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**Subcommittee on Poverty**

**Minutes of the fifteenth meeting  
held on Tuesday, 28 January 2014, at 10:00 am  
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP (Chairman)  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan  
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP  
Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP  
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP  
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC  
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung  
Hon WONG Yuk-man  
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming  
Hon Charles Peter MOK  
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP  
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP  
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki  
Hon KWOK Wai-keung
- Members absent** : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC  
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che  
Hon TANG Ka-piu

**Member attending** : Hon WU Chi-wai, MH

**Public Officers attending** : Items I and II

Mr Eric HUI Kwok-sun, JP  
Assistant Director (2)  
Home Affairs Department

Ms Ella HO  
Chief Executive Officer (2)2  
Home Affairs Department

Mr LAM Bing-chun  
Chief Social Work Officer (Rehabilitation and Medical  
Social Services) 1  
Social Welfare Department

Item II

Mr Byron LAM  
Assistant Director of Efficiency Unit  
Secretariat of the Social Innovation and  
Entrepreneurship Development Fund Task Force  
under the Commission on Poverty

**Attendance by invitation** : Item I

Civic Party

Mr Alvin YEUNG  
Exco Member

Tin Shui Wai Organic Group

Miss PANG Lok-yan  
Community Officer

Concerning Grass-root Living Alliances

Miss Janis FAN Pui-ying  
Community Officer

Concerning CSSA and Low-income Alliances

Mr LEE Kwok-kuen  
Community Officer

Night Market Concern Group

Miss YEUNG Pui-yan  
Community Officer

Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of  
Hong Kong

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Ms CHEUNG Fan-lan  
Deputy Spokesperson of Welfare Services

Tin Shui Wai Community Development Alliance

Miss WONG Wing-chi  
Social Worker

Community Development Enhance Fund

Ms KWAN Choi-lin

Tung Chung Bazaar Concern Group

Mr CHEUNG Chung-ming  
Member

Tin Shui Wai Hawkers Concern Group

Ms FUNG Yuk-ling  
Member

推動天水圍經濟發展大聯盟

Miss LEE Wing-sum  
Member

Tung Chung Community Development Alliance

Miss CHIU Sin-ting  
Social Worker

Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong Diocesan Pastoral  
Centre for Workers (N.T.)

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Mr Augustine YU Siu-po  
Acting Centre Supervisor

North District Employment Concern Group

Ms Venny KWOK  
Convener

Smart & Beauty House

Mr CHOW King  
Member

Yi Ching Organization Community Service

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Mr Keith TSANG  
Community Services Executive

United Hawkers Development Platform

Mr HO Chi-chung  
Organizer

Justice and Peace Commission of the HK Catholic  
Diocese

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Miss YIP Po-lam  
Project Officer

Alliance of Social Economy

Miss Dora CHENG

Community Oriented Mutual Economy

Ms WONG Sau-ping

Eco-feminine Cooperative Network

許菊紅女士

Green Shop

Ms CHAU Sze-fan

Cooperatives Alliance

Ms Pauline CHAN

Extra-ordinary Human Resources Market

Ms HO Miu-ping

Hong Kong Women Workers' Association

Ms WU Mei-lin

The Greenwise Workers Cooperative Society

Ms Polly LUK

聖雅各福群會社區發展服務

Mr TSE Chun-man

Fair Circle

Mr Anthony CHIU

Dr LEUNG Chi-yuen

Professor HUI Po-keung

**Clerk in attendance** : Mr Colin CHUI  
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

**Staff in attendance** : Ms Catherina YU  
Senior Council Secretary (2) 4

Miss Maggie CHIU  
Legislative Assistant (2) 4

Action

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**I. Alleviating poverty through promoting community economy**  
[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)741/13-14(03) to (06), CB(2)784/13-14(01) to (06) and FS05/13-14]

The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

**II. Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme and the work of the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund Task Force under the Commission on Poverty**  
[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)741/13-14(01) to (02) and CB(2)767/13-14(01)]

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

3. The Subcommittee requested the Administration to provide the report of the study on the Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project as reference.

