

**Minutes of the 17th Meeting of
Community Building Committee
Yau Tsim Mong District Council (2012-2015)**

Date : 16 October 2014 (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 CHOW Chun-fai, BBS, JP	Mr LAU Pak-kei
Ms KO Po-ling, BBS, MH, JP	Mr HAU Wing-cheong, BBS, MH	Mr WONG Chung, John
Mr CHAN Siu-tong, MH	Mr HUI Tak-leung	Mr WONG Man-sing, Barry, MH
Mr CHAN Wai-keung	Mr IP Ngo-tung, Chris	Ms WONG Shu-ming
Mr CHOI Siu-fung, Benjamin	Ms KWAN Sau-ling	Mr YEUNG Tsz-hei, Benny, MH

Co-opted Members

Ms LEE See-yin, Leticia	Mr CHIU Sung-bun, Ernest
Mr KO Hiu-wing	Mr LAU Kai-kit, Vincent
Mr TSE Ping-kwan, Raymond	

Representatives of the Government

Miss NG Wai-chung, Jocelyn	Assistant District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong)	Home Affairs Department
Mr CHUI Yu-ming, Daniel	Senior Community Relations Officer (Kowloon West)	Independent Commission Against Corruption
Ms CHUNG Po-yuk	Senior School Development Officer (Yau Tsim and Mong Kok) 1	Education Bureau
Ms WONG Sau-ling, Vicky	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong) 2	Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss CHAN Wai-chun	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong) 2	Social Welfare Department

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:

Dr CHAN See-ka, Scarlet	Medical and Health Officer (Community Liaison) 2	Department of Health
Dr LO Chi-yuen, Albert	Cluster Chief Executive (Kowloon Central Cluster)/Hospital Chief Executive (Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Rehabaid Centre)	Hospital Authority
Ms Ella LEE	Senior Manager (Community Relations and Public Affairs), Queen Elizabeth Hospital	Hospital Authority
Ms LAM See-pui	Hospital Manager (Community Relations and Public Affairs) 2, Queen Elizabeth Hospital	Hospital Authority
Mr CHAN Wai-kit	Engineer/XRL (9)	Highways Department
Ms WOO Ting-ka, Gloria	Projects Communications Manager	MTR Corporation Limited
Mr FUNG Wai-chung	Senior Liaison Engineer	MTR Corporation Limited
Mr YU Tik-fung	Chief Technical Officer	Highways Department
Mr LEE Siu-wing	Maintenance Senior Inspector of Works/Yau Tsim	Highways Department
Mr TAI Seung-kun	Engineer/Yau Tsim	Transport Department
Mr CHAN H.S.	Senior Project Manager	Flying Snow Limited
Mr Steve CHAN	Senior Deputy Project Manager	Flying Snow Limited
Miss NG Sin-yee	Supervisor (Mongkok Social Security Field Unit)	Social Welfare Department

Absent:

Mr SIU Hong-ping	Co-opted Member	
Mr KONG Pui-wai	Co-opted Member	
Ms HONG Yuen-kwan, Natalie	Police Community Relations Officer (Mong Kok District)	Hong Kong Police Force
Ms WONG Ping-ping	Police Community Relations Officer (Yau Tsim)	Hong Kong Police Force

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Miss Jocelyn NG, the newly-appointed Assistant District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong) to the meeting. He reported that Ms CHUNG Po-yuk, Senior School Development Officer (Yau Tsim and Mong Kok) 1 of the Education Bureau attended the meeting on behalf of Mrs LING SO Ka-lan, Jacqueline, while 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. Moreover, Ms Natalie HONG, Police Community Relations Officer (Mong Kok District) and Ms WONG Ping-ping, Police Community Relations Officer (Yau Tsim) of the Hong Kong Police Force, and Co-opted Members Mr SIU Hong-ping and Mr KONG Pui-wai were absent due to other commitments.

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

- Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed without amendment.

(Mr HAU Wing-cheong, Mr HUI Tak-leung and Mr Benny YEUNG joined the meeting at 2:35 p.m.)

**Item 2: Health Care Vouchers (“HCV”) for Use in Public Medical Sector
(YTMCBC Paper No. 48/2014)**

3. The Chairman said that as the representative of the Department of Health (“DH”) had other commitments, he suggested inviting the representative to respond to the paper submitted by Mr CHAN Wai-keung first. There was no objection.

4. The Chairman said that the written response of the Food and Health Bureau (“FHB”) (Annex 1) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed Dr Scarlet CHAN, Medical and Health Officer (Community Liaison) 2 of the DH to the meeting. Dr Scarlet CHAN indicated that she would reflect Councillors’ view to the FHB.

5. Mr CHAN Wai-keung supplemented the contents of the paper. He indicated that the elderly not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (“CSSA”) might not be able to afford the medical fee charged by the private medical sector solely by the Elderly HCV in the long run, but they could not use the EHCVs in the public medical sector. Therefore he suggested that the coverage of EHCV Scheme be extended to medical services in the public medical sector.

(Ms KWAN Sau-ling joined the meeting at 2:36 p.m.)

6. Dr Scarlet CHAN responded as follows:

- (a) On 1 January 2009, the Government launched the Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Scheme, subsidising Hong Kong residents aged 70 or above to use private primary care services. Since January 2014, the Government had converted the Scheme from a pilot basis into a recurrent programme, and starting from June 2014, the annual voucher amount had been doubled to \$2,000.
- (b) The HCV was introduced to subsidise elders to use private primary care services and encourage them to use the services that would suit their needs in the community. Public healthcare services, including the out-patient consultation service provided by the Hospital Authority (“HA”) and the DH, would not be reduced. The service fees of the existing public healthcare services were at a relatively low level affordable to most elders.
- (c) It has always been the Government’s fundamental principle that no one would be denied adequate medical care due to lack of means. The medical fee waiver mechanism would take care of those families or elders who had economic predicaments and could not afford the medical service fee. Whether the coverage of healthcare services under the Scheme would be extended was subject to the FHB’s evaluation of scheme effectiveness upon implementation of enhancements for a period of time.
- (d) She would reflect Mr CHAN Wai-keung’s views to the FHB.

(Mr Barry WONG joined the meeting at 2:37 p.m.)

(Mr CHAN Siu-tong, Mr Chris IP and Mr John WONG joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.)

7. Mr Benny YEUNG hoped that the DH could give a written response to Councillors' suggestions.

8. Mr CHAN Wai-keung indicated that many elders who had not used HCVs did not know where to get the vouchers and how to find out the voucher balance. He requested the DH to strengthen publicity on HCV redemption and the enquiry hotline on the voucher balance.

9. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo remarked that although the existing service fees of public healthcare services was affordable, the elderly might need to seek follow-up consultation on a long term basis. The Administration should consider extending the HCV coverage to the public sector to benefit the elderly. He also suggested the Government produce a handy card with the guidance and enquiry hotline of HCV so that the elderly could refer to it anytime.

10. Ms KO Po-ling approved of Mr CHAN Wai-keung's suggestion which would benefit non-CSSA elders who required long term follow-up in the public medical sector. She also approved of the proposal of producing printing cards with HCV information for the convenience of the elderly.

(Mr CHOW Chun-fai joined the meeting at 2:45 p.m.)

11. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo added that some space should be set aside on the proposed HCV cards for cardholders or medical officers to fill in the voucher balance.

12. Mr Barry WONG asked why the FHB did not lower the eligible age for HCV to 65.

(Mr Benjamin CHOI joined the meeting at 2:47 p.m.)

13. The Vice-chairman said that the term "Elderly Health Care Voucher" would be misunderstood as a physical voucher. He asked the FHB whether it would consider renaming "Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme" to "Elderly Health Care Subsidy Scheme" to avoid misunderstanding.

14. Dr Scarlet CHAN responded as follows:

- (a) Whether the coverage of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Scheme would be extended was subject to the FHB's evaluation of scheme effectiveness upon implementation of enhancements for a period of time.
- (b) The medical fee waiver mechanism would take care of those families or elders who had economic predicaments and could not afford the medical service fee.
- (c) She would reflect Councillors' views to the FHB.

