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### **Panel on Home Affairs**

#### **Minutes of meeting held on Friday, 11 April 2014, at 8:30 am in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP (Chairman)  
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP  
Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, SBS, JP  
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che  
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP  
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin  
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming  
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH  
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen  
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP  
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, JP  
Hon IP Kin-yuen  
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP  
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP  
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen

**Member attending** : Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai

**Members absent** : Hon Claudia MO  
Hon YIU Si-wing  
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

**Public Officers : Item IV  
attending**

Ms Florence HUI Hiu-fai, SBS, JP  
Secretary for Home Affairs (Acting)

Mrs Avia LAI WONG Shuk-han, JP  
Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (3)

Ms Elaine MAK Tse-ling  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (Culture) 1

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Ms Florence HUI Hiu-fai, SBS, JP  
Secretary for Home Affairs (Acting)

Mr Jonathan McKINLEY, JP  
Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (2)

Miss Petty LAI Chun-yee  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs  
(Recreation and Sport)

Mr Donald CHOY Chi-mun  
Assistant Director (Leisure Services) 3  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Miss Shirley CHUNG Yuk-fong  
Chief Executive Officer (Planning) 2  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Mr David LAU Kam-kuen, JP  
District Officer (Tuen Mun)  
Home Affairs Department

Ms LEUNG Kwai-ling  
District Social Welfare Officer (Tuen Mun)  
Social Welfare Department

Mr David CHIU Wai-kai, IDSM  
Assistant Director (Personal Documentation)  
Immigration Department

Mr WAN Siu-yin  
General Manager (Planning and Development)  
Post Office

Mrs Alice YU NG Ka-chun  
Project Director 3  
Architectural Services Department

**Clerk in attendance** : Ms Alice LEUNG  
Chief Council Secretary (2) 2

**Staff in attendance** : Mr Bonny LOO  
Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Miss Josephine SO  
Senior Council Secretary (2) 6

Miss Emma CHEUNG  
Legislative Assistant (2) 2

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**I. Confirmation of minutes**  
(LC Paper No. CB(2)1240/13-14)

The minutes of the special meeting held on 24 January 2014 were confirmed.

**II. Information paper issued since the last meeting**  
(LC Paper No. CB(2) 1177/13-14(01))

2. Members noted that a referral memorandum from the Public Complaints Office of the Legislative Council Secretariat on issues relating to the use of public spaces in various arts and cultural venues for outdoor performance or display of artistic creation had been issued since the last meeting.

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**III. Date of next meeting and items for discussion**  
(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1248/13-14(01) and (02))

Regular meeting in May 2014

3. Members agreed to discuss the following three items at the next regular meeting scheduled for Friday, 9 May 2014, at 8:30 am -

- (a) Expansion and renovation of the Hong Kong Museum of Art;
- (b) Government's policy and measures on street performance; and
- (c) Proposed upgrading of one Principal Executive Officer (D1) post to Senior Principal Executive Officer (D2) post in the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD").

*(Post-meeting note: As the President had directed that the Council meetings in May 2014 be held from Wednesdays to Fridays in order to deal with the business on the Agenda, including the proceedings on the Appropriation Bill 2014, on the instruction of the Chairman, the regular meeting of the Panel originally scheduled for 9 May 2014 was re-scheduled to Monday, 12 May 2014, at 8:30 am. Members were informed of the re-scheduling of the May meeting vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1327/13-14 dated 22 April 2014.)*

Special meeting in June 2014

4. Members also agreed to hold a special meeting on Saturday, 7 June 2014, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon to receive views from deputations on the public consultation document on "Enhanced Measures against Shop Front Extensions" issued by the Home Affairs Department in March 2014. The Chairman said that the duration of the special meeting might be adjusted and if required, be extended to the afternoon depending on the number of deputations attending the meeting.

List of outstanding items for discussion

5. The Chairman referred to the submission from Hong Kong Public Lending Right Alliance on the introduction of "public lending right" in Hong Kong issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1015/13-14 on 10 March 2014. He suggested and members agreed that the subject matter be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

**IV. Issues arising from the scrutiny of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (Amendment) Bill 2013**  
(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1248/13-14(03) and (04))

6. At the invitation of the Chairman, Secretary for Home Affairs (Acting) ("SHA(Atg)") reported on the exercise conducted in 2013 to nominate representatives of arts interests ("the 2013 nomination exercise") for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council ("HKADC"), details of which were set out in the Administration's paper.