*(Post-meeting note: The relevant report was issued to members on 28 March 2014 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1191/13-14(01))*

**III. Subjects to be discussed at the meeting in March 2014**  
[LC Paper No. CB(2)763/13-14(01)]

4. Members agreed that the following subjects should be discussed at the meeting in March 2014 –

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- (a) Proposed Community Care Fund initiatives to assist needy post-secondary students; and
- (b) Draft report on duty visit to Taiwan and Japan by delegation of Subcommittee on Poverty.

**IV. Any other business**

- 5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1:23 pm.

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**Proceedings of the fifteenth meeting of the  
Subcommittee on Poverty  
on Tuesday, 28 January 2014, at 10:00 am  
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

<b>Time marker</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Action required</b>
<i>Agenda item I – Alleviating poverty through promoting community economy</i>			
000520 - 000824	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000825 - 001132	Chairman Civic Party	<p>Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)784/13-14(01)]</p> <p>(a) co-operative societies should not be under the purview of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD");</p> <p>(b) co-operative societies should be regarded as an element of the economy structure rather than a poverty alleviation concept; and</p> <p>(c) the Co-operative Societies Ordinance (Cap. 33) should be amended to allow co-operative societies to enjoy the same concessionary offers as social enterprises ("SEs").</p>	
001133 - 001427	Chairman Tin Shui Wai Organic Group	<p>Views that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration should support the establishment of bazaars as they helped improve the livelihood of the disadvantaged groups by creating employment opportunities and offering commodities at low prices;</p> <p>(b) policies on bazaar development should be formulated and a government department should be designated to promote the development of bazaars; and</p> <p>(c) the Lands Department and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department should open more space for non-governmental organizations ("NGOs") and community groups to set up bazaars.</p>	
001428 - 001729	Chairman Concerning Grass-root Living Alliances	<p>Views that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration should provide more space for the development of agricultural industry in the community; and</p> <p>(b) the Administration should consider community economic facilitation in the town</p>	



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		planning stage and reserve space in the community for small shops and bazaars.	
001730 - 002048	Chairman Concerning CSSA and Low-income Alliances	<p>Presentation of views – [LC Paper CB(2)784/13-14(06)]</p> <p>Bazaars helped reduce the consumption burden of the disadvantaged and provided opportunities for the grass-roots to improve their livelihood. The Administration should formulate policies to facilitate the establishment of bazaars.</p>	
002049 - 002302	Chairman Night Market Concern Group	View that bazaars provided daily necessities at affordable prices for residents in Tin Shui Wai. Bazaars were part and parcel of economic development. The Administration should implement policies on bazaars and set up bazaars in different districts.	
002303 - 002612	Chairman Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong	<p>Views that –</p> <p>(a) a government department should be assigned to review the existing SEs policies, formulate strategies and coordinate efforts for the development of SEs;</p> <p>(b) the Administration should help SEs by offering short-term financial assistance, soliciting low-interest loans from banks, granting subsidy for the employment of persons with disabilities and the long-term unemployed persons, providing premises at low rent and setting up employee training centres;</p> <p>(c) tax concession for organizations which had made donations to SEs should be considered; and</p> <p>(d) publicity on SEs should be enhanced and connections among SEs should be strengthened.</p>	
002613 - 002936	Chairman Tin Shui Wai Community Development Alliance	<p>Presentation of views – [LC Paper No. CB(2)784/13-14(06)]</p> <p>(a) the Administration should help remove the hindrance in doing business in bazaars and implement facilitation measures, such as relaxing the licensing requirements and providing suitable sites;</p> <p>(b) the Administration's top-down approach in managing bazaars was detrimental to community economic activities; and</p>	

