

**Summary of Discussions and Decisions
of the 6th Meeting of the
Yau Tsim Mong District Council held on 23 August 2012**

Opening Remarks

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

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

2. The Director of Fire Services (“DFS”) introduced the scope of work and the latest work direction of the Fire Services Department (“FSD”). He further reported the progress of investigation of the Fa Yuen Street blaze and FSD’s present surveillance and enforcement actions at Fa Yuen Street.

3. DFS said that FSD would directly inspect buildings with obvious fire hazards, refer illegal apartment partitions to the Buildings Department for investigation, and adopt a flexible and practical approach to assist property owners in need to carry out building maintenance.

Item 2 Visit of Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation to YTMDC

4. The Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation introduced the scope of work and the latest work direction of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department. He exchanged views with Councillors regarding the safety of consuming fish in the wake of spilling of plastic pellets in Hong Kong waters, the maltreatment of monkeys at Kam Shan Country Park, public nuisance caused by stray dogs and cats and wild doves, and the removal of the Yau Ma Tei Wholesale Fruit Market.

Item 3 Confirmation of Minutes of 5th YTMDC Meeting

4. Minutes were confirmed with amendment.

Item 4 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 Police submitted the mid-term investigation report on the Fa Yuen Street blaze to the Coroner’s Court on 3.7.2012. Police investigation of the fire was almost completed, and further expert advice was being sought. FSD had also passed its investigation report to the Police for referral to the Coroner’s Court.

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

Item 5 Financial Position of YTMDC as at 13.8.2012
(YTMDC Paper No. 89/2012)

7. Councillors noted the financial position of YTMDC funds as at 13 August 2012.

Item 6 Funding Applications from Specified Organisations
(YTMDC Paper No. 90/2012)

8. Councillors endorsed an allocation of \$170,000 to the YTM District Fire Safety Committee for organising one activity within the year.

Item 7 Funding Application from 2012-2013 Yau Tsim Mong (“YTM”) District Road Safety Campaign Organising Committee for Production of Road Safety Promotional Items
(YTMDC Paper No. 91/2012)

9. Councillors endorsed an allocation of \$93,397 to the YTM District Road Safety Campaign Organising Committee for production of road safety promotional items this year.

Item 8 Funding Application from 2012-2013 Executive Committee of YTM Healthy City for Production of a Publication on Exemplary Medical Staff
(YTMDC Paper No. 92/2012)

10. Councillors endorsed an allocation of \$114,000 to the Executive Committee of YTM Healthy City for publication of a special edition on exemplary medical staff.

Item 9 Funding Application from 2012-2013 Executive Committee of YTM Healthy City for Organising Seminars on Promotion of Personal and Home Hygiene among the Elderly and Production of Cleaning Kits
(YTMDC Paper No. 93/2012)

11. Councillors endorsed an allocation of \$289,000 to the Executive Committee of YTM Healthy City for organising the seminars and producing cleaning kits within the year.

Item 10 Funding Application from 2012-2013 Executive Committee of YTM Healthy City for Launching a Recycling Scheme in YTM Communities
(YTMDC Paper No. 94/2012)

12. Councillors endorsed an allocation of \$210,500 to the Executive Committee of YTM Healthy City for launching the scheme this year.

Item 11 Funding Application from Working Group on Promotion of Tourism and Local Community Economy for Production of a YTM Tourism Pamphlet and Souvenirs

(YTM DC Paper No. 95/2012)

13. Councillors endorsed an allocation of \$158,000 to the WG on Promotion of Tourism and Local Community Economy for production of the YTM tourism pamphlet and souvenirs.

Item 12 Funding Application from Working Group on Publicity and Promotion for Production of Promotional Items and Updating and Maintenance of YTMDC Webpage
(YTM DC Paper No. 96/2012)

14. Councillors endorsed an allocation of \$548,000 to the WG on Publicity and Promotion for production of promotional items and updating and maintenance of the YTMDC webpage.

