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Subcommittee to follow up the outstanding capital works projects of the former municipal councils

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 19 February 2003 at 8:30 am in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

Members : Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP (Chairman)

Present Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP

Hon WONG Yung-kan Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip Hon IP Kwok-him, JP Hon LAU Ping-cheung Hon WONG Sing-chi

Member : Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP

Absent

Public Officers: Agenda item II

Attending

Mr Edward LAW

Principal Assistant Secretary (Food and Environmental Hygiene) 2

Health, Welfare and Food Bureau

Mrs Marion LAI

Deputy Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

(Administration and Development)

Mrs Angel CHOI

Chief Executive Officer (Planning) 2

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr A R WILSON

Project Director 3 (Acting)

Architectural Services Department

Agenda item III

Ms Miranda YEAP Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (Recreation and Sport)

Mr Johnny WOO, JP Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services) (Acting)

Ms Pamela CHAN Chief Executive Officer (Planning) 1 Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr Daniel MAK Chief Executive Officer (Planning) 2 Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr A R WILSON
Project Director 3 (Acting)
Architectural Services Department

Clerk in : Mrs Constance LI

Attendance Chief Assistant Secretary (2)5

Staff in : Miss Betty MA

Attendance Senior Assistant Secretary (2)1

Action

I Paper(s) issued since the last meeting

[LC Paper No. CB(2) 1135/02-03]

<u>Members</u> noted a referral from the Legislative Council (LegCo) Members meeting with Sai Kung District Council on 23 January 2003 concerning the implementation of two ex-Provisional Municipal Councils capital works projects in Sai Kung District.

II Retro-fitting of air-conditioning to 19 existing markets and/or cooked food centres

[LC Paper No. CB(2) 1194/02-03(01)]

- Deputy Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Administration and Development) (DD(A&D)) said that the Administration had undertaken to try its best to boost the support rate of those markets with a support rate close to 85% before early DD(A&D) informed members that by late January 2003, a total of five markets/cooked food centres had attained a support rate of 85% or above. These included Fa Yuen Street Market Cooked Food Centre, Bowrington Road Market Cooked Food Centre, Yue Wan Market Cooked Food Centre, Yue Wan Market and Fa Yuen Street Market. The Administration would proceed with air-conditioning retrofitting and general improvement works for these five markets/cooked food centres, and the respective Market Management Consultative Committees had been informed of the latest consultation outcome and the proposed way forward. DD(A&D) further informed members that the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) was working on the detailed drawings. The Administration would proceed to seek the necessary funding approval for early implementation of the air-conditioning retro-fitting and/or other improvement works. The Administration expected that the proposals would be submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) before the end of this legislative session, and the earliest completion dates of the projects would be 2004-05. She said that the completion dates would vary depending on the complexity of individual projects.
- 3. Regarding the Subcommittee's request for lowering the 85% threshold to 70% at the last meeting on 14 November 2002, <u>DD(A&D)</u> said that after careful consideration, the Administration remained of the view that there was a good case to adhere to the 85% support requirement for the following reasons -
 - (a) lowering the threshold would be against the wish of a sizeable group of incumbent lessees who preferred continuation of business in the current operating environment and at a relatively lower cost;
 - (b) a reasonably high support rate was crucial to the smooth implementation of air-conditioning retro-fitting works;
 - (c) the Administration had to be sufficiently assured that the vast majority of stall lessees would be willing to pay the air-conditioning recurrent costs before the works were embarked upon; and
 - (d) the latest consultation outcome reflected that a support rate of 85% or over was indeed achievable for certain markets.