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		(c) inter-departmental working groups should be set up to promote community economy.	
002937 - 003255	Chairman Community Development Enhance Fund	View that the Administration should formulate concrete policies for the development of bazaars.	
003256 - 003614	Chairman Tung Chung Bazaar Concern Group	Views that –  (a) community economy should be promoted to enable the grass-roots to bring their strengths into full play, thereby becoming self-reliant;  (b) community economy provided the grass-roots an environment to build social network which was a capital for escaping poverty; and  (c) poverty alleviation measures should be development-oriented rather than remedial in nature.	
003615 - 003937	Chairman Tin Shui Wai Hawkers Concern Group	Presentation of views – [LC Paper No. 784/13-14(06)]  (a) economic activities should be diversified to allow individuals with different skills and talents to become self-reliant;  (b) hawking activities had contributed to a prosperous economy. The Administration should discuss hawker policies with stakeholders and promote community economy in Tin Shui Wai;  (c) hawking activities should be allowed on some streets, public space and empty space in public rental housing estates; and  (d) the Administration should improve the business environment of Tin Sau Bazaar and provide the operators with the required assistance.	
003938 - 004222	Chairman 推動天水圍經濟發展大聯盟	Views that the Administration should–  (a) vitalize Tin Shui Wai for the setting up of bazaars or opening of shops along the streets; and  (b) implement policies for the development of bazaars.	
004223 - 004539	Chairman Tung Chung Community Development Alliance	Presentation of views that – [LC Paper No. CB(2)784/13-14(06)]	

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		<p>(a) bazaars provided the grass-roots with opportunities to become self-reliant and build social networks which were beneficial to their upward mobility;</p> <p>(b) the Administration had created many hurdles for bazaars and hawking activities which had stifled the room of hawkers' survival; and</p> <p>(c) the Administration should implement policies to support the development of bazaars.</p>	
004540 - 004840	Chairman Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong Diocesan Pastoral Centre for Workers (N.T.)	<p>Views that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration lacked policy on promoting community economy and was not committed to alleviating poverty; and</p> <p>(b) bazaars should be set up as they provided the grass-roots with affordable daily necessities.</p>	
004841 - 005152	Chairman North District Employment Concern Group	<p>Views that the Administration had not provided an enabling environment for the grass-roots who wished to make their best efforts to become self-reliant. The Administration should issue hawker licences to facilitate the self-reliance of the grass-roots.</p>	
005153 - 005517	Chairman Smart & Beauty House	<p>Views that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration should allocate more resources to the development of community economy and consider establishing bazaars in different districts in the New Territories;</p> <p>(b) bazaars should be conveniently accessible and the rent should be low. More hawker permitted areas should be set up to facilitate self-reliance of the middle-aged who had difficulties in finding employment; and</p> <p>(c) the Administration should offer more assistance to help the operators in Tin Sau Bazaar sustain their business.</p>	
005518 - 005851	Chairman Yi Ching Organization Community Service	<p>Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)741/13-14(03)]</p> <p>(a) the officers attending the meeting could not answer deputations' concerns. The Administration should respect the deputations and send suitable officers to attend the meeting;</p>	

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		<p>(b) one-off measures could not solve the poverty problem. To alleviate poverty, the Administration should change its mind-set fundamentally; and</p> <p>(c) the Administration should not outsource its services by only following the principle of "the lowest bidder wins". It should refer to the practice established by the British government in this regard as outlined in the submission from Yi Ching Organization Community Service.</p>	
005852 - 010218	Chairman United Hawkers Development Platform	<p>Views that –</p> <p>(a) the current hawker licence policy was obstructive to the sustained development of hawking activities. The Administration should formulate long-term policies on the development of hawking activities in fixed pitch hawker areas;</p> <p>(b) the number of hawker licences should not be further reduced; and</p> <p>(c) the existing fixed pitch hawker stalls should be opened for application by the public and vacant fixed pitch hawker stalls should be re-opened.</p>	
010219 - 010542	Chairman Justice and Peace Commission of the HK Catholic Diocese	<p>Views that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration failed to recognize the mutual support for economic development of one community to another as in the case of the farming activities in Hung Shui Kiu and the Morning Bazaar in Tin Shui Wai;</p> <p>(b) the flexibility of hawking activities allowed hawkers to work while balancing their needs to take care of their families. Hawking activities would lose its edge under stringent management; and</p> <p>(c) there was a great demand for hawking activities. The Home Affairs Department ("HAD") should use the space which was idle or had not been fully utilized for bazaars.</p>	
010543 - 010902	Chairman Alliance of Social Economy	<p>Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)784/13-14(02)]</p> <p>(a) a bureau on social economy should be set up for the continuous promotion of community economic development. Funds should be set aside for socio-economic development;</p>	

