主委員會在最近的會議上，通過就有關事件致函運輸及房屋局（請見附件），由於該三行人條天橋將以開放式接駁九龍站一樓的行人通道，涉及的冷氣費和維修責任屬九龍站上蓋各期屋苑共同承擔，局方理應聽取他們對該些天橋設計的意見。

謹此要求社區建設委員會主席，再次去信促請路政署向本委員會及九龍站上蓋各期屋苑業委會清楚交代上述行人天橋的最終設計圖則，聽取各持份者對密封式和開放式行人天橋的意見，以及所接駁九龍站一樓行人通道的管理安排等意見。若 1 個月內仍未得到署方滿意的回覆，本人建議本委員會致函運輸及房屋局局長，投訴有關部門對事件的不恰當處理。

2. 就 2013 年 5 月 9 日油尖旺區議會社區建設委員會第八次會議，第 22/2013 號文件：「西九文化區臨時工地舉辦萬人盆菜宴嘉年華沒做地區諮詢」。本人於 5 月 15 日收到西九文化區管理局致食物環境衛生署油尖區總監之信件副本，本人對於信件的内容不盡認同，並認為西九文化區管理局過往多個大型活動的地區諮詢有所不足，不應在信件中推卸責任。在 2013 年 6 月 4 日的西九文化區管理局諮詢會第十次會議中，局方就臨時用地舉辦活動申請的條款已作出修訂，加入了日後如舉辦大型公眾活動，應徵詢地區持份者之意見等條款。

2013 年 7 月 25 日

Kowloon Station Development Owners Committee
九龍站發展項目業主委員會

Our ref: USMO/L/2013/010

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By email (enquiry@thb.gov.hk) and Post

Date: 11th July 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Express Rail Link – Hong Kong Section

The Bridges Connecting to Government, Institution Or Community (GIC) Passageway

Pursuant to the Principal Deed of Mutual Covenant and Management Agreement in respect of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 11080, Kowloon Station Development, Hong Kong, the owners of the 7 packages atop Kowloon Station have to contribute the full costs for repair and maintenance of the Government Institution Or Community (GIC) at the Lot. We as the Development Owners Committee are writing to state our concern on the consequence of the bridges to be connected to the (GIC) at the Lot.

We notice that XRL has a plan to link XRL and Kowloon Station (KOW) by building three footbridges over Lin Cheong Road and a south tunnel near Austin Road West. The footbridges will allow passengers to travel between XRL and KOW by way of our 24-hour GIC passageway at Kowloon Station Development. We would like the relevant government departments and XRL team to address the following issues:

- (1) International travellers with luggage may rush to catch the first train to their destination. A logical arrangement is to have an exclusive direct pedestrian passage between KOW and WKT (Express Train West Kowloon Terminus) so that travellers can move their luggage on carts between the two terminals. Asking them to go up and down with luggage between the underground level and the footbridge level, and share our passageway with other pedestrian is a poor arrangement. The footbridge must be designed to enable travellers to use, otherwise, it will impact to the image of Hong Kong.
- (2) Passageways will arrive at both KOW and WKT by rail at the underground level. The current design requires passengers going from KOW and WKT to be lifted at KOW from the underground level to the footbridge level, walk across the footbridges by way of our GIC passageway and be lowered to underground platform level at WKT. This arrangement not only causes inconvenience to WKT passengers but also generates unnecessarily carbon emission by consuming a lot of energy in lifting and lowering passengers with escalators. An underground passage allowing passengers to walk with their luggage directly from KOW to WKT without lifting and lowering is the green option, saving energy and minimizing the carbon emission.
- (3) XRL recently informed us that the footbridges connecting to our GIC passageway would be in the form of an open-sided structure with natural ventilation. After attending the meeting of

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Community Building Committee of Yau Tsim Mong District Council on 9 May 2013, I as the Chairlady of DOC did not agree with the response of government as neither government department nor MTR had consulted or reported to public about the design of the footbridges since no information has been disclosed in any relevant meeting minutes before. When we have meetings with XRL team in the earlier time, they showed us the future XRL model in Austin Station. The original design of bridges was in the form of a sealed structure with air-conditioning facilities. We did not aware that the bridges in the form of an open-sided structure have been confirmed. Moreover, at the DOC meeting of 20th June 2013, all the attending members reiterated that they were not consulted by both XRL and relevant Government Depts on the actual design and features of three connecting footbridges.

- (4) The GIC passageway is maintained at our cost which includes the wear-and-tear maintenance and the electricity for running the air-conditioning and escalators. If the open-sided structure bridge connects to our GIC passageway, the air-conditioning will run off and our electricity cost of air-conditioning will definitely go up. It is unfair for the owners of the 7 packages atop Kowloon Station to fully absorb the operation cost of these common areas to facilitate the users of Express Rail Link:

We sincerely request your consideration for our comment. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Should you have any queries, please feel free to call Mr. William Lock at 2375 9082. Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Yours truly,

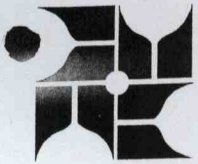


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高鐵九龍站行人天橋的規劃和設計

在 2013 年 7 月 25 日油尖旺區議會社區建設委員會(“社建會”)會議上，委員備悉貴署在 2013 年 6 月 10 日就上述事項提交的書面回覆。

有關高鐵九龍站行人天橋的設計，有議員不滿貴署只提供不同的初步規劃/設計資料及模擬圖片，並沒有向區議會及高鐵社區聯絡小組清楚交代天橋的規劃詳情。有見及此，社建會委員在上述會議上一致通過，要求貴署向本委員會及九龍站上蓋各期屋苑業委會清楚交代上述行人天橋的最終設計圖則，並就密封式和開放式天橋設計，以及天橋接駁通道的管理安排，聽取所有持份者的意見。此外，會上決定如貴署在本信發出後一個月內仍未能給予滿意回覆，本委員會將致函運輸及房屋局局長，要求嚴正跟進此事。

有關上述會議的內容，請登入油尖旺區議會網頁(http://www.districtcouncils.gov.hk/ytm/tc/2012_2015/committee_meetings.html)收聽會議錄音，會議記錄(擬稿)容後寄上。

請於 2013 年 9 月 13 日或之前與油尖旺區議會秘書處聯絡，以示回覆。

社區建設委員會主席

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副本送：油尖旺區議會孔昭華議員

2013 年 8 月 13 日