Item 13 Funding Application from 2012-2013 Environmental Improvement Campaign Organising Committee for Organising 2012-2013 Hygiene Promotion for a Better Community in YTM Launching Ceremony and 2012-2013 Hygiene Promotion for a Better Community in YTM Campaign
(YTM DC Paper No. 97/2012)

15. Councillors endorsed an allocation of \$27,300 and another of \$361,200 to the Environmental Improvement Campaign Organising Committee for staging the launching ceremony and the implementation of the campaign.

Item 14 Urging the Administration to Withdraw the Moral, Civic and National Education Subject Immediately
(YTMDC Paper No. 98/2012)

16. The Education Bureau representative introduced the Moral, Civic and National Education Subject and its supporting measures.

17. A councilor moved a motion at the meeting demanding withdrawal of the subject for a full consultation exercise. The motion was not seconded and not tabled for discussion.

Item 15 Shocking Serial Sex Offences Have Turned Mong Kok into a High Risk District at Night
(YTMDC Paper No. 99/2012)

18. Police representatives reported the number of sex offences recorded in Mong Kok and Yau Tsim Police Districts during the first seven months of 2012, as well as the measures taken to combat the crime, such as strengthening police patrol of hazardous locations like hidden street corners, rear lanes and old buildings, frequent inspections of liquor licensed premises, more stringent enforcement action, enhancing information exchange among railway districts, flyer distribution at MTR stations, etc. The District Facilities Management Committee would also discuss ways to step up order and security in the district at its meeting in September.

19. Councillors urged departments to improve the lighting systems of poorly lit buildings. The Police should also place visiting books at high-risk spots and periodically

review the placement locations.

Item 16 Strong Dissatisfaction over Government Departments' Wrong Assessment of Tsim Sha Tsui Piazza Project
(YTMDC Paper No. 100/2012)

Item 17 The Tsim Sha Tsui Piazza Project Has Been Shelved. Why didn't the Government Conduct a Feasibility Study on the Foundation of Star Ferry Bus Terminus Pier prior to Construction of Mody Road Bus Terminus?
(YTMDC Paper No. 101/2012)

20. Councillors noted the background, the decision and the arrangements regarding the shelving of the Tsim Sha Tsui Piazza Project. In addition, the Tourism Commission and the Transport Department introduced the restoration and revitalization of the Star Ferry Pier and the use of Mody Road Bus Terminus.

Item 18 Request for Improvement to Consultation System and Procedures on Liquor Licence Applications
(YTMDC Paper No. 102/2012)

21. The Police and the District Office explained their respective roles in the consultation process of liquor licence applications.

Item 19 Progress Reports

22. Councillors noted the contents of the progress reports.

Item 20 Any Other Business

Funding Scheme for Women's Development by Women's Commission

23. The WG on Women's Affairs, YTMDC would organise activities at the district level in support of the theme "women wellness" advocated by Women's Commission this year.

47th Hong Kong Brands and Products Expo — Performances by Local Organisations of 18 Districts

24. The WG on Ethnic Affairs, YTMDC would invite ethnic groups in the district to perform in the Expo. Each performing group would be entitled to a subsidy of \$3,000 payable by the organiser.

To Invite DC Funds Applications from District Groups for Organising Special District Programmes

25. Councillors agreed to make provisions for two special district programmes each at a subsidy amount of \$200,000. The Community Building Committee would invite DC funds applications from district groups accordingly.

Provision of Police Visiting Book at Metro Harbour View

26. Councillors noted that the Police had resumed placement of a visiting book at Metro Harbour View.

Public Open Space of Metro Harbour View

27. Councillors agreed to write to the Secretary for Development to request the Development Bureau to take the lead in dealing with the opening of public open space of Metro Harbour View, and to submit a paper to consult the views of YTMDC and the Yau Tsim Mong (West) Area Committee on the issue.

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