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		<p>(b) amendments should be made to tax-related legislation and the Co-operative Societies Ordinance to facilitate socio-economic development;</p> <p>(c) land and premises should be allocated for community economy activities under concessionary conditions; and</p> <p>(d) law should be made to combat monopoly and the Administration's procurement policies should be improved to provide more opportunities for SEs and co-operative societies.</p>	
010903 – 011214	Chairman Community Oriented Mutual Economy	<p>Views that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration should provide an enabling environment for the community to take full advantage of its potential which was the greatest social capital for the development of community economy.; and</p> <p>(b) Government/Institution/Community sites which had been idle for a long time should be allocated to the community to run mutual assistance activities which would facilitate the residents to become self-sufficient, e.g. exchange of self-made goods or services.</p>	
011215 – 011537	Chairman Eco-feminine Cooperative Network	<p>Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)784/13-14(04)]</p> <p>The Administration should –</p> <p>(a) allocate resources to set up second-hand commodities bazaars in small communities and allow free participation by residents;</p> <p>(b) encourage and support the use and recycling of second-hand commodities so as to alleviate the financial burden of the disadvantaged groups; and</p> <p>(c) set up recycling centres in small communities to create employment opportunities for the residents and improve their sense of environmental protection.</p>	
011538 - 011843	Chairman Green Shop	Views that the Administration should attach greater importance to community building and foster multifarious economic activities in the community.	

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011844 - 012238	Chairman Cooperatives Alliance	Views that the Administration should take advantage of the edges of co-operative societies and direct its policies towards making co-operative societies or co-operative enterprises a pillar industry of Hong Kong.	
012239 - 012447	Chairman Extra-ordinary Human Resources Market	<p>Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)741/13-14(04)]</p> <p>Many single-mothers, new arrival women and middle-aged women were unable to take employment because they needed to take care of their children. The Administration should implement support services and measures to facilitate them in joining the employment market.</p>	
012448 - 012811	Dr KWOK Ka-ki Hong Kong Women Workers' Association	<p><i>(Dr KWOK Ka-ki took the chair during the temporary absence of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.)</i></p> <p>Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)784/13-14(05)]</p> <p>(a) amendments should be made to tax-related legislation to allow co-operative societies to enjoy tax concession;</p> <p>(b) the Co-operative Societies Ordinance should be amended to recognize co-operative societies as economic entities which accorded priorities to social objectives ; and</p> <p>(c) the Administration's procurement policies should be improved to facilitate the participation of co-operative societies.</p>	
012812 - 013153	Dr KWOK Ka-ki The Greenwise Workers Cooperative Society	Views that the Administration should implement policies to facilitate the development of co-operative societies. Co-operative societies should be allowed to rent Government premises at concessionary rate.	
013154 - 013520	Dr KWOK Ka-ki 聖雅各福群會社區發展服務	<p>Views that –</p> <p>(a) poverty was not only an economic problem but also a social problem which should be addressed through rebuilding community capital and cultural capital as well as strengthening the bonding in the community;</p> <p>(b) community-oriented and ability-oriented approaches should be adopted to alleviate poverty. Bazaars should be supported as they provided venues for the grass-roots to use their skills to become self-reliant; and</p>	

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		(c) participation of residents should be encouraged in community building.	
013521 - 013842	Chairman Fair Circle	<p><i>(The Chairman took the chair at this juncture.)</i></p> <p>View that to promote community economy, the Administration should create the needs. It should impose tighter control on large corporations, relax the restrictions and provide more support for small business operators and the self-employed.</p>	
013843 - 014149	Chairman Dr LEUNG Chi-yuen	<p>Views that –</p> <p>(a) many funding schemes under the Commission on Poverty ("CoP") was not conducive to the participation by hawkers and the self-employed; and</p> <p>(b) a committee should be set up by the Administration to study and formulate policies relating to the development of hawking and bazaar activities. Public consultations should be conducted and views collected should be considered by the committee.</p>	
014150 - 014500	Chairman Professor HUI Po-keung	<p>Views that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration had taken a wrong approach to poverty alleviation. In tackling poverty, the Administration should look into development policies as a whole;</p> <p>(b) the Administration should cease the preferential treatments to consortia and policies facilitating monopoly. It should provide cultural education opportunities, relax the restrictions on intellectual property, implement maximum working hours, provide low-income subsidy and launch universal retirement protection scheme; and</p> <p>(c) to alleviate poverty, resources should be evenly distributed and all entrepreneurs should run their business with social objectives.</p>	
014501 - 015945	Chairman Administration	<p>The Chairman's summary of major views of the deputations that –</p> <p>(a) co-operative societies should not be regulated by the AFCD;</p> <p>(b) the Administration should formulate policies</p>	