"Cross-arts interest voting system"

7. Mr Christopher CHUNG declared that he was a previous member of HKADC and was currently a member of the Governing Council of Hong Kong Repertory Theatre. Regarding the "cross-arts interest voting system" which allowed registered voters to cast votes for candidates standing for nomination in all of the 10 arts interests, he considered it necessary for the Administration to rationalize the system. In his opinion, it made no sense to allow voters to vote in arts interest(s) which they had no understanding of or previous involvement in with a view to nominating representatives of these arts interests for appointment to HKADC.

8. The Chairman said that he was the former Chairman of HKADC. According to his understanding, for the 2013 nomination exercise, the numbers of voters not voting on contested arts interests to which the voters concerned did not belong were high. In addition, there were cases where candidates standing for nomination in different arts interests had conducted joint electioneering activities with a view to canvassing more votes from voters who belonged to other arts interests. Expressing concern over the problem of having outsiders voting for insiders, the Chairman and Mr Frankie YICK both considered that the Administration should review and examine ways to enhance the fairness and credibility of the voting process under the "cross-arts interest voting system". The Chairman suggested that consideration should be given to adopting the "weighted average" approach to adjust the weight of vote(s) cast by a voter, depending on whether he/she was or was not directly involved in the arts interest(s) for which vote(s) were cast by him/her.

9. In response, SHA(Atg) advised that the "cross-arts interest voting system" was first implemented in 1999 after detailed discussions within HKADC. It should be noted that there had been a view that if the number of registered voters was low in an arts interest and voters were allowed to vote only in the specific arts interest under which they registered, the representativeness of the elected candidate might be called into question. The "cross-arts interest voting system" aimed at encouraging members of the arts

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sector to nominate candidates who took a broader and holistic perspective covering different arts interests, rather than the views and concerns of individual arts interests only, in considering the overall arts development in Hong Kong. SHA(Atg) further said that for the 2013 nomination exercise, the proportion of ballots on which no vote had been cast for candidates in certain arts interests was comparable to that in previous nomination exercises. Although, based on the polling results, there was no indication that candidates conducting joint electioneering activities could gain an advantage over others, the Administration would review whether guidelines on electioneering activities could be improved to further enhance the process of the nomination exercise.

10. Mr WU Chi-wai said that having regard to the fact that arts activities nowadays often involved crossover of different art forms with interactions among arts interests, he considered that the "cross-arts interest voting system" could encourage members of the arts sector and the nominated representatives to adopt a broader perspective covering different arts interests. He expressed concern that an arts organization which had been registered as a member of nominating bodies of an arts interest might register its members as voters and mobilize them to cast their votes collectively for its preferred candidate in each of the 10 arts interests.

11. SHA(Atg) responded that information on arts organizations registered as organizational members of the nominating bodies of respective arts interests and the number of their members registered for taking part in the nomination exercise were available on the website of HKADC. She said that based on the polling results of the 2013 nomination exercise, the arts organizations with many members might not necessarily dominate the nomination results.

12. Responding to Mr CHAN Chi-chuen's enquiry on how electioneering materials of candidates were sent to voters, Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (3) advised that while the nomination agent appointed by the Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") assisted all candidates in sending out their election platforms to voters by mail, individual candidates standing for nomination might arrange additional electioneering activities at their end. Voters could however choose whether or not to receive from individual candidates additional election-related publicity materials.

Eligibility criteria for individual arts workers to take part in the nomination of arts interests representatives

13. Mr Christopher CHUNG pointed out that following the relaxation of the eligibility criteria for "individual arts workers" to take part in the

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nomination exercise, graduates of arts programmes at bachelor's degree or above levels run by local universities/tertiary institutions could become voters. He was concerned that arts veterans were excluded simply because they lacked the formal academic qualifications or were not able to qualify under other stipulated conditions. Mr WU Chi-wai asked how arts veterans could participate in future nomination exercises.