15. The Chairman thanked the representative of the DH for joining the discussion on this item.

**Item 3: Financial Position of Yau Tsim Mong District Council (“YTMDC”) Funds as at 6 October 2014
(YTMCBC Paper No. 40/2014)**

**Item 4: Applications for 2014-2015 YTMDC Funds from Specified Organisations
(YTMCBC Paper No. 41/2014)**

**Item 5: Applications for 2014-2015 YTMDC Funds from Non-specified Organisations / Mutual Aid Committees / Owners’ Corporations / Owners’ Committees (3rd Phase)
(YTMCBC Paper No. 42/2014)**

**Item 6: Funding Application from 2014-2015 Executive Committee of Yau Tsim Mong Healthy City for Organising Healthy Lives Promotion Activities
(YTMCBC Paper No. 43/2014)**

**Item 7: Funding Application from Working Group (“WG”) on Care for the Community for Organising Community Care Activities
(YTMCBC Paper No. 44/2014)**

**Item 8: Funding Application from WG on Concern for Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market for Producing Study Report on Future Development of Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market
(YTMCBC Paper No. 45/2014)**

**Item 9: Funding Application from WG on Promotion of Tourism and Local Community Economy
(YTMCBC Paper No. 46/2014)**

16. The Chairman proposed that papers in respect of Items 3 to 9 about District Council (“DC”) funds be discussed together and there was no objection. He reminded Councillors to fill in the Declaration of Interests form on the table if necessary.

17. Mr HUI Tak-leung declared interest in respect of Item 5 and withdrew from the discussion of the item.

(Mr HUI Tak-leung left the meeting at 2:52 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 2:55 p.m.)

18. Members noted the financial position of YTMDC Community Involvement Funds as at 6 October 2014 and endorsed funding applications of Items 4 to 9 (YTMCBC Paper Nos. 41-46/2014).

**Item 10: HA Annual Plan 2014/15 and Kowloon Central Cluster (“KCC”) Annual Plan 2014-15
(YTMCBC Paper No. 47/2014)**

19. The Chairman welcomed Dr Albert LO, Cluster Chief Executive (KCC)/Hospital Chief Executive (Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Rehabaid Centre); Ms Ella LEE, Senior Manager (Community Relations and Public Affairs) and Ms LAM See-pui, Hospital Manager (Community Relations and Public Affairs) 2 of the HA to the meeting.

20. Dr Albert LO gave a PowerPoint presentation on the HA Annual Plan 2014/15 and KCC Annual Plan 2014/15.

21. Mr HUI Tak-leung enquired whether the HA would provide mental health services in the Yau Tsim Mong (“YTM”) District. He said that the “Occupy Central” movement had placed frontline police officers under immense stress and enquired whether the HA would offer them psychological counselling services.

22. Ms KWAN Sau-ling was pleased to learn that the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (“QEH”) would recruit additional nurses to alleviate the nursing manpower shortfall in hospital wards. Given the dense population and the considerable number of tourists and ethnic minorities in the district, she enquired whether the QEH had formulated contingency measures and stocked sufficient equipment in the face of the recent outbreak of the Ebola virus disease (“EVD”) in Africa. She also expressed concern about the disposal of some blood bags due to the recent malfunction of the refrigerating facilities at the QEH.

23. Ms KO Po-ling was glad to know that the HA would put more resources into the accident and emergency (“A&E”) service to shorten the waiting time of patients. She commended the QEH for its excellent support services for breastfeeding and enquired how the HA would further promote breastfeeding at other hospitals. She also asked whether the recent incident at the QEH’s blood bank was due to the ageing of equipment and enquired about the progress of the replacement of the QEH’s medical equipment.

24. Mr Chris IP declared interest as a member of the QEH Hospital Governing Committee. He said that rumour had it that part of the QEH’s services would be taken over by the new hospital in the Kai Tak Development Area (“KTDA”). Such an arrangement, if true, would cause inconvenience to the residents of the YTM District. He hoped that the HA or the QEH would disseminate the latest news about the reprovisioning of the QEH’s services to the public as early as possible to allay their concerns. He hoped that even if the QEH was to be relocated to the KTDA, A&E service would be retained at the existing QEH site for the convenience of local residents.

25. Mr CHOW Chun-fai learnt that the proposed hospital in the KTDA would be the largest hospital in Hong Kong. He therefore anticipated service adjustments in the KCC and Kowloon West Cluster upon completion of the new hospital. He pointed out that there were many people of different nationalities living in the YTM District and enquired whether the QEH had contingency measures in place to deal with the EVD outbreak.

26. Dr Albert LO responded as follows:

- (a) The HA would enhance its psychiatric outreach services to increase the case manager-to-patient ratio.
- (b) The HA had been maintaining academic exchange with the team of the HKPF

responsible for psychological counselling. Those in need of psychological counselling services could also seek help from the HA.

- (c) The HA and the QEH had formulated comprehensive contingency measures to combat the EVD which was prevalent in Africa recently. There were established procedures for the isolation of suspected cases, diagnosis and transfer of patients to the isolation wards at the Princess Margaret Hospital. The healthcare staff of the QEH had conducted numerous exercises on those procedures.
- (d) The hospitals with Obstetric Departments under the HA had spared no effort in promoting breastfeeding. The HA had chosen the QEH as the first hospital to apply for accreditation as a Baby Friendly Hospital in Hong Kong.
- (e) Due to the recent malfunctioning and ageing of the refrigerating facilities at the QEH's blood bank, some blood bags that had been kept at an inappropriate temperature could no longer be used. The QEH had scheduled to replace the affected refrigerating facilities in 2015 but planned to prioritise the replacement of all its refrigerating facilities after the incident.
- (f) He would relay Members' concerns and views regarding the future development of the QEH to the HA. The Steering Committee on Review of Hospital Authority would review and consider the rationalisation of the medical services in Kowloon Central and disseminate the related information to the public via various channels.

(Mr Vincent LAU joined the meeting at 3:20 p.m.)

27. The Chairman thanked the representatives of the HA for joining the discussion on this item.

**Item 11: Concern over the Connections and Design of the Reprovisioned Jordan Road Footbridge
(YTMCBC Paper No. 49/2014)**

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

- (i) Mr CHAN Wai-kit, Engineer/XRL (9) of the Highways Department ("HyD");
- (ii) Ms Gloria WOO, Projects Communications Manager of the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL"); and
- (iii) Mr FUNG Wai-chung, Senior Liaison Engineer of the MTRCL.

29. The Vice-chairman supplemented the contents of the paper. He remarked that the central section of the footbridge across Jordan Road connecting to MTR Kowloon Station had to be demolished to make way for the Express Rail Link ("XRL") works. Since the remaining footbridge sections were built of concrete and of an old design, he was concerned that they would be incompatible with the reprovisioned section in terms of both materials and design. He hoped that better materials and a newer design would be used for the

reprovisioned section to match other footbridges in the vicinity of the XRL terminus.

30. Mr FUNG Wai-chung responded that the footbridge mentioned above was made of reinforced concrete. The structure and appearance of the reprovisioned part would be the same as the original one except that it would be covered by transparent glass ceiling. The MTRCL would carry out beautification at the junctions of the two ends so that the new section would be in harmony with the appearance of the existing sections.

31. Ms KO Po-ling asked why the MTRCL did not demolish the whole Jordan Road Footbridge but retained the two ends of the footbridge.

32. Mr FUNG Wai-chung responded that it was not necessary to demolish the retained parts of the Jordan Road Footbridge and stated that the MTRCL had no plan to demolish and reprovision the entire Jordan Road Footbridge for the time being.