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		<p>for the development of SEs, hawking activities and bazaars; and</p> <p>(c) the government, the business sector, and the community should work together in promoting community economy.</p> <p>Briefing on the work in relation to promoting local community economy ("LCE") by the Administration.</p> <p>The Administration's response to major views of the deputations that –</p> <p>(a) as stated in the 2014 Policy Address, the Government was determined to tackle the poverty problem;</p> <p>(b) the promotion of LCE aimed to stimulate domestic consumption, create employment opportunities, promote district characteristics and lift community mood;</p> <p>(c) the Administration had provided appropriate facilitation and encouraged the private sector, NGOs and local organizations to plan, invest and operate LCE initiatives;</p> <p>(d) the Administration had provided information on district characteristics and attractions through the "Hong Kong Fun in 18 Districts" website, and had worked with the District Councils on LCE initiatives. A number of initiatives had been successfully implemented, e.g. Wan Chai Bookfair Series; FARM Youth Culture and Entrepreneurship Corner at the Victoria Park, etc.;</p> <p>(e) the Administration was open-minded on the establishment of bazaars if interested parties could identify suitable venue, enlist the support of the District Council and local residents concerned on the need for bazaar, obtain proper licences, if required, for selling the kind of commodities at the venue, and a suitable non-profit-making organization with capability was available to operate the bazaar; and</p> <p>(f) the Administration had launched the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme ("ESR Programme") in 2006, which was a district-based poverty alleviation initiative, to help non-profit making organizations set up SEs to create</p>	



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		employment opportunities for the socially disadvantaged.	
015758 - 015945	Chairman	<p>The Chairman's reference to the findings on the strategies for promoting community economy in Taiwan and Japan obtained from the duty visit conducted by the Subcommittee (FS05/13-14).</p> <p>The Chairman's suggestions that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in promoting community economy, the Administration should make reference to the policies on vitalization of city centres and shopping districts introduced by the Japanese government and the successful example of the Taiwanese government in vitalizing a rural community (i.e. the Darerhjieh District) through developing community building activities; and</li> <li>(b) like Japan and Taiwan, development of community economy should be carried out in a holistic manner with the tripartite participation of stakeholders, the business sector and the government.</li> </ul>	
015946 - 020255	Chairman Dr KWOK Ka-ki	Dr KWOK Ka-ki's views that it would be difficult to promote community economy without the relevant policies. Chief Secretary for Administration ("CS") and Secretary for Labour and Welfare should be invited to a meeting of the Subcommittee to listen to deputations' views and discuss policy issues relating to community economy.	
020256 - 020650	Chairman Mr KWOK Wai-keung	<p>Mr KWOK Wai-keung's views that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) while some bazaars did cause environmental hygiene problems, bazaars which were well managed and operated in permitted areas should be supported;</li> <li>(b) bazaars were not necessarily for poverty alleviation only. They could be venues for individuals to earn a living with their talents;</li> <li>(c) the government departments responsible for economic development should give advice on the suitable mode of operation of bazaars having regard to the characteristics of the districts where the bazaars were located, e.g. whether a bazaar should be thematic or with a variety of trades; and</li> <li>(d) hawker activities could help attract tourists.</li> </ul>	

