

**Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee of the  
Yau Tsim Mong District Council (2012-2015)**

**Date** : 23 January 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 YEUNG Tsz-hei, Benny, MH

Vice-chairman

Mr CHAN Wai-keung

District Councillors

Mr CHUNG Kong-mo, JP  
Ms KO Po-ling, BBS, MH, JP  
Mr CHAN Siu-tong, MH  
Mr CHOI Siu-fung, Benjamin  
Mr CHONG Wing-charn, Francis  
Mr CHOW Chun-fai, BBS, JP  
Mr HAU Wing-cheong, BBS, MH  
Mr HUNG Chiu-wah, Derek

Mr IP Ngo-tung, Chris  
Ms KWAN Sau-ling  
Mr LAM Kin-man  
Mr LAU Pak-kei  
The Honorable TO Kun-sun, James  
Mr WONG Chung, John  
Mr WONG Kin-san  
Ms WONG Shu-ming

Co-opted Members

Ms LAM Wai-lung  
Mr SHUM Chu-wah  
Mr CHOI Vai-hung

Mr HO Siu-tak  
Mr JO Chun-wah  
Mr LUI Wing-kong, Vincent

Representatives of the Government

Mr TANG Fuk-kin	Chief Health Inspector 1 (Mong Kok)	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr WONG Kam-wah	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Yau Tsim)	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr LUK Kwok-po	Chief Estate Officer/Kowloon	Lands Department
Mr LAI Ka-yin	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong)	Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr YEUNG Chuen-ching, Francis	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East) 1	Environmental Protection Department
Mr WONG Kai-wing	Sergeant, Police Community Relations Office (Yau Tsim District)	Hong Kong Police Force
Mr TSANG Kwok-keung	Senior Inspector (Mong Kok District)	Hong Kong Police Force
Mr WONG Kok-seng	Task Force Sub-Unit Commander (Mong Kok District)	Hong Kong Police Force
Mr TSANG Man-shing	Station Sergeant (Mong Kok District)	Hong Kong Police Force
Ms LEE Ka-mei, Patty	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Yau Tsim Mong District Office	Home Affairs Department

**In Attendance:**

Mr Kenny WONG	Principal Consultant	Hong Kong Productivity Council
Ms Karie CHAN	Project Officer	Hong Kong Productivity Council

Secretary

Miss FUNG Hoi-ha, Martha	Executive Officer (District Council) 3, Yau Tsim Mong District Office	Home Affairs Department
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**Absent:**

Mr HUI Tak-leung	District Councillor
Mr WONG Man-sing, Barry, MH	District Councillor
Ms CHENG So-ngor	Co-opted Member
Mr MOK Yuk-kwong	Co-opted Member

## **Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He then introduced Ms Patty LEE, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) of the Yau Tsim Mong District Office, who attended the FEHC meeting for the first time; and Mr TSANG Kwok-keung, Senior Inspector (Mong Kok District), Mr WONG Kok-seng, Task Force Sub-Unit Commander (Mong Kok District) and Mr TSANG Man-shing, Station Sergeant (Mong Kok District) of the Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”). Furthermore, he reported that Mr Mohammad Munir KHAN, Police Community Relations Officer (Yau Tsim) of the HKPF was absent with apologies. Mr WONG Kai-wing, Sergeant of the Police Community Relations Office (Yau Tsim) of the HKPF stood in for him at the meeting. Mr LI Ka-kei, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Mong Kok) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) was unable to attend the meeting. Mr TANG Fuk-kin, Chief Health Inspector 1 (Mong Kok) of the FEHD stood in for him at the meeting. Moreover, Mr HUI Tak-leung and Ms CHENG So-ngor were also absent due to other commitments.