33. The Vice-chairman said that although the reprovisioned section would be covered by transparent glass ceiling instead, the appearance was more or less the same as the existing footbridge. The appearance of the new section would be too outdated if the pipes and trunkings of the new ceiling were still exposed. He also agreed that it would be most desirable if the entire footbridge was made of the same material and adopted the same design. He enquired of the HyD and the MTRCL about the difficulties and the cost difference involved in the reprovisioning of the entire Jordan Road Footbridge. He stressed that the appearance and the material of the reprovisioned section must be consistent with the footbridges near the XRL station.

34. Mr FUNG Wai-chung responded that the new section would be covered by transparent glass ceiling for better natural light penetration. Its design was similar to that of the footbridge of the International Finance Centre in Central. He further said that the MTRCL had noted the view of Mr Derek HUNG concerning the exposed pipes/trunkings of the existing footbridge.

35. Ms KO Po-ling enquired whether it was only a temporary arrangement to connect the new section with the two ends of the existing footbridge. She was also dissatisfied that there was no big difference in the appearance between the reprovisioned section and the existing footbridge.

(Ms Leticia LEE and Mr KO Hiu-wing left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.)

36. The Vice-chairman requested the MTRCL to consider using transparent glass ceiling for the two ends of the footbridge as well to improve the overall appearance of the footbridge.

37. Mr FUNG Wai-chung responded that the two ends of the Jordan Road Footbridge connecting the Austin Station and Kowloon Station were not part of the XRL project. Moreover, the MTRCL would not consider replacing the concrete ceiling currently in use with glass ceiling as the works were complicated but it would consider carrying out beautification works for the junctions at the two ends of the footbridge.

38. The Vice-chairman understood that the existing two ends of the footbridge were not part of the XRL project but strongly requested the HyD or relevant departments to follow up his suggestion proactively so that the new and existing footbridge would be consistent in

appearance.

39. The Chairman thanked the representatives of relevant government departments for joining the discussion of this item.

(Mr CHAN Wai-keung left the meeting at 3:40 p.m.)

Item 12: Concern over Uneven Brick Roads in YTM District. To Seek Long-term Solutions Through Implementation of Measures (YTMCBC Paper No. 50/2014)

----- 40. The Chairman said that the written response of the HyD (Annex 2) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed Mr YU Tik-fung, Chief Technical Officer and Mr LEE Siu-wing, Maintenance Senior Inspector of Works/Yau Tsim of the HyD to the meeting.

(Mr HUI Tak-leung left the meeting at 3:42 p.m.)

41. Mr Chris IP supplemented the contents of the paper. He said that while the HyD had replaced new paving blocks on streets with higher pedestrian flow in the district during the last DC term, the older blocks were mostly damaged and loose at present. Although the HyD often sent staff to carry out repairs and replacement, it could not solve the problem at the root. He further said that Parkes Street in Jordan was unsightly because only a section was paved with new blocks while the rest was paved with old ones. He recalled that Councillors had requested the HyD to replace the paving blocks of Park Lane Shopper's Boulevard ("PLB") in the last DC term, but the HyD rejected the suggestion on the grounds of protecting the old trees there. However, according to his understanding, the HyD was still replacing damaged paving blocks at PLB. Under such circumstances, he enquired of the department why it did not repave the entire PLB.

42. Mr LEE Siu-wing responded as below:

- (a) The HyD would carry out inspection and maintenance of footways on a regular basis and would arrange replacement of paving blocks if necessary.
- (b) The HyD had stipulated in the contract of replacing paving blocks of the PLB that contractors had to appoint engineering consultants and tree experts to draw up appropriate works proposals having regard to the condition of old trees at the PLB. The HyD had commenced relevant studies in mid-2014 and proposed the preliminary implementation proposal to the LCSD. The HyD conducted a number of meetings with the engineering consultants and tree experts in the year. The HyD would submit a further proposal to the LCSD as soon as possible in the hope of implementing the replacement works of paving blocks in the first quarter of 2015.

43. Mr Chris IP was concerned about the coexistence of new and old paving blocks. He referred to the example of Parkes Street, pointing out that some sections of the street were paved with new blocks but some were still paved with old ones. The HyD should consider the uniformity and overall aesthetics of the blocks. He continued that some residents had tripped over loose and old paving blocks. He requested the HyD to consider replacing the

old paving blocks in the district for the sake of pedestrian safety.

(Ms KWAN Sau-ling left the meeting at 3:47 p.m.)

44. Mr LAU Pak-kei thanked the HyD for promptly replacing paving blocks at the location concerned in response to Councillors' opinion. He said that some residents had tripped over old paving blocks in the vicinity of Tai Kok Tsui Road, Sham Mong Road and Lok Kwan Street Park and had filed claims against the Government. He requested the HyD to organise a massive replacement exercise of paving blocks in Tai Kok Tsui ("TKT") for the sake of pedestrian safety and beautification of the environment. He further indicated that the roots of a number of trees on Chui Yu Road had projected out from the surface, but the HyD only focused on the bulged surface caused by the protruding roots of a few trees. The overall progress of the works was very slow.

(Ms WONG Shu-ming left the meeting at 3:48 p.m.)

45. The Vice-chairman said that there were quite a number of loose paving blocks at the pavement opposite to the market on Haiphong Road and requested the HyD to follow up the issue promptly. He pointed out that the narrow paving blocks with sand beddings on streets with high pedestrian and vehicular flows and those frequently washed by high pressure water jets were often loose, which had made the road surface uneven.

46. Mr John WONG appealed for the HyD to replace the paving blocks of the streets in TKT on a massive scale as soon as possible.

47. Mr HAU Wing-cheong said that the surface of Bute Street between Tung Choi Street and Sai Yeung Choi Street was uneven because the paving blocks there were loose. He would like to know whether such a condition was related to the high pedestrian flow and the frequent street washing by high pressure water jets. In addition, a lot of ladies on high heels complained that they had tripped over loose paving blocks on the said section of Bute Street.

48. Mr YU Tik-fung responded as follows:

- (a) The Urban Renewal Authority ("URA") was carrying out a pavement repaving project in TKT for beautification. The project was in its second stage and hopefully the third stage would complete in 2017.
- (b) As regards the streets which were not incorporated in the aforementioned project of the URA, the HyD would arrange for repaving the entire road section subject to availability of resources if the condition was found to be unsatisfactory during routine inspections.
- (c) The paving blocks of road sections where recycling stores were densely located were more prone to damage because of the high flows of heavy vehicles. In order to avoid wasting public money, the HyD would not repave the streets which would be incorporated in the site boundary of the URA's redevelopment projects.
- (d) The HyD would discuss the tree root problem at Chui Yu Road with the LCSD later.

- (e) The HyD would keep an eye on the condition of the paving blocks of Bute Street. He shared the view that displacement of paving blocks might widen the gap between them.

49. Mr LEE Siu-wing responded that the HyD would follow up the problem of loose paving blocks at the pavement opposite to the market on Haiphong Road. He said that the problem might be a result of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department staff using high pressure water jets to wash the streets in the vicinity of the market and restaurants. To tackle the problem, the HyD would use special materials to fill the gaps between the paving blocks. Furthermore, if HyD staff discovered that the condition of paving blocks was unsatisfactory during routine inspections, they would arrange for replacement by glass blocks which were more durable.

(Mr CHOW Chun-fai left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.)

50. Mr LAU Pak-kei said that the streets in the vicinity of Tai Kok Tsui Road and Sham Mong Road were not incorporated in the repaving project of the URA. Since those streets were frequented by residents in TKT, he requested the HyD to arrange for repaving the area concerned as soon as possible for the sake of pedestrian safety. He again urged the HyD to comprehensively follow up the uneven surface problem caused by protruding tree roots at Chui Yu Road.

51. Mr Benjamin CHOI indicated that although some of the streets in TKT had been incorporated in the URA's redevelopment projects, residents had to use them on a daily basis and it was therefore not convincing for the HyD of not repaving the streets in TKT. He requested the HyD to repave the streets which were not incorporated in the URA's repaving project as soon as possible.

