

**Summary of Discussions and Decisions
of the 5th Meeting of the
Yau Tsim Mong District Council held on 28 June 2012**

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed District Councillors and Government Representatives to the meeting.

Item 1 Visit of Director of Water Supplies to Yau Tsim Mong District Council (“YTMDC”)

2. Councillors noted the scope of work and the latest work direction of the Water Supplies Department (“WSD”), and gave their views on the Rehabilitation Programme of Water Mains, desalination, reclaimed water, combating unauthorised water uses on construction sites, relocation of WSD office at Argyle Street and incentives to promote water conservation.

3. The Director of Water Supplies said that he would reconsider the cost effectiveness of desalination and related development proposals, and would reflect Councillors’ views on incentives to promote water conservation to the policy bureau(x) concerned. Besides, WSD was identifying a commercial building for relocation of its office at Argyle Street, but a concrete removal schedule was not yet available.

Item 2 Confirmation of Minutes of 4th YTMDC Meeting

4. Minutes were confirmed without amendment.

Item 3 Matters Arising:

Continued Concern over No. 4 Alarm Fire at Fa Yuen Street and Its Follow-up Work
(YTMDC Paper No. 8/2012)

5. The Fire Services Department (“FSD”) had completed the fire investigation on 31 May and submitted the report to the Police. The Police would submit the final investigation report to the Coroners Court and a death inquest would be held afterwards.

6. The item will continue to be dealt with under “Matters Arising” at the next meeting.

Item 4 Funding Application from 2012-2015 YTMDC National Day Celebration Activities Organising Committee for Organising District Celebration Activities in 2012-2013
(YTMDC Paper No. 66/2012)

7. Councillors endorsed an allocation of \$2,140,000 to the National Day Celebration Activities Organising Committee for organising celebration activities in the district in 2012-2013.

Item 5 Funding Application from 2012-2013 YTM Organising Committee on Promotion of Civic Education for Organising Civic Education Activities in the District in 2012-13
(YTMDC Paper No. 67/2012)

8. Councillors endorsed an allocation of \$350,000 to YTM Organising Committee on Promotion of Civic Education for organising civic education activities in the district in 2012-2013.

Item 6 Application for YTMDC Funds from 2012-2013 Building Management Promotion Campaign Organising Committee
(YTMDC Paper No. 68/2012)

9. Councillors endorsed an allocation of \$150,000 to the Building Management Promotion Campaign Organising Committee for organising building management promotional activities in the district in 2012-2013.

Item 7 Application for YTMDC Funds for Organising Ethnic-specific Activities in Yau Tsim Mong (“YTM”) District in 2012-2013
(YTMDC Paper No. 69/2012)

10. Councillors endorsed an allocation of \$300,000 to the Working Group on Ethnic Affairs for organising activities in YTM District in 2012-2013.

Item 8 Financial Position of YTMDC as at 18.6.2012
(YTMDC Paper No. 70/2012)

11. Councillors noted the financial position of YTMDC funds as at 18 June 2012.

Item 9 Proposed Amendments to “Guidelines on Yau Tsim Mong District Council Funds”
(YTMDC Paper No. 71/2012)

12. As endorsed by Councillors, the maximum subsidy amount for “performance fees” and “Cantonese music performance/Cantonese opera” for non-specified organisations and owners’ corporations is increased to \$10,000, but the subsidy amount shall not exceed 50% of the total expenditure of the performance (whichever is lower). Moreover, the applicant cannot apply for subsidies for performance fees and Cantonese music performance/Cantonese opera at the same time. The revised amount will be applicable to activities organised on or after 1 July 2013.

Item 10 Information Paper on Organisation of 4th Hong Kong Games
(YTMDC Paper No. 72/2012)

13. Councillors noted the list of team leaders in the YTM District delegation for the Hong Kong Games.

Item 11 District Councils' Non-English Outlook Translates into Discrimination
(YTM DC Paper No. 73/2012)

14. To enhance the transparency of YTMDC, the Yau Tsim Mong District Office ("YTMDO") would implement the following new measures:

- 1) English summaries of minutes would be provided not only for full DC meetings but also for the meetings of the five YTMDC committees. The translations would also be uploaded to the YTMDC website for public inspection.
- 2) If simultaneous interpretation services are provided for the meetings of YTMDC and its committees, the English audio files would be uploaded to YTMDC website to facilitate the non-Chinese speaking public to understand the proceedings of the meetings.

Item 12 Concern over Bursting of Water Main at Argyle Street on 13 June and Impact of Aged Water Pipes on the Public
(YTM DC Paper No. 74/2012)

15. Councillors urged WSD to expedite the replacement of aged pipes in the district and coordinate with the Transport Department and the Highways Department in reducing the impact of pipe bursts or rehabilitation of water mains on the public.

Item 13 To Strengthen Community Policing in Mong Kok and Tai Kok Tsui by Increasing Community Liaison Points and Locations for Signing Police Attendance Registers
(YTMDC Paper No. 75/2012)

16. The Hong Kong Police Force ("HKPF") would consult the local community prior to the establishment of community liaison points, and the Yau Tsim Mong District Fight Crime Committee would conduct inspections on the operation of the liaison points. To strengthen community policing, HKPF would put visiting books at safe locations, where local opinions could easily be collected, and increase the number of uniformed police officers patrolling on the street.

Item 14 Concern over Non-provision of Staff Changing Rooms in a Public Swimming Pool Managed by Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(YTMDC Paper No. 76/2012)

17. LCSD would reserve two extra bath cubicles in Kowloon Park Swimming Pool as changing facilities for female lifeguards. Proper changing and bathing facilities would also be provided for the staff of another three swimming pools.

Item 15 Progress Reports

18. Councillors noted the contents of the progress reports.

Item 16 Any Other Business

Sport for All Day 2012

19. Councillors endorsed an allocation of \$10,000 to Yaumatei and Tsimshatsui Recreation and Sports Association and another \$10,000 to Mong Kok District Cultural, Recreational and Sports Association for organising recreational and sports activities in support of “Sport for All Day 2012”.

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