14. In response, SHA(Atg) explained that the eligibility criteria for "individual arts workers" applying for membership of nominating bodies were relaxed after HKADC's review of the 2010 nomination exercise. While it was intended to broaden the scope to cover as many arts practitioners as possible, the eligibility criteria must be clear, objective and verifiable to make them practicably feasible to implement. The Administration would involve HKADC in consulting the relevant stakeholders in the next review which would be carried out before the nomination exercise in 2016.

15. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che noted that the changes introduced to broaden the eligibility criteria for "individual arts workers" had notably enhanced the participation of arts workers in the nomination exercise, as the total number of individual arts workers registered had increased substantially by 78% when compared to the nomination exercise in 2010 (from 837 arts workers in 2010 to 1 492 in 2013). In order to have a clearer picture on how active individual arts workers were in participating in the nomination exercise, he sought information on the total number of individual arts workers who were qualified for participating in the 2013 nomination exercise.

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Performance of the nomination agent

16. Noting that the same consulting firm (i.e. PR Concepts Asia Limited ("PR Concepts")) was commissioned by HAB as the nomination agent responsible for executing the past five nomination exercises (from 2001 to 2013), Mr Christopher CHUNG expressed concern as to whether the nomination exercises were fairly and impartially conducted. He said that the incorrectly stapled ballots incident which occurred during the 2013 nomination exercise had reflected the level of performance and poor work of the nomination agent in undertaking various arrangements on the polling day. In his view, HAB should blacklist this particular consulting firm. The Deputy Chairman suggested that the Administration should consider adopting a demerit point system for tender evaluation.

17. The Chairman asked about the number of consulting firms bidding for the contract for organizing and executing the 2013 nomination exercise, and how they were shortlisted and commissioned by the Administration as the nomination agent. Given the slip-up which occurred in the 2013 nomination

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exercise, the Deputy Chairman, Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen asked whether the Administration had any plan to take over the work hitherto carried out by the nomination agent in future nomination exercises.

18. SHA(Atg) explained that the first nomination exercise was actually conducted by the respective arts interests themselves and starting from the second exercise, HAB was requested by the arts sector to assist in carrying out the nomination exercise on its behalf. In line with past practices of HKADC, the nomination agent responsible for executing the 2013 nomination exercise was commissioned by HAB through the established tendering procedures. Apart from setting out the scope of work as well as deliverables in a project brief for bidders, special briefings were arranged to explain to prospective bidders the scope of work and requirement for the agent to be appointed. Two firms subsequently responded to the tendering invitation. The same consulting firm, i.e. PR Concepts, was chosen after a proper, fair and objective selection process, and it possessed the required expertise and experience. SHA(Atg) further said that as the nomination exercise for HKADC was a four-phased process spanning over six months, it was more appropriate to contract out the job to a consulting firm.

19. In response to Mr CHAN Chi-chuen's further enquiry, SHA(Atg) said that the total cost incurred for the 2013 nomination exercise was around \$2 million. As regards the manpower support for the exercise, staff members of HAB had been working closely with the nomination agent during various phases.

20. Ms Cyd HO criticized that the report provided by PR Concepts on the incident concerning the incorrectly stapled ballot papers was a substandard report which failed to offer useful insights into the incident. She shared members' view that the Administration, specifically the Registration and Electoral Office, should take over the execution of the polling process for future nomination exercises.

21. SHA(Atg) responded that regarding the incorrectly stapled ballot papers, the agent explained that in the four previous nomination exercises, a serial number was printed on each ballot paper, but for the 2013 exercise, a different approach was adopted such that serial numbers were no longer printed on each ballot paper for privacy concern and the printer no longer had to check against the serial number while stapling the ballot papers together. Nevertheless, SHA(Atg) stressed that the nomination agent had the responsibility to ensure that the entire process, including all printed materials (e.g. the ballot paper), was in order. She also said that for the 2013 exercise, the serial numbers were printed on a separate sheet of paper and stapled to each set of ballot papers so that the agent could count how many sets of ballot



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papers were issued. Before the ballot papers were separated for counting, the papers containing the serial numbers were removed.

22. In response to Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che, SHA(Atg) explained that a total of 10 ballot papers were found to be incorrectly stapled, out of which only two sets were cast by the voters, five sets found by the agent before they were issued and three sets were discovered by voters before they cast their votes. She added that the nomination agent handled the incorrectly stapled ballots in accordance with the arrangements agreed with the candidates and the polling results were not affected nor challenged.