### **Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> FEHC Meeting**

2. Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as the Secretariat had not received any proposal of amendment since the distribution of the draft minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

### **Agenda Item 2: Request Authorities to Address Dog Fouling Problems at Footbridges Across Tong Mei Road and Dundas Street (YTMFEHC Paper No. 1/2014)**

3. The Chairman said that the written response of the FEHD (Annex I) had been faxed to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed Mr TANG Fuk-kin, Chief Health Inspector 1 (Mong Kok) of the FEHD, to join the discussion.

4. The Vice-chairman supplemented the contents of the paper. He also asked the FEHD about the daily schedule and frequency of cleaning the footbridges across Tong Mei Road and Dundas Street by the cleansing service contractor.

5. Mr TANG Fuk-kin responded that the cleansing service contractor carried out respective cleaning work at the two footbridges six to eight times every day. The cleaning time might change from day to day, subject to the daily routine. He said that the frontline staff of the FEHD would step up patrols at the two footbridges and enhance supervision over the performance of the cleansing service contractor. If its

performance was considered unsatisfactory, the FEHD would issue warning letters or default notices to the contractor for reprimand and punishment.

6. Mr John WONG remarked that the FEHD was unable to address the dog fouling problem at the two footbridges effectively. He queried that the problem existed because the FEHD did not try its best to monitor the contractor.

7. The Vice-chairman urged the FEHD to step up supervision over the contractor concerned so as to solve the dog fouling problem at the two footbridges effectively.

(Mr LAM Kin-man joined the meeting at 2:45 p.m.)

8. Mr Derek HUNG reflected that the dog fouling problem at the footbridges in the district was serious. He suggested that the FEHD should put up banners with deterrent effect on the footbridges to remind dog owners of proper handling of dog faeces left in public places.

9. Mr HAU Wing-cheong opined that besides stepping up enforcement action, the FEHD should educate the dog owners to keep the environment clean and promote a considerate attitude among them.

(Ms KO Po-ling joined the meeting at 2:48 p.m.)

10. Ms KWAN Sau-ling suggested that the FEHD should put up notices in prominent places of the two footbridges, stating the penalty for committing an offence under the relevant ordinance to enhance deterrent effect.

11. Mr TANG Fuk-kin remarked that the FEHD would step up monitoring the performance of the cleansing service contractor. He added that notices were already put up at the two footbridges, reminding dog owners to clean up the dog faeces. The department would also continue to enhance publicity and education.

12. The Chairman urged the FEHD to step up monitoring the performance of the cleansing service contractor.

13. Ms KO Po-ling enquired whether the cleansing services for the two footbridges were provided by the same contractor.

14. Mr TANG Fuk-kin responded that the cleansing services for the two

footbridges were provided by the same contractor. He reiterated that the FEHD would step up monitoring the performance of the cleansing service contractor.

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

**Agenda Item 3: Authorities Are Not Concerned About Rats Sneaking into Residential Flats. Residents Are Left Helpless  
(YTMFEHC Paper No. 2/2014)**

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16. The Chairman said that the written response of the FEHD (Annex II) had been faxed to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed Mr TANG Fuk-kin, Chief Health Inspector 1 (Mong Kok) of the FEHD, to join the discussion.

17. Ms WONG Shu-ming briefly introduced the contents of the paper.

18. Mr TANG Fuk-kin said that if residential premises were prone to rodent infestation, members of the public could approach the FEHD, which would arrange staff of the Pest Control Section to conduct rodent surveys at the premises with rodent problems and give advice on rodent prevention to the households there. The FEHD would also provide limited rodent prevention and control services to households living in private housing if circumstances required. He continued to say that the FEHD would continue to follow up rodent infestation in the back lane of Tak Cheung Building.

19. Ms WONG Shu-ming urged the FEHD to clean up the rubbish in the back lane of Tak Cheung Building as soon as possible so as to improve the environmental hygiene and tackle the rodent problem.

20. Mr Derek HUNG remarked that a large amount of construction waste was piled up in the back lane of Tak Cheung Building. He hoped that the department concerned would proactively take care of the situation.

21. Mr TANG Fuk-kin said that the FEHD was mainly responsible for disposal of domestic waste. Regarding construction waste, the FEHD would refer the case to the relevant department for follow-up action.