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		Instead of suppressing hawking activities, the Administration should issue licences to itinerant hawkers and fixed pitch hawkers.	
020651 - 021216	Chairman Miss CHAN Yuen-han	<p>Miss CHAN Yuen-han's view that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) issues relating to community economy should be overseen by a designated body comprising expertise from the community and representatives from relevant departments;</li> <li>(b) views from the community should be collected in drawing up strategies for promoting community economy;</li> <li>(c) the Administration should have the determination to develop local community economy;</li> <li>(d) the Co-operative Societies Ordinance should be reviewed to facilitate the development of co-operative societies;</li> <li>(e) hawking activities were an integral part of community economy. Hawker policies should be reviewed and the issue of licences to hawkers and hawker stall operators should be resumed; and</li> <li>(f) it was important to locate bazaars at places where there were supportive facilities in the vicinity for attracting and sustaining patronage.</li> </ul>	
021217 - 021631	Chairman Mr WU Chi-wai Administration	<p>Mr WU Chi-wai's views that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the existing hawker regulatory operations were harmful to the development of community economy. The Hawker Control Team of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department should be disbanded; and</li> <li>(b) Tin Sau Bazaar was unsuccessful because the Administration had exercised too much control on its management and operation. The Administration should avoid bureaucracy and red tapes and should provide sites for operators to run bazaars with their collective wisdom.</li> </ul> <p>The Administration's response that it would facilitate and encourage capable local organizations to implement LCE initiatives.</p>	

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021632 - 022640	Chairman Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung Administration	<p>Views of Mr LEE Cheuk-yan and Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung that the low patronage in Tin Sau Bazaar was due to the Administration's inadequate support for the operators. Mr LEUNG called on CS to visit Tin Sau Bazaar and listen to the operators' difficulties.</p> <p>Mr LEE Cheuk-yan's views that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Administration lacked policies to support community economic activities; and</li> <li>(b) the Administration should review the Co-operative Societies Ordinance and provide more support, such as tax exemption, to co-operative societies. Policies in this regard should be formulated.</li> </ul> <p>Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung's views that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the success of bazaars attributed largely to the cohesiveness of the operators. Instead of excessively regulating the operation of bazaars, the Administration should facilitate cooperation among operators of bazaars; and</li> <li>(b) the Administration should have a robust review of and formulate policies for promoting community economy.</li> </ul> <p>The Administration's response that it had been assisting the operator to implement measures to enhance the operating environment and competitiveness of the Tin Sau Bazaar.</p>	
022641 - 022818	Chairman Miss CHAN Yuen-han	<p>Miss CHAN Yuen-han's views that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Administration should implement policies to help the grass-roots enhance their self-reliance, thereby tackling the poverty problem ; and</li> <li>(b) CS should be requested to study the report of the duty visit of the Subcommittee to Taiwan and Japan and capitalize the experience of these places in community building, e.g. the building of Darerhjieh District in Taiwan and the community building movement (造町運動) in Japan.</li> </ul>	
022819 - 022954	Chairman Mr LEE Cheuk-yan	<p>Mr LEE Cheuk-yan's view that matters relating to bazaars and community economy should be studied by a task force under CoP.</p> <p>The Chairman's remarks that the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development</p>	

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		<p>Fund Task Force ("SIEDF Task Force") of CoP might be able to handle some but not all the concerns about community economy raised by members and deputations.</p> <p>Extension of the meeting time to end at 1:30 pm with the consent of all members present by the Chairman.</p>	
<i>Agenda item II – Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme and the work of the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund Task Force under the Commission on Poverty</i>			
022955 - 025400	Chairman Administration	Briefing by the Administration on the ESR Programme, the Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project ("the Project") and the work of SIEDF Task Force under CoP.	
025401 - 030542	Chairman Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Administration	<p>Declaration by Mr LEE Cheuk-yan that the Food Recycling Scheme operated by the Confederation of Trade Unions Education Foundation Ltd. was related to the Administration's Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign.</p> <p>Mr LEE Cheuk-yan's enquiries about –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Administration's approach in taking forward the flagship food assistance project;</li> <li>(b) the difference between the projects under SIEDF and those under the ESR Programme; and</li> <li>(c) the operation of SIEDF, the authority for assessing applications for SIEDF, the assessment criteria and the selection of intermediaries.</li> </ul> <p>The Administration's response that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the flagship project sought to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of food assistance services through improving the supply chain;</li> <li>(b) the Administration had collaborated with the Hong Kong Council of Social Service in identifying the needs for food assistance services and the areas of improvement;</li> <li>(c) meetings and briefing sessions would be set up to allow stakeholders to better understand the operation of food assistance services and how the existing arrangements could be improved;</li> </ul>	