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23. In view of the privacy issue raised in PR Concepts' report, Ms Cyd HO requested the Administration to provide information on whether, regarding the past five nomination exercises (from 2001 to 2013), the nomination agent had made records as to which particular ballot paper was issued to a voter.

Review on the arrangements of the 2013 nomination exercise

24. The Deputy Chairman and Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che both suggested that the views of various stakeholders (including voters, candidates standing for nomination in all of the 10 arts interests as well as the 10 nominated representatives) should be collected for consideration of areas for improvement for the forthcoming nomination exercise. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen asked whether the Administration considered the 2013 nomination exercise satisfactory.

25. SHA(Atg) responded that both the Government and the arts sector were pleased to note the outcome of the 2013 nomination exercise. There were improvements in various aspects, which included, among others, (a) the increase in the number of voters registered to take part in the exercise (a total of 8 512 voters had registered in 2013, representing an increase of 1 441 voters (i.e. by around 20%) over that of the last nomination exercise), (b) the increased participation of candidates, as there were more than one candidate running for nomination in all the 10 arts interests with the number of candidates running in each arts interests ranging from two to four, and (c) the highest voter turnout rate (i.e. 33.9%) ever recorded, with 2 884 voters turning out to vote for their representatives and representing a 6.9% increase over the last exercise. SHA(Atg) informed Members that a review on the arrangements of the nomination exercise would be carried out to consider areas for improvement for the forthcoming exercise before it was launched in the first quarter of 2016. In conducting the review, HKADC would be involved and the views of various stakeholders, including the 10 nominated representatives and the arts community, would be taken into account.

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26. Mr WU Chi-wai asked about the scope of the impending review, and whether it would also examine the recommendation of the arts community to review the existing 10 specified arts interests and to include new one(s) to accommodate new developments of the arts scene.

27. SHA(Atg) explained that the 10 specified arts interests were stipulated under section 3(5) of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council Ordinance (Cap. 472) ("the Ordinance"). The addition of any new arts interest would require legislative amendments. Before introducing such amendments, the Administration would need to conduct a thorough consultation to collect the sector's views in this regard.

Absence of definition of "individuals" in the Ordinance

28. Ms Cyd HO said that during the scrutiny of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (Amendment) Bill 2013, she had requested that a definition of "individuals" should be provided in the Ordinance, and the definition should make reference to the relevant administrative guidelines setting out the eligibility criteria which a person had to meet in order to participate in the nomination exercise in the capacity of "individuals". She had also suggested that such eligibility criteria might be set out in a schedule to the Ordinance, and the definition of "individuals" should make reference to that schedule. She maintained the view that the lack of a statutory definition for "individuals", which were an important stakeholder of the sector, in the Ordinance was far from satisfactory. She urged the Administration to follow up on this issue.

29. SHA(Atg) responded that the Administration did not have any plan at this stage to provide in the Ordinance the definition of "individuals", since the eligibility criteria for individual arts workers to take part in the nomination of arts interests representatives would evolve and keep on changing over time. Stressing the need for flexibility, SHA(Atg) said that the list of eligible organizations and individual arts workers for participation in the nomination exercise would continue to be promulgated by administrative arrangements.

**V. Provision of new sports facilities in Shatin and Tuen Mun**  
(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1248/13-14(05) and CB(2)1268/13-14(01))

30. At the invitation of the Chairman, SHA(Atg) briefed Members on the new sports facilities in Sha Tin and Tuen Mun Districts, for which the Administration planned to seek funding support from the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") and the Finance Committee ("FC") in May and June 2014 respectively, as detailed in the Administration's paper.

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Government Complex in Area 14, Tuen Mun

31. Noting that the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines ("HKPSG") had suggested a provision of eight sports centres for Tuen Mun District by 2021, Miss Alice MAK said that even with the commissioning of the proposed project under discussion, which involved the construction of a multi-storey government complex comprising a sports centre, a community hall and other government facilities, Tuen Mun was still in short of three sports centres. While expressing support for the project, she enquired about the Administration's plan to address the shortfall in sports centres in Tuen Mun District. Miss MAK said that it was her understanding that some other districts, such as Yuen Long, were facing similar problems. She queried the need for the preparation of HKPSG, if the Administration did not take heed of the recommendations therein made.