- 4. <u>DD(A&D)</u> further said that for the remaining markets and cooked food centres which had a support rate below 85%, the Administration would carry out the improvement works as mentioned in paragraph 3 of the Administration paper if their support rates as of end March 2003 were still below the 85% threshold.
- 5. Mr Fred LI said that it was regrettable that the Administration insisted on adopting a support rate of 85%, and he did not understand why the Administration could not adopt a lower support rate similar to that of the Housing Department (HD). He considered that the Administration had been too rigid in its policy for taking forward retro-fitting of air-conditioning works in public markets managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD). For markets and cooked food centres which had a support rate of less than 85%, Mr LI asked when the general improvement works would be carried out. Mr LI asked whether the Administration had plans for retro-fitting of air-conditioning in other public markets which were managed by FEHD but outside the 19 projects approved by the former Provisional Municipal Councils (PMCs).
- 6. <u>DD(A&D)</u> said that there were a total of 81 markets under the management of FEHD, and 13 of them were already air-conditioned. Under the current proposal, retro-fitting projects would be carried out in two markets and three cooked food centres. At present, the Administration did not have plans to carry out air-conditioning retro-fitting works for markets other than the 19 projects in question. <u>DD(A&D)</u> added that among these 19 projects, improvement works would be carried out in the markets/cooked food centres which had a support rate of less than 85%. The scope of such improvement works would depend on specific needs in individual markets. It was expected that the works would take place from 2003-04 to 2004-05 in view of the number involved.
- 7. <u>DD(A&D)</u> said that for the other public markets, general improvement works would be carried out in more than 30 markets. Improvement works would start in the current financial year, and would continue in 2003-04. In these circumstances, improvement works would be carried out in almost all of the public markets. This fully demonstrated that the Administration had endeavoured to upgrade the facilities of public markets.
- 8. Mr Fred LI asked the Administration to provide further information on the implementation time-table, scope of works and the estimated cost for the improvement works to be carried out in the remaining 16 markets and cooked food centres which had a support rate of less than 85%. DD(A&D) replied that the estimated costs for retro-fitting of air-conditioning to the five markets/cooked food centres and the remaining 16 projects were about \$190 million and \$380 million respectively. DD(A&D) undertook to provide the scope of individual projects at the next meeting.

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- 9. Mr IP Kwok-him said that he could not agree that one reason for not lowering the support rate was that it would be against the wish of a sizeable group of incumbent lessees who preferred continuation of business in the current operating environment and at a relatively lower cost. Mr IP pointed out that most of the lessees would not mind paying the additional recurrent air-conditioning electricity costs, but they were worried that they might not be able to recover such costs even with the improved business turnover after the retro-fitting projects.
- 10. Mr IP Kwok-him further said that it was regrettable that the Administration still maintained its position that a support rate of 85% should be attained for taking forward the retro-fitting of air-conditioning projects. As a result, only five out of 19 markets/cooked food centres would be retro-fitted with air-conditioning. Mr IP pointed out that there was one market had attained a support rate of 70%, which was rather close to the 85% requirement. Mr IP said that a 70% support rate already represented a majority support, and the Administration should reconsider members' request for lowering the support rate to 70%. Mr IP asked whether there was any objective basis for the Administration to adhere to the 85% support rate.
- 11. <u>DD(A&D)</u> said that the only market which had attained a support rate between 70% and 85% was San Hui Market (75.7%). <u>DD(A&D)</u> informed members that to boost the support rate of San Hui Market, FEHD staff had approached the 66 lessees who did not support the project or had not responded to the letter of intent to explain to them the benefits of the project. The District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tuen Mun) himself had also met with representatives of the Market Management Consultative Committee concerned and the stall lessees in San Hui Market on 17 December 2002 to explain the project details. However, the lessees in San Hui Market had not changed their position on the matter.
- 12. <u>DD(A&D)</u> further said that there was no scientific method to determine whether the 85% support rate was the most appropriate. The Administration had carefully considered members' proposal of lowering the support rate to 70%. However, the latest consultation outcome had revealed that a support rate of 85% or over was achievable. As the consultation had not yet come to an end, the lessees could still change their mind. <u>DD(A&D)</u> added that for those lessees who did not support the projects, the Administration would have to re-locate their stalls if the retro-fitting of air-conditioning was to be carried out in the markets concerned. She said that it would be difficult to find sufficient number of vacant stalls in other markets within the same district for such purpose. If the support rate was further lowered, the problem of re-location would be even greater.
- 13. Mr Albert CHAN said that he did not have strong views on the 85% requirement, as there would still be problems even if a lower support rate was adopted. He pointed out that for a market attaining a 70% support rate, it would mean that about 30% of the lessees did not support the project and they might eventually cease their business or demanded re-location of their stalls.