22. Ms KO Po-ling enquired how the relevant department would dispose of the construction waste on the streets, and how the Administration would take enforcement action.

(Mr Francis CHONG joined the meeting at 3:02 p.m.)

23. Mr TANG Fuk-kin responded that the Highways Department (“HyD”) was responsible for cleaning up construction waste on the streets, while the Environmental

Protection Department (“EPD”) was responsible for initiating prosecutions against offenders of illegal dumping of construction waste.

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

**Agenda Item 4: To seek Improvements to Hygienic Black Spots in the District  
(YTMFEHC Paper No. 3/2014)**

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25. The Chairman said that the the written response of the FEHD (Annex III) had been faxed to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed Mr TANG Fuk-kin, Chief Health Inspector 1 (Mong Kok) of the FEHD, to join the discussion.

26. Mr John WONG and Ms WONG Shu-ming supplemented the contents of the paper.

27. Mr TANG Fuk-kin said that the FEHD would step up prosecution against littering offenders to ensure that the spots listed in the paper were kept clean.

(Mr CHUNG Kong-mo joined the meeting at 3:09 p.m.)

28. Ms WONG Shu-ming remarked that there were many restaurants and shops in the vicinity of the spots. Some shop operators often disposed of waste on the streets. She urged the department concerned to take stringent enforcement action against such illegal act.

29. Mr Benjamin CHOI said that during the Chinese New Year, the problem of illegal dumping of waste by shop operators tended to be more serious. He enquired whether the FEHD would step up street patrols and prosecutions during this period.

30. Mr John WONG opined that the actions taken by the FEHD to improve the hygiene conditions of the black spots were ineffective. He hoped that the department would proactively look into the solutions.

31. The Vice-chairman suggested that the FEHD should enhance publicity of the locations of refuse collection points (“RCPs”) in the district, as well as putting up notices in the vicinity of litter bins on the streets to remind the public of disposal of bulky waste in the RCPs instead of putting the waste beside the litter bins.

32. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo proposed that the FEHD should enhance publicity of the offence of waste disposal beside litter bins, with the penalty clearly stated. Moreover, he reflected that some scavengers in the district searched the waste beside the litter bins on the streets, thus causing environmental hygiene problems. He urged the FEHD to follow up this situation and requested the department to check whether there were sufficient litter bins on the streets in the district. In addition, the FEHD

should, before the Chinese New Year holiday, reinforce publicity and education among the shops in the vicinity of the hygienic black spots, and warn the shop operators against waste disposal on the streets.

33. The Hon James TO commented that the FEHD should consider using larger litter bins or clearing the litter bins more frequently so as to prevent the public from disposing of waste on the streets.

34. Mr HAU Wing-cheong hoped that the FEHD would enhance publicity and education in the district to remind the residents of disposal of bulky waste in the RCPs.

(The Hon James TO left the meeting at 3:23 p.m.)

35. Mr TANG Fuk-kin responded that the FEHD would enhance publicity of the locations of the RCPs in the district and remind the residents of disposal of bulky waste in the RCPs.

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

**Agenda Item 5: Public Engagement on Municipal Solid Waste Charging –  
“Waste Reduction by Waste Charging · How to Implement?”  
(YTMFEHC Paper No. 4/2014)**

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37. The Chairman welcomed Mr Kenny WONG, Principal Consultant, and Ms Karie CHAN, Project Officer of the Hong Kong Productivity Council (“HKPC”) to join the discussion.

(Mr WONG Kin-san joined the meeting at 3:30 p.m.)

38. Mr Kenny WONG gave a PowerPoint presentation to briefly introduce the contents of the Consultation Paper on Municipal Solid Waste Charging Scheme (“Charging Scheme”), which included the charging mechanism, coverage, charging level and recycling.

(Mr HAU Wing-cheong left the meeting at 3:46 p.m.)

