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**Subcommittee on Drug Dependent Persons Treatment
and Rehabilitation Centres (Licensing) Ordinance (10 of 2001)
(Commencement) Notice 2002**

**Minutes of the first meeting
held on Monday, 4 March 2002 at 10:45 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Members Present : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok

Member Absent : Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP

Member Attending : Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP

Public Officers Attending : Narcotics Division, Security Bureau

Mrs Clarie LO
Commissioner for Narcotics

Ms Mimi LEE
Principal Assistant Secretary for Security (Narcotics)

Social Welfare Department

Ms LUNG Siu-kit
Chief Social Work Officer (Licensing)

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Mrs Lily NG
Senior Social Work Officer (Youth)

Ms Brenda LAU Tze-hung
Social Work Officer
(Licensing Office of Drug Dependent Treatment Centres)

Planning Department

Mr Wilson Y L SO
Chief Town Planner
Town Planning Board

Lands Department

Mr I J MacNaughton
Assistant Director/Estate Management

Mr CHU Chi-keung
Chief Land Executive/Village Improvement

Buildings Department

Mr S T LAM
Chief Building Surveyor/PADS and Rail

Mr T C YU
Senior Building Surveyor/Licensing Unit

Deputations by Invitation : Christian Zheng Sheng Association Ltd.

Mr Jacob LAM
Chief Executive Officer

Mr CHAN Siu-cheuk
Principal

Caritas Wong Yiu Nam Centre

Mr David CHEUNG
Supervisor

St Stephen's Society

Mr WONG Wai-chung
Executive Officer

Action

Miss Fanny CHEUNG
Secretary

Wu Oi Christian Centre

Mr LEE Fai-ping
Deputy General Secretary

Ms CHAN Po-ki
Administrative Assistant

The Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission - Ling Oi Youth Centre

Mr Samson DAI
Centre Director

Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Ms Dora YEUNG Wai-han
Chief Officer
Service Development (Family and Community)

Glorious Praise Fellowship H.K. Ltd.

Rev Charles MCKNELLY
Director

Mr Alan CRAWLEY
Adviser to Director

Christian New Life Association Ltd.

Mr CHENG Chun-wah
Director

Mr CHAN Chiu-ding
Ministry Officer

Mr SI Chi-keung
Ministry Secretary

The Christian New Being Fellowship Ltd.

Mr FUNG To-sun
Executive Director

Action

Mr TOH Ping-fung
Social Worker

Action

SER Foundation for Humanitarian Aid

Mr Miguel ALVES
Director

Mr Eusebio LAMPREIA
Senior Volunteer Worker

Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers

Mr Frankie SUN Kat-cheong
Superintendent of Social Service

Drug Addict Counselling and Rehabilitation Services

Mr Eric SIU
Superintendent

Barnabas Charitable Service Association Ltd.

Mr WONG Wing-fai

Perfect Fellowship Ltd.

Mr LIU Chi-cheung

Clerk in Attendance : Ms Doris CHAN
Chief Assistant Secretary (2) 4

Staff in Attendance : Mr LEE Yu-sung
Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Ms Dora WAI
Senior Assistant Secretary (2) 4

I. Election of Chairman

Ms Cyd HO was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee.

II. Meeting with Deputations and the Administration

(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1242/01-02(01) to (03))

2. The Subcommittee received views from 14 deputations on the Drug Dependent Persons Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres (Licensing) Ordinance (10 of 2001) (Commencement) Notice 2002 (the Commencement Notice). The deputations were generally in support of the objective of introducing a licensing scheme for voluntary residential drug treatment and rehabilitation centres (centres) to better protect the well-being of persons undergoing treatment in these centres through improvement in service.