52. Mr YU Tik-fung responded as follows:

- (a) The HyD would follow up the uneven surface problem caused by protruding tree roots at Chui Yu Road as soon as possible.
- (b) The Maintenance Section of the HyD would arrange for repaving the streets in the vicinity of Tai Kok Tsui Road and Sham Mong Road in light of the actual conditions.
- (c) The HyD would not repave the streets which were within the site boundary of the URA's redevelopment projects. However, the department would still inspect the streets concerned and refer any cases of damage, if any, to the contractors commissioned by the URA for follow-up.

53. The Chairman thanked the representatives of the HyD for joining the discussion of this item.

Item 13: To Request Early Improvement to Low Temperature Problem of Indoor Air-conditioning System of Tai Kok Tsui Municipal Services Building (YTMCBC Paper No. 51/2014)

54. The Chairman indicated that the written response of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) (Annex 3) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed Ms Vicky WONG, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong) 2 of the LCSD to the meeting.

55. Mr LAU Pak-kei supplemented the contents of the paper. He reflected opinions from the public that the temperature of the children’s play room on 6/F and the indoor swimming pool on 4/F of Tai Kok Tsui Municipal Services Building were too low. He requested the LCSD to adjust the temperature of the building as appropriate and place thermometers in prominent locations so that the public could be aware of the room temperature.

56. Ms Vicky WONG responded that in accordance with the guidelines on room temperature target of sports centres set by the Land-based Venues Section of the LCSD, the room temperature in sports centres should be maintained at 23°C. The LCSD noted the views of Mr LAU Pak-kei and Mr Benjamin CHOI and would adjust the temperatures of the children’s play room and the swimming pool of Tai Kok Tsui Municipal Services Building in light of the actual circumstances. When there were few users, duty officers would raise the room temperature to 24°C or 25°C. The LCSD would place thermometers in prominent locations in the children’s play room so that parents would be aware of the room temperature.

57. Mr LAU Pak-kei indicated that Tai Kok Tsui Swimming Pool was not exposed to direct sunlight and therefore the room temperature was on the low side. As most users of the swimming pool were children and the elderly, the LCSD should not stop the provision of heated swimming facilities from 16 April 2014 onwards, but should continue the provision of services for one or two months. He added that the Kowloon Park would provide heated indoor pool facilities starting from October every year, while the Tai Kok Tsui Swimming Pool would do so only from November onwards. The LCSD should provide the facilities flexibly having regard to the characteristics of users of Tai Kok Tsui Swimming Pool.

58. Ms KO Po-ling hoped that the LCSD would flexibly provide heated pool facilities according to the characteristics of users of swimming pools in different districts.

59. Ms Vicky WONG responded that it was the LCSD’s policy to provide heated swimming pool facilities from 1 November to 15 April every year. After 16 April, the Aquatic Venues Section of the LCSD would closely monitor Hong Kong’s weather in mid-April by following the Hong Kong Observatory’s “9-day Weather Forecast”. If the average temperature shown in the Forecast was 23°C or below for at least three consecutive days, the LCSD would inform the indoor swimming pools in different districts to continue providing heated swimming pool facilities even after 16 April.

60. Mr LAU Pak-kei said he had learned of quarrels between parents and LCSD officers over the temperature of the children’s play room and the indoor swimming pool of Tai Kok Tsui Municipal Services Building. He hoped that the LCSD representative would proactively follow up the proposal of providing thermometers in the prominent locations of the two venues.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD had provided two thermometers each in the prominent locations of the children’s play room and the indoor swimming pool in Tai Kok Tsui Sports Centre.)

61. Mr John WONG hoped that the LCSD would implement the suggestions made by Mr LAU Pak-kei and Mr Benjamin CHOI in the paper.

Item 14: To Follow Up on Subway Connection to Public Space of 1881 Heritage in Tsim Sha Tsui (“TST”) (YTMCBC Paper No. 52/2014)

----- 62. The Chairman indicated that the written response of the HyD (Annex 4) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:

- (i) Mr TAI Seung-kan, Engineer/Yau Tsim of the Transport Department (“TD”); and
- (ii) Mr CHAN H.S., Senior Project Manager and Mr Steve CHAN, Senior Deputy Project Manager of the Flying Snow Limited (“FSL”).

63. The Vice-chairman and Mr CHAN Siu-tong supplemented the contents of the paper. The Vice-chairman indicated that the item had been discussed at the Community Building Committee (“CBC”) meeting on 17 October 2013 during which Councillors/Members requested the FSL, under the principle of abiding by the law, to continue discussing with the HyD and the TD about the subway connection between the public space of 1881 Heritage and MTR TST Station to facilitate the access of wheelchair users. Afterwards, he received a revised proposal submitted by the FSL to the HyD and the TD in August 2014. He asked how the two departments thought about the proposal.

64. Mr CHAN Siu-tong indicated that many development projects in the district were jointly implemented by private developers and government departments. He hoped that the Administration would proactively discuss with the developer of 1881 Heritage from a people-oriented perspective with a view to forging consensus on the captioned item. He was dissatisfied that no progress had been made since the proposal was put forward a year before.

65. Mr TAI Seung-kan responded as follows:

- (a) Subsequent to the CBC meeting on 17 October 2013, the FSL submitted a revised proposal to the Transport and Housing Bureau (“THB”) in February 2014. The THB consulted the HyD and the TD about the proposal and both departments supported the FSL’s proposed connection to the public space of 1881 Heritage in principle, except that the ramp inside the pedestrian subway connecting to Salisbury Road should not be demolished.
- (b) In the revised proposal submitted by the FSL in August 2014, the ramp was retained. Since there was still a height difference between the ramp and the lift landing of 1881 Heritage, the FSL proposed to retrofit nine steps of staircase at the end of the ramp. Moreover, a wheelchair platform lift would be installed beside the staircase for wheelchair users to go from the lift landing of 1881 Heritage to Salisbury Road through the ramp.
- (c) The preliminary view of the HyD and the TD was that the proposal would still cause inconvenience to wheelchair users who did not intend to enter 1881 Heritage. The TD and the HyD would give a written response to the FSL

later.

(Mr Benjamin CHOI left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.)

66. Mr CHAN H.S. said after the FSL had submitted the revised proposal in August, it only received an interim reply from the THB, saying that a consolidated response would be provided later. However, the FSL had not received any response from the THB so far.

67. The Vice-chairman said that the FSL had submitted a new revised proposal, but the connection to public space of 1881 had yet to be implemented. This reflected that the departments failed to maintain good communication with the developer. He noted that the ramp inside the pedestrian subway would be retained in the revised proposal. To facilitate public access to the neighbouring area, he hoped that the FSL would open up the lift and the two escalators of 1881 near the pedestrian subway as soon as possible. Furthermore, he enquired whether the proposed wheelchair platform lift would be operated along the 9-step staircase (with a total height of 1.5 metres).

68. Ms KO Po-ling considered that the progress of the improvement works for the item was too slow. She enquired which department was responsible for approving and undertaking the project.

69. Mr TAI Seung-kun responded that the project was led by the FSL and was therefore supposed to be undertaken by the FSL if the proposed improvement works was accepted.

70. Ms KO Po-ling would like to know which department was responsible for drafting the consolidated reply.

71. Mr TAI Seung-kun said that in accordance with the past practice, the HyD and the TD would provide professional advice on the proposal submitted by the FSL to the THB which would then draft a consolidated reply. As the new revised proposal submitted by the FSL in August was merely about project details, the TD would give advice on technical aspects.

72. Ms KO Po-ling was dissatisfied that the Administration did not proactively respond to the revised proposal put forward by the FSL. She said that if the departments concerned did not accept the demolition of the ramp, the FSL should be informed as early as possible so that they could make further improvements.

73. Mr CHAN Siu-tong urged the departments concerned to provide concrete, clear and specific suggestions on the revised proposal of the FSL so that they could further refine the works proposal.

74. Mr HAU Wing-cheong hoped that the departments concerned could explain clearly to the FSL the reasons for rejecting the revised proposal.

