Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the 4th Meeting of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee held on 27 September 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 Further Concern that Works at Express Rail Link Worksites Would <u>Affect Air Quality in the District and Create Noise Nuisance</u> (YTMFEHC Paper No. 31/2012)

3. Members requested the Mass Transit Railway Corporation ("MTRC") and the Environmental Protection Department ("EPD") to step up monitoring of the contractor of the Express Rail Link. They also urged the Government to increase penalties under the relevant legislation to protect air quality in Tsim Sha Tsui.

Item 3 Concern over Worsening Woodlouse Problem in Housing Estates during Summer

(YTMFEHC Paper No. 32/2012)

4. Members urged departments to make joint active efforts in tackling the woodlouse problem in Hoi Fu Court. Publicity and education should also be enhanced to raise public awareness on prevention of bed bugs.

Item 4 <u>Implementation of Suspension of Food Premises Licences</u> (YTMFEHC Paper No. 33/2012)

5. Members requested departments to plug legal loopholes and strengthen surveillance of food premises in the district to ensure that eateries with suspended licences actually ceased operation for protection of public health.

Item 5 Concern over Pavement Encroachments by Shops in Tai Kok Tsui (YTMFEHC Paper No. 34/2012)

6. Members called upon the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD") to pay attention to encroachment of pavements, roads and roadside parking

spaces by shops in Tai Kok Tsui. They sought more stringent enforcement actions and effective measures for continual improvement of the situation.

Item 6 Easy-mount Frames and Distribution of Promotional Flyers on Mong Kok Streets

(YTMFEHC Paper No. 35/2012)

7. Members hoped that departments concerned could enhance cooperation, deploy resources flexibly and step up prosecutions to effectively deal with illegal display of easy-mount frames and posting of promotional flyers on streets in Mong Kok, so as to minimise public nuisance.

Item 7 Any Other Business

8. Members raised a number of problems for FEHD's attention, including the unlicensed eateries in Mirador Mansion, Tsim Sha Tsui, the accumulation of rubbish at the junction of Portland Street and Fife Street in late night, and encroachment of pavements for display of advertising light boxes by massage parlors near Haiphong Road.

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