- 14. Mr Albert CHAN considered that the proposal for the retro-fitting of air-conditioning in the 19 markets/cooked food centres was a failure because most stall lessees were unwilling to bear the recurrent air-conditioning costs. He said that given the poor response from the market stall lessees, the Administration should critically review whether these retro-fitting projects should be taken forward. Mr CHAN further said that the Administration should review the design of existing markets to see whether they could still meet the market demands and community expectation. He pointed out that some of these markets were unpopular because of their location and out-dated design. Citing Tsuen King Circuit Market as an example, Mr CHAN said that the business turnover of these out-dated markets was so low that it would be a waste of public money to carry out general improvement works in these markets. Mr CHAN was of the view that the Administration should consider closing these markets and make compensation to the stall lessees concerned.
- 15. Mr Albert CHAN further said that cooked food centres were also an out-dated business, and many existing operators were very old and lacked motivation to improve or continue with their business. He pointed out that HD had already abolished all cooked food centres in public housing estates. He strongly urged the Administration to critically review the prospects of cooked food centres managed by FEHD. Mr CHAN considered it a waste of public money to retrofit air-conditioning in these cooked food centres, and suggested that the Administration should encourage the stall lessees to surrender their licences for an ex-gratia payment. Mr CHAN hoped that the policy matters concerning public markets and cooked food centres could be discussed at a suitable forum. He added that he might not support the funding proposals for carrying out improvement works in the remaining markets and cooked food centres which had not attained a support rate of 85%.
- 16. <u>DD(A&D)</u> responded that the retro-fitting projects aimed to improve the physical conditions of 19 markets and/or cooked food centres which were poorly ventilated. She said that the Administration shared a similar view with Mr Albert CHAN that it might not be worthwhile to carry out similar projects in other markets and cooked food centres. <u>DD(A&D)</u> further said that, if required, the Administration could report to the relevant LegCo Panel policy matters relating to public market management.
- 17. Mr WONG Yung-kan agreed that the Administration should explore the possibility of closing those markets or cooked food centres which were no longer viable, and consult the existing operators on the long-term policy. However, he considered that it was necessary to maintain and upgrade the conditions of those markets which were viable as many lessees were still relying on their markets stalls for a living. He said that the Administration should proceed with the retro-fitting works in those markets and cooked food centres which had attained a support rate of 85% or above. As regards San Hui Market which had attained a support rate close to 85%, Mr WONG asked whether the Administration would also consider taking forward the retro-fitting project for this market.