39. Ms WONG Shu-ming thanked the HKPC representative for giving an introduction on the item, and asked why the Environment Bureau (“ENB”) did not send representatives to attend this meeting. She opined that when the Charging Scheme was put in force, Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (“CSSA”) recipients and people with financial difficulties should be provided with subsidies. The Government should also consider some practical matters, for example, it should take note of the difficulties in taking enforcement action against buildings with an unsound property management system. She also suggested that the Government

should set a longer buffer period when taking forward the Charging Scheme.

40. The Vice-chairman enquired about the estimated domestic and commercial waste reduction in average after implementation of the Charging Scheme. He also asked whether the Government would terminate the Scheme if it failed to yield satisfactory results in waste reduction. Moreover, he reflected that many grassroot citizens found it hard to reduce daily waste. The Government should address the problem by reducing waste at source, such as encouraging shop operators to trim packaging of merchandise.

41. Ms KWAN Sau-ling hoped that the Government would follow the green policies of other places (such as Taiwan) to enhance publicity of environmental protection with a view to nurturing a sense of self-discipline and consideration among the public. She worried that the implementation of the Charging Scheme would worsen the problem of littering, and commented that the Government should work out a solution to address the problem. In addition, she supported implementation of waste charging in a quantity-based approach.

42. Mr Benjamin CHOI opined that giving rewards would be a more effective way to achieve the target of waste reduction than punishment.

43. Mr WONG Kin-san supported the Charging Scheme. However, he pointed out that the Government should study the practical problems it might face when the Scheme was put in place. For instance, it might have difficulties in taking enforcement action against buildings with an unsound property management system. Moreover, he commented that the Government should first introduce the Charging Scheme to commercial and industrial users before extending its coverage to all households in the territory.

44. Mr Kenny WONG responded as follows:

- (i) The ENB invited the Council for Sustainable Development (“SDC”) to proceed with a second-stage public engagement on solid waste charging, and the HKPC would act as the project director of the public engagement. As such, it was appropriate for the HKPC to attend meetings and give a brief introduction on the contents of the project.
- (ii) The SDC had gauged views from different sectors, for example, the financial position of the low-income group and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients and the assistance they needed should be given more consideration, and a reasonable buffer period should be provided to ensure a smooth rollout of the Scheme. The SDC planned to submit a report to the ENB in the third quarter this year. Legislative proceedings would commence once the report was approved by the Bureau, and the Bill would be presented to the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) in 2015. It was anticipated that the



measure would be implemented in 2016. Some expressed the view that the buffer period should be set at three months, during which members of the public could familiarise themselves with the mode of disposal of waste by using prepaid garbage bags.

- (iii) The Government had set up the Steering Committee to Promote Sustainable Development of Recycling Industry to study the ways to assist the recycling industry in handling the recyclable materials.
- (iv) According to “Hong Kong: Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022” published by the ENB, the Government expected to reduce the per capita waste disposal level of solid waste by 40 per cent in 10 years. To achieve this target, the Government would, apart from introduction of the Charging Scheme, take forward other measures such as the producer responsibility scheme (“PRS”). The Government could make reference to the success of neighbouring areas. For instance, in Taipei, after the waste charging scheme had been implemented for 10 years, the per capita waste disposal level dropped by over 60 per cent.
- (v) Currently, about 9 000 tonnes of municipal solid waste were generated daily in Hong Kong, among which about 40 per cent were recyclable paper and plastics. It could be seen that there was still room for waste reduction in the community.
- (vi) While implementing the Charging Scheme, the Government should also study the possibility of trimming down the number of litter bins on the streets or using litter bins with smaller openings.
- (vii) The consultation of the second-stage public engagement revealed that so far a majority of the public supported that charging should apply across-the-board to both the commercial and industrial sector and domestic households.
- (viii) The HKPC understood that before full implementation of the Charging Scheme, the Government would first consider the feasibility of carrying out a pilot scheme in some residential buildings.
- (ix) During initial implementation of the Charging Scheme, it was inevitable that the flytipping problem would become more serious. While implementing the relevant Charging Scheme, Taipei set up a “reporting” system to tackle such a problem. Members of the public who reported offenders were rewarded with part of the fines. However, the Administration considered that it would be hard to put into practice this measure with regard to the circumstances in Hong Kong.