3. Some deputations expressed worry that the implementation of the licensing scheme might lead to closure of some centres. They hoped that flexibility could be exercised in granting exemption to centres to continue their operation. Members agreed with the deputations that there should be enhanced co-ordination amongst the Government departments concerned in providing assistance to centres in matters relating to the licensing requirements, which ranged from funding support to assistance in building, relocation, planning and land use matters, etc. The Administration proposed and members agreed that a working group comprising representatives from the Government departments concerned should be set up to co-ordinate their efforts to help centres comply with the licensing requirements.

4. The Subcommittee discussed the above issues with the deputations and the Administration made a preliminary response at the meeting (index of proceedings at **Annex**).

5. Mr James TO said that in view of the complexity of the planning and land use issues involved, he intended to move an amendment to delay the commencement of the Drug Dependent Persons Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres (Licensing) Ordinance (the Ordinance) by several months or repeal the Commencement Notice so as to allow more time for the Administration to work out with the parties concerned solutions to or measures to address the problems encountered by centres in relation to planning and land use issues.

6. As requested by the Subcommittee, the Administration undertook to provide a paper setting out its response to the views expressed by members and the deputations for discussion at the next meeting to be held on 5 March 2002 at 8:30 am. The Subcommittee also requested the deputations to provide information on the problems they encountered in relation to application for licence.

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1:00 pm.

**Proceedings of the first meeting of the
Subcommittee on Drug Dependent Persons Treatment
and Rehabilitation Centres (Licensing) Ordinance (10 of 2001)
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Time	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
0000-0036	Ms Cyd HO	Election of Chairman	
0037-0039	Mr Michael MAK	Ditto	
0040-0224	Mr James TO	Ditto	
0225-0617	Admin	(a) Briefing on the preparation work done by Admin prior to and after the passage of the Ordinance; and (b) Assistance provided to centres by the Government	
0618-0827	Chairman	Inviting deputations to present views	
0828-1212	Christian Zheng Sheng Association Ltd.	Presentation of views	
1213-1220	Chairman	Inviting the next deputation to present views	
1221-1343	Caritas Wong Yiu Nam Centre	Presentation of views	
1344-1351	Chairman	Inviting the next deputation to present views	
1352-1551	St Stephen's Society	Presentation of views	
1552-1559	Chairman	Inviting the next deputation to present views	
1600-1743	Wu Oi Christian Centre	Presentation of views	
1744-1752	Chairman	Inviting the next deputation to present views	
1753-1926	The Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission - Ling Oi Youth Centre	Presentation of views	
1927-1932	Chairman	Inviting the next deputation to present views	
1933-2124	Hong Kong Council of Social Service	Presentation of views	
2125-2138	Chairman	Inviting the next deputation to present views	
2139-2651	Glorious Praise Fellowship H.K. Ltd.	Presentation of views	
2652-2706	Chairman	Inviting the next deputation to present views	
2707-3046	Christian New Life Association Ltd.	Presentation of views	
3047-3057	Chairman	Inviting the next deputation to present views	

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3058-3339	The Christian New Being Fellowship Ltd.	Presentation of views	
3340-3351	Chairman	Inviting the next deputation to present views	
3352-3650	SER Foundation for Humanitarian Aid	Presentation of views	
3651-3659	Chairman	Inviting the next deputation to present views	
3700-4049	Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (SARDA)	Presentation of views	
4050-4056	Chairman	Inviting the next deputation to present views	
4057-4714	Drug Addict Counselling and Rehabilitation Services	Presentation of views	
4715-4746	Chairman	Inviting the next deputation to present views	
4747-5030	Barnabas Charitable Service Association Ltd.	Presentation of views	
5031-5035	Chairman	Inviting the next deputation to present views	
5036-5125	Perfect Fellowship Ltd.	Presentation of views	
5126-5139	Chairman	Enquiry on views of Perfect Fellowship Ltd.	
5140-5159	Perfect Fellowship Ltd	Response to the above	
5200-5236	Chairman	Inviting Admin to respond to views expressed by deputations	
5237-5739	Admin	Response to the above	
5740-5752	Chairman	Inviting questions from members	
5753-010100	Mr Michael MAK	Enquiry as to – (a) why the problem of land use was not raised before; (b) why SARDA seemed to have preferential treatment from Government; and (c) whether a working group comprising representatives from Government departments concerned should be set up to enhance the support to be provided to centres	
010101-010850	Admin	Response to the above	
010851-011054	Chairman	Summary of deputations' views	
011055-011248	Christian Zheng Sheng Association Ltd.	Need to have Government's guarantee that commencement of the Ordinance would not lead to closure of centres which were unable to meet licensing requirements	