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		<p>(d) SIEDF focused on driving social innovation and making use of innovative projects as a vehicle to address poverty issues. Unlike the ESR Programme which would only provide funds to eligible non-profit-making organizations to set up SEs, funding from SIEDF would be provided to individuals, organizations and NGOs which had innovative proposals; and</p> <p>(e) applications for being intermediaries would be invited and the SIEDF Task Force would select intermediaries in a fair and open manner. Intermediaries would be invited to advise on the implementation of innovative programmes.</p>	
030543 - 031657	Chairman Administration	<p>The Chairman's enquiries and suggestions –</p> <p>(a) the number of NGOs participated in the Project which could continue their business on a self-financing basis beyond the three-year set-up period;</p> <p>(b) the Administration should consider providing subsidies for the NGOs participated in the Project which had made a loss to continue business after the three-year set-up period, so that employees with disabilities could remain in employment. A ceiling of the amount of deficit to be subsidized could be set;</p> <p>(c) it was necessary to review SE policies. In developing SEs, the Administration should make reference to the strategies adopted by other places such as the United Kingdom ("UK"), Spain, Taiwan and the Republic of Korea the governments of which were heavily involved in supporting SEs. The Administration should refer to the reports of the duty visits to study the development of SEs in the aforesaid places conducted by the Subcommittee to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty in September 2007 and the Subcommittee on Poverty Alleviation in July 2009; and</p> <p>(d) the Administration should consider rolling out supportive measures for SEs as in the aforesaid places such as providing premises at concessionary rent, according priority to procuring SE services and products, offering concession tax to SEs, etc.</p> <p>The Administration's response that –</p>	

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		<p>(a) of the 84 businesses under the Project, eight were newly set up, 53 were still in operation and 23 had ceased operation. Of these 23 businesses which had ceased operation, only three had operated for less than two years and 20 had operated for three years or above. Of the 53 businesses which were still in operation, 30 had been operating for five years or above. According to a study on the Project by a researcher on SE, the Project had effectively achieved its policy objective. Upon the request of the Chairman, the Administration would provide the report of the study to the Subcommittee for reference subject to the consent of the authority conducting the study;</p> <p>(b) the Administration would relay the Chairman's suggestion on the provision of subsidy for participants of the Project to cover part of the deficit so as to continue business after the three-year set-up period to the Advisory Committee on Enhancing Employment of Persons with Disabilities for consideration;</p> <p>(c) the Administration had been keeping in view SE developments in other places, particularly UK, Spain and the United States. It had also referred to the findings of the duty visit reports of the two Subcommittees in relation to promoting SE development;</p> <p>(d) instead of leasing vacant government premises by open tenders, the Administration would, subject to policy support, consider granting short-term leases to SEs as operating venues;</p> <p>(e) the Administration provided seed grants provided for SEs for their initial operation although no concessionary rent was offered to SEs as they should be operated similar to commercial enterprises and should be self-financing in their operation; and</p> <p>(f) the Administration had introduced a pilot scheme on giving eligible SEs priority in bidding government service contracts between 2008 and 2012. HAD had appealed to other government departments to accord priority to using SE services or products. HAD and its district offices had given priority to using catering services provided by SEs.</p>	Admin (paragraph 3 of the minutes)

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031658 - 032022	Chairman Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Administration	<p>The Administration's response to Mr LEE Cheuk-yan's enquiries earlier on about SIEDF that –</p> <p>(a) the initial scope of work of SIEDF comprised Innovative Programmes, Capacity Building and Research. Under Innovative Programmes, financial support and advice would be provided for the implementation of the innovative projects and Capacity Building would facilitate an enabling environment for social innovation;</p> <p>(b) interested parties could apply for SIEDF through intermediaries under Innovative Programmes; and</p> <p>(c) the first batch of intermediaries was expected to start work in mid-2014. More intermediaries would be invited taking into account the experience gained.</p>	
<i>Agenda item III – Subjects to be discussed at the meeting in March 2014</i>			
032023 - 032203	Chairman	Members decided on the subjects to be discussed at the meeting in March 2014.	