75. Mr TAI Seung-kun clarified that the THB had replied on 14 April 2014 to the FSL's preliminary revised proposal put forward in February 2014. The THB considered that the proposal was not accepted as it required the use of a manually operated wheelchair platform lift, which was not suitable for use in the pedestrian subway. In August 2014, the FSL submitted a new revised proposal in which a wheelchair platform lift was still proposed in the pedestrian subway, which meant that inconvenience would still be caused to wheelchair users

who did not intend to enter 1881. The TD gave an interim reply to the FSL in September, acknowledging receipt of the new revised proposal and stating that a formal reply would later be provided.

76. Mr CHAN Siu-tong doubted whether the TD had reasonable grounds for objecting to the installation of a manually-operated wheelchair platform lift in the pedestrian subway. Pointing out that wheelchair platform lifts were also installed at the lobby of the Mong Kok Government Offices and MTR stations without lifts to facilitate wheelchair users in ascending or descending staircases, he did not see why the TD objected to the FSL's proposal.

77. Mr TAI Seung-kun responded that as the lobby of the Mong Kok Government Offices and MTR stations were in indoor areas, wheelchair users could seek help for using the wheelchair platform lift from the management office or staff of the MTRCL. However, as the pedestrian subway of the MTR TST Station was in an outdoor area, there would not be any duty staff to assist wheelchair users in operating the wheelchair platform lift.

78. Mr Chris IP asked the representative of the TD to clarify whether it was the Government's policy that the installation of wheelchair platform lifts was not allowed in outdoor areas.

79. Mr TAI Seung-kun responded that the installation of wheelchair platform lifts in outdoor areas was a traffic management issue. The TD would provide professional advice so as to ensure that wheelchair users could have convenient access to public road facilities.

80. Mr Chris IP asked the representative of the TD to state clearly in writing whether it was the Government's policy that the installation of wheelchair platform lifts was not allowed in outdoor areas.

81. Mr CHAN H.S. responded as follows:

- (a) The FSL had undertaken to connect the pedestrian subway of MTR TST Station with 1881 in the Master Layout Plan ("MLP") of the relevant lot.
- (b) As there was a height difference between the ramp leading to the footpath of Salisbury Road and the lift landing of 1881, the FSL originally proposed demolishing the ramp and converting it into a staircase. Moreover, the wall in between would be demolished so that the general public could go to 1881 and Canton Road from the pedestrian subway by taking the lift or escalator.
- (c) The HyD and the TD did not allow the demolition of the ramp. Given the difference in height between the ramp and the lift landing of 1881, the FSL proposed installing a wheelchair platform lift at the end of the ramp so as to facilitate the access of wheelchair users to Salisbury Road via the ramp.
- (d) The proposed wheelchair platform lift could be operated without help from anyone. In addition, the pedestrian subway of MTR TST Station should be considered part of the indoor area.

82. Mr Chris IP requested the representative of the TD to reply in writing whether it was the TD or the HyD which objected to the layout plan submitted by the FSL in August; if so, which rank of the staff of the TD or the HyD who objected to the plan. According to the

FSL, it was necessary to retrofit a makeshift platform to connect the ramp and the lift landing of 1881. He would like to know which party was responsible for the future repair and maintenance of the platform. He also said that according to the FSL, wheelchair users could operate the proposed wheelchair platform lift on their own without help from anyone. He enquired about the rank of the staff of the HyD or the TD who objected to the proposal and their justifications.

83. Mr Barry WONG considered that the FSL had proposed measures for the convenience of the disabled. However, not only did the relevant departments not give them due consideration, but also posed all sorts of obstacles to the proposals. He requested the TD representative to explain the justifications for the objection. He also enquired how long the makeshift platform connecting the ramp and the landing of the lift to 1881 would be used.

84. The Vice-chairman considered it was the Administration's stance that facilities for the disabled in the pedestrian subway of the MTR TST Station should not be affected or reduced in any works proposals. He enquired whether the FSL was responsible for the installation of the proposed wheelchair platform lift. He also asked whether elderly wheelchair users should seek help from the FSL, the MTRCL or government departments in case they did not know how to operate the platform lift. He also enquired which party was responsible for the future maintenance of the wheelchair platform lift.

85. Mr TAI Seung-kun reiterated that the Administration agreed in principle to the FSL's proposal of optimising the walkway and the barrier-free facilities of the pedestrian subway in question and hoped the FSL could open up the lift and escalators of 1881 near the pedestrian subway for public use as soon as possible. However, the Administration did not agree to some details of the revised proposal of the FSL. In addition, he had not heard of the makeshift platform connecting the ramp and the lift landing of 1881 as mentioned by the FSL representative.

86. Mr Chris IP said that the TD representative did object to the disable-friendly measures at the meeting. He asked again whether it was the TD or the HyD which objected to the revised proposal of the FSL.

87. Mr TAI Seung-kun responded that the Administration agreed in principle to the proposal of connecting the pedestrian subway to the public space of 1881 but considered that it would cause inconvenience to wheelchair users who did not intend to enter 1881 if a wheelchair platform lift was to be installed on the ramp.

88. Mr Chris IP was dissatisfied that the TD representative did not respond directly to his question and considered that the relevant departments tried to pose obstacles to the improvement measure of the barrier-free facilities in every possible way.

89. Mr TAI Seung-kun reiterated that the Administration agreed in principle to the proposal of connecting the pedestrian subway to the public space of 1881 but considered that it would cause inconvenience to wheelchair users who did not intend to enter 1881 if a wheelchair platform lift was to be installed on the ramp.

90. Mr LAU Pak-kei suggested the TD representative give a written reply to the question of Mr Chris IP.

91. The Vice-chairman said that the HyD, the TD and he had concerns over the revised

proposal submitted by the FSL in August 2014. He urged the FSL to review the revised proposal. He also suggested the relevant departments and the FSL conduct a site visit with him to discuss ways to address the issue. He reiterated that Councillors/Members hoped the FSL could, under the principle of abiding by the law, optimise the barrier-free facilities in the pedestrian subway of MTR TST Station by providing another option for pedestrians and the disabled.

92. Ms KO Po-ling asked what the FSL would do as the TD representative had clearly stated his objection to the installation of a wheelchair platform lift in the pedestrian subway of MTR TST Station. Moreover, she drew the relevant departments' attention to the points clarified by the FSL representative that the subway should be considered part of the indoor area and no designated persons were needed for operating the proposed wheelchair platform lift. She agreed that a site visit should be arranged for the relevant departments, the FSL and Councillors/Members.

93. The Chairman asked if Councillors/Members agreed to conduct a site visit and there was no objection. He asked the relevant departments and the FSL to arrange a site visit for Councillors/Members later and he hoped the Administration could maintain communication with the FSL.

94. Mr CHAN H.S. hoped the HyD and the TD could respond to the revised proposal submitted by the FSL in August as soon as possible. He stressed that according to the MLP of the relevant lot, the FSL must provide connection for the pedestrian subway of MTR TST Station and the public space of 1881. He would like to know whether there was a time bar in respect of the implementation of the MLP.

95. Mr TAI Seung-kun responded that the Administration would respond to the FSL shortly. He did not know of the time bar about the MLP and suggested the FSL approach the Planning Department directly.

96. Mr CHAN Siu-tong proposed that this item be dealt with under "Matters Arising" at the next meeting and requested that a site visit be arranged for various parties before the next meeting. He reiterated that the TD should give a written reply to the questions raised by Mr Chris IP at the meeting. There was no objection.

97. The Chairman announced that representatives of the HyD, the TD and the FSL would be invited to the next meeting to continue the discussion on this item.

(Post-meeting note: The Chairman wrote to the TD (Annex 5) in the name of the CBC on 30 October 2014 to request the TD to respond to the questions raised by Mr Chris IP at the meeting.)