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011249-011316	Mr Michael MAK	Number of centres which would not be able to meet land and zoning requirements	
011317-011415	Chairman	Ditto	
011416-011740	Admin	(a) Response to the above; (b) Response to Mr Michael MAK's query regarding Government's preferential treatment for SARDA; and (c) Result of survey on effectiveness of evangelical drug treatment and rehabilitation	
011741-011821	Mr James TO	Details of land use problems encountered by centres	
011822-012137	Admin	Ditto	
012138-012157	Mr James TO	Time required for centres to apply to Town Planning Board for amendment to statutory plans	
012158-012244	Admin	Ditto	
012245-012452	Mr James TO	Suggestion to delay commencement of the Ordinance or repeal the Commencement Notice	
012453-012838	Dr LO Wing-lok	Expressing support for the Commencement Notice	
012839-012926	Chairman	Handling of amendments to statutory plans by Town Planning Board	
012927-013253	Mrs Sophie LEUNG	Enquiry as to whether - (a) Admin had identified ways to solve land use problems faced by centres; and (b) centres were confident to provide treatment service to drug dependent persons in a safe environment in the absence of the Ordinance	
013254-013347	Christian Zheng Sheng Association Ltd.	Response to (b) above	
013348-013528	Barnabas Charitable Service Association Ltd.	Ditto	
013529-013652	Mrs Sophie LEUNG	Other problems encountered by centres	
013653-013806	Christian Zheng Sheng Association Ltd.	Ditto	
013807-013849	Mrs Sophie LEUNG	Ditto	
013850-014152	Chairman	(a) Existing legislation on land use; and (b) Need to set up a working group comprising representatives from Government departments concerned	
014153-014242	Mrs Sophie LEUNG	Ditto	

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014243-014412	Christian Zheng Sheng Association Ltd.	Granting of certificate of exemption to centres which were unable to meet licensing requirements during the grace period	
014413-014728	Christian New Life Association Ltd.	Response to members' views	
014729-015035	Mr James TO	Suggestion to delay commencement of the Ordinance or repeal the Commencement Notice	
015036-015105	Chairman	Inviting views from deputations on Mr James TO's suggestion	
015106-015257	Glorious Praise Fellowship H.K. Ltd.	Land use and zoning issues	
015258-015432	Drug Addict Counselling and Rehabilitation Services	Prime objective of centres	
015433-015653	Chairman	Admin to provide a paper setting out its response to views expressed by members and deputations	✓
015654-020100	Admin	Preliminary response to the above	
020101-020142	Mr James TO	Suggestion to delay commencement of the Ordinance or repeal the Commencement Notice	
020143-020304	Admin	Ditto	
020305-020502	Mr James TO	Ditto	
020503-020551	Admin	Provision of written response to issues raised by members and deputations	
020552-020653	Dr LO Wing-lok	Expressing support for the Commencement Notice	
020654-020819	Christian Zheng Sheng Association Ltd.	Views on commencement of the Ordinance	
020820-021002	Chairman	(a) Government's guarantee that commencement of the Ordinance would not lead to closure of centres which were unable to meet licensing requirements; and (b) Assistance to be provided by Government to centres on land use issues	
021003-021056	Mrs Sophie LEUNG	Deputations to provide information on the problems they encountered in relation to application for licence	✓
021057-021230	Chairman	Ditto	

**Note : The audio records of the above proceedings are kept at the LegCo Library
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