(Mr Francis CHONG left the meeting at 3:58 p.m.)

(Mr CHOW Chun-fai left the meeting at 4:04 p.m.)

45. Ms KO Po-ling supported the implementation of the Charging Scheme and was in favour of promotion of the Scheme through a reward and punishment system. Moreover, she asked whether, under the Charging Scheme, members of the public were required to buy designated garbage bags and pay the waste disposal charge as well, which meant paying double charges.

46. Ms LAM Wai-lung pointed out that the Government should enhance publicity to convey the message of waste reduction to the public.

47. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo remarked that to solve the waste problem in Hong Kong, various measures such as reduction of waste at source, development of environmental industries and implementation of the Waste Charging Scheme, should be taken at one time. He opined that when the Charging Scheme was put in force, the Government should strengthen supervision to ensure that the public complied with the law, and combat forgery of designated garbage bags by unruly elements who tried to make a profit by deceptively selling fake bags. However, he worried that the administrative cost of such measures might be too high.

(Mr Derek HUNG left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.)

(Mr LAM Kin-man and Ms WONG Shu-ming left the meeting at 4:21 p.m.)

48. The Vice-chairman doubted the effectiveness of the Charging Scheme, and hoped that the Administration would carefully study the practical problems that might arise during implementation of the Scheme.

49. The Chairman said that there were many different types of buildings in Hong Kong. It was necessary for the Administration to set up a charging mechanism which was tailor-made for the unique phenomenon in Hong Kong.

50. Mr Kenny WONG responded as follows:

- (i) Under the Charging Scheme, one of the proposed charging modes was that members of the public were required to buy designated garbage

bags to contain waste for disposal, but did not have to pay any additional waste disposal charge.

- (ii) If the Government was to provide garbage bags for the Charging Scheme in the future, different sizes of the bags, as well as security features, should be available so as to prevent unruly elements from making a profit by selling fake bags.
- (iii) Some expressed the view that it was necessary for the Government to allocate additional resources to ensure that the buildings without property management would properly dispose of the solid waste generated, as well as stepping up enforcement actions and regulation, such as exercising supervision over members of the public to see if they used pre-paid garbage bags to contain waste for disposal, and deploying more staff to station at RCPs.
- (iv) Some expressed the view that the Government should enhance publicity and disseminate the messages of environmental protection and waste reduction.

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

**Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business**

52. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 20 March 2014.

Yau Tsim Mong District Council Secretariat  
February 2014

**要求正視塘尾道行人天橋及登打士街行人天橋狗隻隨處便溺問題**

多謝油尖旺區區議會陳偉強議員就上述標題事宜提呈文件，並要求食物環境衛生署（下稱「本署」）作出回覆。本署現就文件綜合回覆如下：

1. 本署一向十分關注旺角區內（包括奧海城二期商場空地、櫻桃街公園外面、塘尾道行人天橋及登打士街行人天橋一帶）的街道衛生及市民放狗情況，除派員日常巡查外，亦不時安排便裝人員於早上、黃昏及晚上進行突擊執法行動。過去半年多的巡查及突擊行動中發現狗主大多自律地在狗隻便溺後進行清理，只有四名人士在大角咀區因沒有清理他們看管狗隻的糞便而被本署人員檢控。
2. 此外，本署人員亦會繼續在狗隻隨處便溺的黑點及其一帶加強宣傳，向攜帶狗隻的人士派發宣傳單張，並在上址一帶張貼海報及展示相關橫額，提醒狗主須妥善處理其狗隻在公眾地方遺下的糞便，否則會遭檢控。本署已在上址一帶設置了狗糞收集箱及狗廁所，以方便市民使用。若本署人員發現上址有流浪狗隻，亦會轉介漁農自然護理署跟進。
3. 本署前線人員會加倍留意上址的潔淨情況，採取適當行動並督促潔淨服務承辦商加強在上址的清潔工作，以保持地方環境衛生。