**Item 15: To Offer More Regular Concessions for Senior Citizen Card ("SCC")
Holders and Provide More SCC Replacement Fee Payment Points
(YTMCBC Paper No. 53/2014)**

98. The Chairman said that the written response of the SWD (Annex 6) 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 of the SWD to the meeting.

99. Mr John WONG supplemented the contents of the paper. He said that according to the written response of the SWD, about 1 530 000 SCC had been issued by the Senior Citizen Card Office (“SCC Office”) as at August 2014. At present there were 980 000 card holders, accounting for 92% of all eligible applicants for the SCC. He would like to know how those figures were related. He continued that he and Mr KO Hiu-wing wished that the Senior Citizen Card Scheme (“SCCS”) could provide more concessions to the elderly. He also said that currently applicants for replacing the SCC were required to mail crossed cheques or cashier orders, or to apply in person to the designated locations in each district. However, many elderly persons seldom used cheques or cashier orders. Furthermore, the Henry G. Leong Yaumatei Community Centre was the only venue in the YTM District where application for the replacement of the SCC was accepted, causing great inconvenience to the elderly in the district. Thus, the SWD should consider extending the office of accepting SCC replacement fee to the post office.

100. Miss CHAN Wai-chun responded as follows:

- (a) There were approximately 980 000 current SCC holders, accounting for 92% of all eligible elderly persons in the territory. The SWD launched the SCCS in 1994. As at August 2014, about 1 530 000 SCC had been issued, including both newly issued and replacement cards.
- (b) The SCC Office would liaise with various government departments, public bodies and organisations to encourage them to provide more discounts and concessions to the SCC holders.
- (c) With the popularisation of information technology, the SWD had uploaded the information about concessions provided by the participating organisations and bodies onto the website of the SWD and had developed a smartphone application for the convenience of the elders and their families to check the SCC concessions.
- (d) To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the SCCS, over 400 restaurants would offer extra discounts to the SCC holders on top of the regular concessions on the International Senior Citizens Day on 16 November 2014. The SWD hoped to motivate new organisations to provide regular concessions to the elderly through the International Senior Citizens Day.
- (e) In 2013-14, there were a total of 7 092 elders who applied for replacing the SCC. Around 70% of the applications were made by mail. Since not all elders had cheques or cashier orders, the SWD had set up 19 offices in the 18 districts of Hong Kong to collect SCC replacement fees. The department would also consider if it was possible to provide fee collection service at the post office or other locations.

101. Mr Barry WONG requested the SCC Office to review if the existing SCC concessions could suit the genuine needs of the elderly and if they were practical. He also asked the Labour and Welfare Bureau (“LWB”) to review whether the eligible age for the SCCS should be lowered to 60 with a view to benefiting more elderly persons.

102. Ms KO Po-ling said that since the SCCS had been launched for 20 years, a comprehensive review was necessary to improve the government’s policy for the elderly. In

addition, the general retirement age at present was 60. The eligible age for the SCC was 65, which meant that elders aged between 60 and 64 could not benefit from the SCCS. Various sectors of the community had expressed concern over the time lag. She urged the Administration to consider lowering the eligible age for the SCC from 65 to 60 to tie in with the general retirement age. She also said that the Administration should enhance the services that could benefit the elderly most, such as the \$2 Scheme and healthcare services, etc.

103. Mr John WONG asked the SWD when the SCCS was last reviewed. He hoped that apart from the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (“HKCSS”), different sectors of the community would also be invited by the SWD to provide regular concessions to SCC holders. He reiterated that only 19 offices for collecting SCC replacement fees throughout the territory were not sufficient. The SWD should consider extending the SCC replacement fee collection service to the post office for the convenience of the elderly.

104. Mr HAU Wing-cheong said that as the general retirement age at present was 60, the eligible age for the SCC should be lowered from 65 to 60 to benefit more people.

105. Miss CHAN Wai-chun responded as follows:

- (a) She would reflect the views of Councillors and Members on the SCCS to the SCC Office and the SWD Headquarters.
- (b) The SCC Office would review the contents of the SCC concessions every year.
- (c) As the HKCSS had established a partnership with local catering service providers and organisations, the SWD cooperated with the HKCSS to provide one-day special concessions to SCC holders through the restaurants and organisations under the HKCSS network on the “International Senior Citizens Day” on 16 November.
- (d) The SWD would continue to liaise with the industrial and commercial sectors to encourage them to offer regular concessions to SCC holders.

106. The Chairman thanked the representative of the SWD for joining the discussion of this item.

(Mr Benny YEUNG left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.)

Item 16: To Continue Waiving Residence Rule for Guangdong Scheme Applicants (YTMCBC Paper No. 54/2014)

----- 107. The Chairman said that the written response of the SWD (Annex 7) 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 Miss NG Sin-yee, Supervisor (Mongkok Social Security Field Unit) of the SWD to the meeting.

108. The Chairman hoped that the LWB would reconsider the continued waiving of the

residence requirement for applicants under the Guangdong Scheme so as to benefit more Hong Kong elders residing in Guangdong Province.

109. Miss CHAN Wai-chun responded that senior citizens who had moved to Guangdong Province for a long time did not satisfy the one-year-continuous-residence (“OYCR”) requirement in Hong Kong immediately before the date of application. To take care of such elders, the SWD suggested implementing a one-off special arrangement at the initial stage of the Guangdong Scheme to allow elders who had satisfied all other eligibility criteria except the OYCR requirement (absence from Hong Kong up to a maximum of 56 days during the one-year period was treated as satisfying the OYCR requirement) to benefit from the scheme without the need to return and stay in Hong Kong. Upon expiry of the special arrangement, more than 20 000 elders who had moved to Guangdong had submitted their application.

110. The Chairman thanked the representatives of the SWD for joining the discussion of this item.

Item 17: Any Other Business

(i) Inspection of Activities Held by First-year Applicant Organisations

111. The Chairman said that CBC Members had an obligation to attend activities held by first-year applicant organisations. In the current round of funding application, three activities would be held by first-year applicant organisations. He asked Members to discuss who would attend those activities and the arrangement for taking turns to attend other similar activities in future.

(ii) Revision of Guidelines on Yau Tsim Mong District Council Funds

112. The Chairman said that the revision of Guidelines on Yau Tsim Mong District Council Funds had been discussed at the meeting of the WG on Community Funds on 23 September 2014. As an applicant organisation had requested the Secretariat of the YTMDC to acknowledge receipt of the funding documents, the Secretariat suggested adding a reply slip (in duplicate) to the last page of the YTMDC Funds Application Form (Form 1). Applicant organisations which would like the Secretariat to acknowledge receipt of its funding application should fill in the reply slips. The Secretariat would affix a seal on the reply slip and return one of the sealed reply slips to the applicant organisation as acknowledgement of receipt of the funding documents. The WG on Community Funds had endorsed the proposal at that meeting.

113. The Chairman continued that the timetable for submission of funding applications in the financial year of 2015-2016 had been given initial consideration at the said meeting of the WG on Community Funds.

114. There was no objection to the abovementioned two decisions made by the WG on Community Funds.

115. The Chairman said that the abovementioned two proposals would later be put forward at the YTMDC annual in-house meeting 2015 for consideration and approval.

116. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 5:30 p.m. The

next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 4 December 2014 (Thursday).