32. In response, SHA(Atg) explained that HKPSG was formulated to provide an equitable basis for the reservation of land for recreation facilities and open space. They should be applied with reference to the relevant situation. In considering whether to proceed with any new sports facilities projects, the level of the existing provision of these facilities in the respective districts was only one of the many factors that the Administration would take into account. Reference would also be made to a host of other relevant factors including the views of District Councils, the population size, the local characteristics and community aspirations, the utilization rates of existing leisure and sports facilities, as well as the availability of suitable sites and resources.

33. Regarding the anticipated provision of sports centres in Tuen Mun District, SHA(Atg) advised that the Administration had already identified and reserved two sites in Tuen Mun, respectively in Areas 3 and 54, for the development of sports centres.

34. Miss Alice MAK and Mr LEUNG Che-cheung noted that the proposed project involved the relocation/reprovision of Post Office's Tuen Mun Delivery Office cum Speedpost Centre, the Immigration Department's Tuen Mun Regional Office and the Social Welfare Department's Butterfly Social Security Field Unit. They were concerned about the views of local communities and Tuen Mun District Council ("TMDC") on the proposal to re-provision these facilities to the site in Area 14 (Siu Lun) as the new site might be considered as inconvenient to existing service users.

35. SHA(Atg) responded that the Administration had consulted the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee ("EHDDC") of TMDC on the proposed project. Members of EHDDC generally supported the project and requested for its early implementation.

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36. Responding to Mr LEUNG Che-cheung's and Mr Tony TSE's enquiries about the mix of facilities proposed for the two new sports centre in Tuen Mun and Sha Tin, SHA(Atg) said that the facilities therein provided (e.g. the table tennis room for the sports centre in Siu Lun) were proposed based on the popularity of different sports items. To allow flexibility to cater for the changing needs of the public, these facilities could be easily converted for other uses.

Sports Centre in Area 24D, Sha Tin

37. Mr Gary FAN noted that HKPSG had suggested a provision of 11 sports centres for Sha Tin District by 2021, but there were only five of them in the district at present. Expressing concern about the serious shortfall in sports centre in Sha Tin District, he asked whether some of the facilities covered by the proposed project in Area 24D could commence operation by phases and earlier than January 2018, so as to help alleviate the serious shortfall of sports facilities in Sha Tin.

38. Project Director 3, Architectural Services Department ("PD3/ASD") advised that given the need to conform to the required fire and building safety requirements, a commissioning test of all the relevant systems installed in the proposed sports centre in Area 24D, Sha Tin would need to be conducted. While it was unlikely that the facilities of the new sports centre could commence operation by phases, the Administration would endeavour to speed up the construction works.

39. Mr Gary FAN was also concerned about the measures to be adopted by the Administration to mitigate the traffic impact arising from the construction works on the neighbouring areas, including Chun Shek Estate. Given that the Development Bureau ("DB") had earlier taken a decision to extend the Greening Master Plans ("GMPs") to the New Territories and the respective GMP had established the greening theme "沙田聳翠" for Sha Tin, he asked whether the design of the proposed sports centre in Area 24D, Sha Tin would be incorporated with greening elements.

40. In response, PD3/ASD made the following points -

- (a) while the Administration had conducted construction traffic impact assessment for the two proposed projects, it would request the contractors to take temporary and emergency traffic measures to ensure that the impact of the construction works on traffic in the surrounding areas would be kept to the minimum; and

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- (b) as DB had recommended a greening ratio of 20% to 30% for new projects with site area larger than 1 000 square metres, the Administration would undertake greening and beautification works for the two proposed projects, including implementing rooftop and podium greening.

Implementation plan of the two proposed projects

41. In response to the Deputy Chairman's enquiry, SHA(Atg) said that it was the plan of the Administration to submit the funding proposals to FC for approval in June 2014. The construction works of the two projects were scheduled to commence in December 2014 for completion in 2018.

