Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the 3rd Meeting of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee held on 5 July 2012

Opening Remarks

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

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

2. Minutes were confirmed without amendment.

Item 2 Matter Arising:

- To Follow Up on Removal of Man Cheong Street Refuse Collection Point
- 3. Members agreed that this item should be dealt with by the District Facilities Management Committee.

Item 3 Provision of Temporary Incense Burning Areas in Yau Tsim Mong ("YTM") District (YTMFEHC Paper No. 24/2012)

4. Members urged departments to increase the frequency of cleaning public places and recreation venues during traditional festive days for sacrificial offerings. Departments should also step up publicity and education on the importance of sacrificial offering safety and remind worshippers to minimise disturbance to the neighbourhood.

Item 4 Concern over Cleanliness and Maintenance of the Slope and the Stone Retaining Wall of Kowloon Park at Haiphong Road (YTMFEHC Paper No. 25/2012)

5. Members requested departments to strengthen coordination and efforts in cleaning the slope and the stone retaining wall of Kowloon Park at Haiphong Road, as well as desilting drains and replacing rusty pipes in the area.

Item 5 Blocked Roadside Drain Openings Causing Dangers to Passers-by on Rainy Days

(YTMFEHC Paper No. 26/2012)

Item 6 Urging Departments' Concern over Sanitation of Roadside Drains and Mosquitoes in Parks in Tai Kok Tsui (YTMFEHC Paper No. 27/2012)

6. Members were concerned about blocked and stinky drains in YTM District. They requested departments to strengthen drain cleaning, to increase the application of mosquito larvicides, and to review drain designs in areas in the district frequented by people.

Item 7 Urging the Administration to Address Serious Rodent Problems in YTM <u>District</u> (YTMFEHC Paper No. 28/2012)

7. A member referred to the long-term rodent problem in the district and urged the Administration to enhance rodent control.

Item 8 Construction Materials Companies Challenge the Law Openly by <u>Dumping Sand on the Road. Residents Feel Like They Are on a Beach.</u> (YTMFEHC Paper No. 29/2012)

8. Members urged departments to adopt stringent and effective measures against construction materials companies encroaching onto pavements for business extension. Departments should mount joint operations regularly to remove objects illegally occupying public space in order to maintain environmental hygiene and keep the passageway clear.

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