Yau Tsim Mong District Council Secretariat
November 2014

議項二

油尖旺社區建設委員會第48/2014號文件
書面回應

油尖旺區議會
社區建設委員會

食物及衛生局就有關長者醫療券計劃意見的回應

在公營醫療服務使用醫療券的建議

長者醫療券試驗計劃在 2009 年 1 月 1 日推出，資助 70 歲或以上的本地居民使用私營基層醫療服務，包括預防性護理服務。醫療券可用於私營西醫、中醫、牙醫、脊醫、護士、物理治療師、職業治療師、放射技師、醫務化驗師及視光師提供的服務。自 2014 年 1 月起，政府把長者醫療券由試驗性質轉為恆常計劃，並自本年 6 月起，把每年的醫療券金額培增至 2,000 元。

設立醫療券目的是資助長者使用私營基層醫療服務，鼓勵他們使用社區裡切合其需要的服務。公營醫療服務（包括醫院管理局及衛生署的門診服務）不會因而減少。現時的公營服務收費相當低廉，是大部分長者所能負擔的水平。政府的一貫基本原則，是確保市民不會因為經濟原因而得不到適當的醫療照顧。有經濟困難而未能負擔醫療服務收費的家庭及長者，可通過現行的費用減免機制得到幫助。

至於是否會擴大服務範圍，我們會在優化措施推行一段時間後，適時對計劃的成效作進一步檢討。

二零一四年九月二十五日

**Yau Tsim Mong District Council
Community Building Committee**

**Response by the Food and Health Bureau
on views towards the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme**

To allow the use of voucher in the public healthcare service

On 1 January 2009, the Government launched the Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Scheme, subsidising Hong Kong residents aged 70 or above to use private primary care services including preventive care. Health Care Voucher can be used for healthcare services provided by private medical practitioners, Chinese medicine practitioners, dentists, chiropractors, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, radiographers, medical laboratory technologists and optometrists. Since January 2014, the Government has converted the Scheme from a pilot basis into a recurrent programme, and starting from June this year, the annual voucher amount has been doubled to \$2,000.

The Health Care Voucher is introduced to subsidise elders to use private primary care services and encourage them to use the services that suit their needs in the community. Public healthcare services (including general out-patient clinic services provided by the Hospital Authority and the Department of Health) will however not be reduced. The service fees of the existing public healthcare services are very low at a level that is affordable by most elders. According to the Government's fundamental principles, we would ensure that no one would be denied healthcare services because of lack of means. The medical fee waiver mechanism will take care of those families and elders who have economic predicaments and cannot afford the medical service fee.

With regard to whether the Government will extend the coverage of healthcare services under the Scheme, we will conduct an evaluation on scheme effectiveness upon implementation of enhancements for a period of time.

25 September 2014

議項十二

油尖旺社區建設委員會第50/2014號文件
書面回應

**關注油尖旺區路磚路面不平問題 要求採取措施作長遠解決
民建聯油尖旺支部二零一四年九月二十九日的查詢及建議**

1. 部門過去一年收到多少宗涉及油尖旺區路磚路面不平的投訴？

本署於過去一年，在油尖旺區收到 498 宗有關行人路面路磚不平的投訴。

2. 部門會否派人主動定期巡查有關路面的情況？內容與次數有多少？

本署負責轄下公共道路的保養工作，並定期派員巡查，如發現路面或附屬道路設施有破損，會適時安排維修，保障道路使用者安全。行人路面的定期巡查包括檢視行人路面有否不平、鬆脫的情況，如有發現便會安排維修。一般行人路面的定期安全巡查會每一個月進行一次，而行人密集的路段會每星期進行一次。除此之外，每半年亦會另外進行一次詳細的安全檢查。

3. 針對路磚路面容易移位凹陷的問題，部門有否研究改善方案，如更改施工方案或改善路磚設計？

本署鋪設路磚會使用沙與水泥作為鋪墊，以鞏固路磚及減少因雨水引致路磚不平的情況。此外，本署亦會視乎個別行人路段的情況，將路磚之間的接縫填密以進一步減少路磚底部沙土流失。

4. 要求部門採取措施長遠解決以上問題，考慮針對油尖旺區以路磚鋪砌的行人路面作修補或重鋪工程。

本署現正計劃在油尖旺區內按個別行人路段的情況，進行較大面積的維修和重鋪工程。

路政署/市區

二零一四年十月七日

關注油尖旺區路磚路面不平問題 要求採取措施作長遠解決
民建聯油尖旺支部二零一四年九月二十九日的查詢及建議

1. 部門過去一年收到多少宗涉及油尖旺區路磚路面不平的投訴？
In the past year, Highways Department received 498 complaint cases related to uneven paved footway in Yau Tsim Mong District.
2. 部門會否派人主動定期巡查有關路面的情況？內容與次數有多少？
This Department is responsible for maintenance of its public roads as well as arrangement of regular inspections. If any defects are identified, maintenance works will be arranged in a timely manner to ensure the safety of road users. Regular road safety inspection including identification of any uneven or loosen paving blocks at footways is conducted on monthly basis. For congested locations, such regular safety inspection is conducted on weekly basis. In addition, detailed road safety inspection covering footways is also carried out separately every 6 months.
3. 針對路磚路面容易移位凹陷的問題，部門有否研究改善方案，如更改施工方案或改善路磚設計？
To avoid uneven footway surfaces, this Department has used mixture of sand and cement as the bedding for paving blocks to strengthen the paved footways and to reduce the potential loss of sand. In addition, subject to the circumstances of individual footway, further measure is taken to seal the gaps between paving blocks so that the loss of sand through the bottom of paving blocks can be reduced.
4. 要求部門採取措施長遠解決以上問題，考慮針對油尖旺區以路磚鋪砌的行人路面作修補或重鋪工程。
This Department is now planning to repave or reconstruct some sections of footway in larger areas to suit the service condition in Yau Tsim Mong District.

Urban (Kowloon) Region, Highways Department

7 October 2014

2012 至 2015 年度油尖旺區議會

社區建設委員會

康樂及文化事務署

就「建議盡快改善大角咀市政大廈室內空調溫度過低情況」
所作的書面回應

就委員提出盡快改善大角咀市政大廈室內空調溫度過低情況的建議，本署回覆如下：

大角咀市政大廈是使用中央空調系統控制室內溫度。機電工程署每日均派職員在大角咀市政大廈當值，監察中央空調系統的運作。場地職員亦可在辦公室內的系統屏幕上監察室內空氣質素，包括溫度和濕度等資料。

根據本署陸上康樂場地組制定體育館室溫標準的指引，本署轄下體育館作非運動用途的設施如大堂、辦公室、更衣室等，室溫會維持於攝氏 25.5 度；而用作運動用途的設施如主場、壁球場、活動室等則會維持於攝氏 23 度。因為兒童在遊戲室內的活動量較大，所以大角咀體育館兒童遊戲室的室溫維持於攝氏 23 度。本署會密切監察兒童遊戲室的空調溫度和實際情況，在使用人數較少的時段，會將室內溫度稍為調高。根據本署紀錄，本署職員也曾為使用者調教兒童遊戲室冷氣的溫度。如使用者感到體育館內室溫過高或過低的話，可直接與體育館職員聯絡，以作相應的調教。

根據本署暖水游泳池設施運作要求的指引，室內有恆溫系統的游泳池，室內空氣溫度應保持在比池水溫度高於攝氏 1 度的室溫，這溫度會為游泳人士在離開水面時提供較舒適的環境。現時，大角咀游泳池池水水溫維持在攝氏 25 至 26 度之間，因此室內溫度設定為攝氏 27 度。此外，泳池乃屬於濕度較高的地方，如再將室溫調高的話，會令游泳人士及救生員產生翳佻的感覺，而且太高的溫度會引致長期在泳池工作的救生員感到不適。

有關在大角咀市政大廈大堂及室內部份公眾當眼地點設置溫度顯示器的建議，本署會與相關工程部門研究有關建議的可行性，待工程的評估完成後，將向各委員匯報其結果。

康樂及文化事務署

油尖旺區康樂事務辦事處

2014年10月

跟進尖沙咀行人隧道接駁 1881 Heritage 公共空間事宜
民建聯油尖旺支部二零一四年九月二十九日的查詢及建議

1. 請問路政署及運輸署，對於發展商最新提交的行人隧道接駁方案設計圖則有何意見？

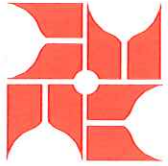
根據發展商於二零一四年八月二十日提交本署的最新行人隧道接駁方案設計圖則，發展商採取保留原本計劃拆卸行人隧道內轉上梳士巴利道的斜道的建議，只是把行人隧道內的臨時斜道改為一段有九級闊大約 2.1 米的樓梯以及一部 1.5 米 x 1.5 米的輪椅升降台。相比於原本拆卸行人隧道斜道的方案，這最新的行人隧道接駁方案設計明顯對行人隧道的結構影響較少。因此，從路政署結構維修的角度，本署對發展商這最新的行人隧道接駁方案設計並無意見。惟這最新的行人隧道接駁方案設計對輪椅使用者會造成不便而亦未有回應有議員在二零一三年十月十七日第十一次社區建設委員會內提出的「同時設置扶手電梯」的意見。本署相信發展商會再次提交較為詳盡的設計圖則，回應議員的提議以及具體地解釋行人隧道牆身經拆卸及重新修改後的方案，以作一併審視。