Planning standards stated in HKPSG

42. While indicating support for the two proposed projects located in Area 24D, Sha Tin and Area 14, Tuen Mun, the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, Mr LEUNG Che-cheung, Mr Tony TSE and Mr Gary FAN expressed a similar concern about the shortfall in leisure and sports facilities in various districts. They hoped that the Administration would make its best efforts to fill the gap in its provision of such facilities, with a view to meeting the planning standards as suggested in HKPSG. Mr FAN considered that if the problem was due to the unavailability of suitable sites, HAB should liaise with the relevant bureau to reserve government lands for the development of leisure and sports facilities. The Chairman and Mr TSE asked whether the prolonged delay in the Administration's provision of sports centres in various districts was due to financial constraint or unavailability of suitable sites.

43. SHA(Atg) responded that while leisure and sports facilities were provided subject to the availability of suitable sites in the relevant district, the Administration would endeavour to expedite implementation of projects which aimed at providing leisure and sports facilities, including outstanding projects of the former Municipal Councils. It should be noted that given the scale of the two proposed projects, a longer time was required for implementation, particularly in the planning and consultation stages. SHA(Atg) further said that while the proposed project located in Area 24D, Sha Tin would help alleviate the serious shortfall of and cater for the strong demand for sports centres in the district, an additional sports centre was already under construction in Area 14B, Sha Tin and was due for completion by early 2016.

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44. Mr Gary FAN requested the Administration to provide information after the meeting on whether, under the relevant approved Outline Zoning Plan, land had been reserved for the provision of recreation and sports facilities in Sha Tin in accordance with HKPSG.

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45. Mr LEUNG Che-cheung said that there was a private residential development project in Yuen Long in which the Government had included in the relevant land lease a condition that the developer concerned should provide a community hall for the benefits of the residents nearby. In his view, the Administration should actively consider this option in the provision of leisure and sports facilities. SHA(Atg) said that Mr LEUNG's suggestion was worth consideration and the Administration would explore its feasibility.

Other issues raised

46. The Chairman said that given the shortage of sports venues/facilities within the territory that could meet international standards of hosting large-scale sports events, the sports sector (including National Sports Associations) very much hoped that community sports venues could be upgraded in respect of air ventilation, sports lighting and scoreboards etc. and be brought up to international standards. This would help alleviate the shortage of local venues for hosting major international sports events. He requested the Administration to consider the views of the sports sector in taking forward the two projects under discussion.

47. SHA(Atg) responded that the two proposed projects were planned and designed for district use. If sports competition events organized by the local community and schools were to be held in these new venues to be commissioned for operation in the next few years, existing major sports venues/facilities could then be spared for holding large-scale international events. SHA(Atg) and PD3/ASD further advised that many new sports facilities planned for district use, such as the new swimming pool in Kwun Tong, had already met the requisite standards for hosting large-scale international sports events. For others that had yet to meet the standards, they could be suitably upgraded to achieve the purpose. However, there were structural constraints in increasing the seating capacity of these sports venues to accommodate the large number of audience for large-scale sports competition activities.

48. The Deputy Chairman held the view that accessibility was an important consideration in the planning of the two proposed projects, lest they would not be frequented by local residents should they be inconveniently located.

49. SHA(Atg) advised that the two project sites, especially the one in Sha Tin, were within the railway catchment areas. As such, highly accessible and convenient transport connection would be provided. In reply to the Deputy Chairman's question of whether spaces would be designated within the two project sites for the parking of bicycles, SHA(Atg) replied in the

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negative explaining that cycling tracks were not provided at the periphery of the two project sites.

50. The Chairman said that he had learned from media reports that water leakage had occurred in the Velodrome in Tseung Kwan O and many other recreation and sports venues in the territory after the heavy rain episodes towards the end of March 2014. He asked whether leakage control measures were in place for prevention of recurrence of similar incidents in the future.

51. Assistant Director (Leisure Services) 3, LCSD responded that after the heavy rain and squally thunderstorms which persisted in end-March 2014, a slight degree of water leakage was discovered in the Velodrome in Tseung Kwan O, and the matter had been referred to ASD for follow-up. There were, however, no reports from LCSD's district offices on water leakage in other sports venues.

52. There being no other questions or views from Members, the Chairman concluded that members had no objection to the Administration's submission of the funding proposals to PWSC and FC for consideration.

53. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:21 am.

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