**有關快富街 10-14 號德祥大廈及後巷的鼠患問題**

多謝油尖旺區區議會黃舒明議員就上述標題事宜提呈文件，並要求食物環境衛生署（下稱「本署」）作出回覆。本署現按文件內提出的問題綜合回覆如下：

1. 本署十分關注旺角區內的鼠患情況。就快富街 10-14 號後巷而言，除有恆常的防治鼠患監察調查外，本署防治蟲鼠服務承辦商亦有定期在該後巷進行防控鼠患的工作，包括擺放毒鼠餌和放置捕鼠器。此外，本署街道潔淨服務承辦商每日均會清理上址後巷的垃圾和每週清洗該處一次，以確保環境衛生。
2. 本署防治蟲鼠組人員於 1 月 14 日到上址後巷視察，發現有一拾荒者在後巷堆積在附近回收的物品，經勸喻後，該拾荒者已即時移走有關物品。本署隨即指派防治蟲鼠服務承辦商在後巷及附近地盤一帶地方進行全方位的防控鼠患工作，並派人到德祥大廈的公用地方進行徹底的鼠患調查，其間未有發現有明顯鼠跡。雖然如此，本署亦有向德祥大廈居民派發防治家居鼠患的宣傳單張。
3. 根據記錄，自去年七月至今，本署接獲 1 宗有關上址後巷有鼠患的投訴，但未有接獲德祥大廈居民投訴有鼠患的個案。如居民懷疑住宅單位內有鼠患問題，可聯絡本署(電話:2749 3600)安排防治蟲鼠組人員到其單位內進行鼠患調查及提供防治鼠患建議。本署亦會視乎需要及在資源許可的情況下，為個別住戶及沒有聘用物業管理公司的私人住宅樓宇的公用部分提供有限度的防治鼠患服務。

食物環境衛生署  
旺角區環境衛生辦事處  
2014 年 1 月

### **要求改善區內衛生黑點問題**

多謝油尖旺區區議會黃頌議員、黃建新議員、黃舒明議員及莊永燦議員就區內有不法之徒常在廢屑箱旁棄置大袋垃圾事宜提呈文件，並要求食物環境衛生署(下稱「本署」)作出回覆。本署現按文件內提出的問題綜合回覆如下：

1. 本署十分關注旺角區有部份不重公德人士隨意棄置大袋垃圾於廢屑箱旁的情況，除派員日常巡查外，亦不時安排便裝人員在不同時段進行突擊執法行動。過去一年，本署人員於旺角區一共向違例棄置袋裝垃圾於廢屑箱旁的人士發出共 37 張定額罰款通知書。此外，收到議員對上述事宜的關注後，本署近日安排執法人員於文件所列的黑點進行多次執法行動，並於 1 月 17 日向 2 名違例棄置袋裝垃圾於廢屑箱旁的人士發出 2 張定額罰款通知書。同時，本署人員亦已在這些黑點增設告示警告市民不要隨地棄置垃圾，否則會被檢控。
2. 一般而言，本署每星期清洗街道及後巷一次，亦會就個別地點的情況，適量增加洗街次數。此外，本署亦會放置足夠廢屑箱供市民使用及每日安排潔淨服務承辦商在提供 6 至 8 次的清掃及清理廢屑箱工作，確保街道清潔及環境衛生。
3. 本署亦已指令潔淨服務承辦商加強提呈文件內所述黑點的潔淨工作及提醒前線潔淨組人員密切留意有關情況，在需要時會抽調資源加強清潔及檢控行動，以保障環境衛生。

食物環境衛生署  
旺角區環境衛生辦事處  
2014 年 1 月