2. 我們認為新的方案提供了新的行人設施供市民選擇（包括傷健人士），促請路政署及運輸署與發展商積極研究及完善可行方案，優化該處行人通道及無障礙設施，方便不同需要的市民使用。

路政署不反對發展商開放 1881 Heritage 內的通道讓公眾人士前往廣東道和九龍公園徑，但本署不支持拆卸通往梳士巴利道的斜道，以免影響公眾人士。在不拆卸該斜道的大前提下，路政署樂意與發展商繼續磋商，積極研究及完善可行方案。

路政署/市區

二零一四年十月九日



油尖旺區議會

YAU TSIM MONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

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油尖旺區議會社區建設委員會(“社建會”)曾於 2013 年 10 月 17 日及 2014 年 10 月 16 日會議上討論標題議項。

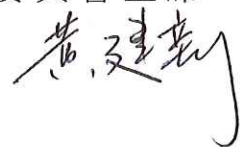
在 2014 年 10 月 16 日會議上，社建會委員得悉 1881 的發展商 Flying Snow Limited (“FSL”)在 2014 年 8 月 20 日向運輸署和路政署提交最新的行人隧道接駁 1881 設計圖則，運輸署已於 9 月初簡覆 FSL，確認收到其信件，並告知稍後會給予詳細回覆。委員欲知運輸署或路政署是否反對 FSL 在 8 月 20 日提呈的設計圖則；如是，請問是運輸署/路政署哪一職級人員反對該圖則。

當天會上，委員備悉現時通往梳士巴利道行人路的斜道與擬需接駁的 1881 地台有高低之差，因此，FSL 在最新的設計圖則中，提出在斜道末端加設輪椅升降平台，以便輪椅人士仍然可以經斜道通往梳士巴利道路面，但你表示這建議會令輪椅人士不便，路政署和運輸署不予支持，委員欲了解運輸署的反對理據。此外，委員欲知如路政署和運輸署最終接納有關建議，輪椅升降平台的日常維修保養工作應由哪一方負責。

委員在 10 月 16 日會議上同意發信要求運輸署書面解答以上提問，並通過在下次會議續議此議項。就此，請安排在 2014 年 11 月 27 日或之前向油尖旺區議會秘書處(傳真: 2722 7696)提供書面回覆。

油尖旺區議會
社區建設委員會主席

黃建新



副本送：路政署區域工程師/油尖
(傳真：2758 3394)

2014 年 10 月 30 日

油尖旺社區建設委員會第 53 /2014 號文件
(供 2014 年 10 月 16 日委員會會議參考)

「長者咭計劃」

目的

本文件旨在回應黃頌議員及高曉榮議員有關增設更多長者咭恆常優惠及提供更多「長者咭補領費」繳費地點的關注。

「長者咭計劃」背景資料

2. 社會福利署(社署)在 1994 年開始推行「長者咭計劃」，目的是推動香港市民尊敬和關懷長者，並透過印發長者咭予 65 歲或以上的香港居民，方便他們享用政府部門、公共機構及各家商號所提供的折扣、優惠或優先服務。

3. 截至 2014 年 8 月，社署長者咭辦事處共發出約 153 萬張長者咭。現時長者咭持有人的數目約為 98 萬人，佔整體合資格長者的 92%。而參與「長者咭計劃」的機構及商號總數約為 2 800 間，門市數目達 8 300 間。

4. 「長者咭計劃」除了透過印發長者咭予 65 歲或以上的香港居民，方便他們享用政府部門、公共機構及各家商號所提供的折扣、優惠或優先服務外，同時負責推廣社會各階層關愛長者。現時參與長者咭計劃的機構遍及各行各業，涉及長者各個生活層面，同時亦遍及全港各區域。參與提供恆常優惠的機構/商號包括政府部門、公共交通、社區設施、銀行、旅遊、飲食、購物、法律、康復器材、康樂、進修、超級市場及診所等。隨著資訊科技普及化，社署已把各參與商號及機構提供的優惠資料上載社署網頁，並引入智能手機優惠資訊應用程式，進一步方便長者及其家人查閱及選擇他們喜愛的商品和服務。

「長者咭計劃」二十周年優惠推廣

5. 為慶祝「長者咭計劃」推行至今已屆二十周年，除上述恆常的優惠外，社署希望藉此機會進一步宣傳「長者咭計劃」，向長者表示敬意，於是聯同香港社會服務聯會，邀請本地飲食業於本年 11 月 16 日(國際長者日)為長者提供一天特別優惠。至今已有來自全港 18

區超過 400 間食肆商號，合共約 900 間店鋪，在當日向長者咭持有人提供由九折起的優惠。社署會向參與的食肆及店鋪提供特別為是次食肆優惠大行動而設計的標誌張貼於當眼處，方便長者識別。

「長者咭補領費」的繳費地點

6. 於 2013-14 年度，共有 7 092 人申請補領長者咭。當中約 70% 是透過郵寄申請。現時，除了位於灣仔區的長者咭辦事處外，全港 18 區共設有 19 個長者咭補領費繳交點，社署會按需要檢視增設繳交點的可行性。

總結

7. 請各委員備悉文件內容。

社會福利署
九龍城及油尖旺區福利辦事處
2014 年 10 月

油尖旺社區建設委員會第 54 /2014 號文件
(供 2014 年 10 月 16 日委員會會議參考)

「廣東計劃」

目的

本文件旨在回應黃建新議員有關要求繼續豁免「廣東計劃」的申請者居港限制建議。

「廣東計劃」的背景資料

2. 社會福利署(下稱“本署”)於 2013 年 10 月 1 日在公共福利金計劃下推出「廣東計劃」，截至 2014 年 9 月底，約 17 800 位長者已獲發津貼，當中約 16 700 位長者受惠於一次性特別安排。

3. 「廣東計劃」的原意是為讓選擇移居廣東並符合資格的香港長者在廣東當地領取高齡津貼。在現行的公共福利金計劃下，高齡津貼申請人必須符合包括緊接提交申請前連續居港一年規定(下稱“一年規定”)在內的申請資格(在該年內如離港不超過 56 天，亦會被視為符合一年規定)。一年規定旨在確保高齡津貼發放給與香港確實有長期關連的人士。考慮到社會保障制度的長遠持續性，以及有需要為分配公共資源提供合理基礎，該規定能平衡社會各界的利益。

4. 由於有長者已在較早時移居廣東，他們難以符合一年規定。為照顧這些長者的需要，我們建議在「廣東計劃」推出初期設立一次性特別安排，讓已符合所有其他申請資格，惟未能符合一年規定的長者無須先回港居住，亦能受惠於「廣東計劃」。

繼續豁免「廣東計劃」申請者居港限制的考慮

5. 一次性特別安排在「廣東計劃」推行首年實行，以便合資格的長者有充裕時間提交申請。在這項一次性特別安排於本年 9 月 30 日結束前，本署已多次在不同渠道提醒長者這一次性特別安排的時限。事實上，已有超過 20 000 名選擇移居廣東的長者在限期前已遞交申請。任何延長或取消本年 9 月 30 日的期限的建議，並不符合廣東計劃的政策原意。

總結

6. 請各委員備悉文件內容。

社會福利署
九龍城及油尖旺區福利辦事處
2014 年 10 月