- 18. <u>DD(A&D)</u> responded that the Administration had tried very hard to boost the support rate in San Hui Market, and ArchSD had revised the schematic designs several times to accommodate the views expressed by lessees as far as practicable. However, the lessees would not accept any proposal that might involve re-location of their stalls <u>DD(A&D)</u> further said that if the retro-fitting project was also carried out in San Hui Market, it would mean that the Administration was making an exceptional arrangement for markets which had not attained a support rate of 85%. She was concerned that lessees in other markets would also request the Administration to lower the support rate for taking forward the projects in their markets. <u>DD(A&D)</u> considered that it would be more appropriate to take forward the retro-fitting works in the two markets which had attained a support rate of 85%, and these two markets would set an example for the other markets.
- 19. Mr WONG Yung-kan said that for those lessees who did not support the projects, they would not change their mind unless there was marked improvement in the business environment after retro-fitting of air-conditioning. He did not expect that there would be much difference in the support rate of the remaining markets even after further consultation in March. Mr WONG asked whether the Administration was aware of the major reasons why the lessees did not support the projects and whether it had explored alternatives, such as a change in the mode of operation, for these markets.
- 20. <u>DD(A&D)</u> said that for those lessees who did not support the retro-fitting projects, some considered the recurrent costs too high and the profits might not be able to offset the cost. There were others who expressed concern that the proposed works would adversely affect their business. <u>DD(A&D)</u> further said that the Administration had evaluated the viability of existing public markets. About 10 markets which had modern design and air-conditioning had very good business. For the majority (about 40 of them), they were in the medium range and the business turnover was satisfactory. The business of some 10 markets was unsatisfactory because of their locations and other factors. <u>DD(A&D)</u> explained that general improvement works would be carried out for selected existing markets to enhance their business environment where appropriate. <u>DD(A&D)</u> added that according to survey findings, there was still demand for traditional markets because of the cheaper price and variety of goods they sold.
- 21. The Chairman asked whether there was a deadline for further consultation with stall lessees in markets which had a support rate below 85%. He also asked whether the funds earmarked for the retro-fitting of air-conditioning projects would only be reserved for a certain period of time. DD(A&D) responded that the Administration planned to take forward before 31 March 2003 the retro-fitting projects for those markets with a net support rate of 85% or more as at 31 March 2003. As funding had been earmarked for the retro-fitting projects, she did not envisage any problem in seeking the necessary funds for these projects before the end of 2003. However, as

these funds could not be reserved for an indefinite period, they might be released for other purposes if the remaining projects could not be taken forward after a reasonable period of time. <u>DD(A&D)</u> added that the stall lessees concerned had been fully informed of the deadline for consultation and the consequence of their decisions.

- 22. <u>Mr Andrew WONG</u> asked whether FEHD would require stall lessees to share the installation costs of the air-conditioning systems and the recurrent air-conditioning costs of vacant stalls, as in the case of the HD markets.
- 23. <u>DD(A&D)</u> said that FEHD had adopted a different arrangement. The stall lessees would be required to pay the recurrent electricity costs and the regular maintenance expenses of the air-conditioning system, but not the installation costs of the system.
- 24. Mr Andrew WONG said that he had doubts about the arrangements for the lessees to share the additional recurrent electricity costs of vacant stalls. He considered that the matter should be followed up by the relevant Panel(s).

(*Post-meeting note*: The Administration has subsequently confirmed that the recurrent electricity costs for vacant stalls would be borne by the Government.)

25. <u>The Chairman</u> requested the Administration to take note of the views expressed by members.

III Projects involving leisure and cultural facilities

[LC Paper No. CB(2) 1194/02-03(02)]

- 26. Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (AS(HA)) said that of the 15 projects in the Accelerated Programme scheduled for implementation in 2002-03, 12 projects had proceeded according to schedule to-date. These included eight projects under construction, two projects upgraded to Category A and two being implemented as minor works items. As regards the remaining three projects, one would probably be conducted as a minor works item, one would be slightly deferred by two months and the scope of the other project was under review.
- 27. <u>AS(HA)</u> further said that the Administration was reviewing the other leisure and cultural services projects under planning, including five projects with funds earmarked in 2000 and 47 projects included in the Accelerated Programme. She said that the Administration was inclined to accord priority to projects falling within the five categories as described in paragraph 3 of the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(2) 1194/02-03(02)).
- 28. <u>Mr Fred LI</u> said that the Sports Ground, Town Park and Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O was scheduled for implementation only in 2003-

- 04. He asked whether this had contradicted the principle of according priority to projects in new towns with serious shortage of such facilities. Mr Fred LI also expressed concern that as the site for Phase II of the project was currently used as a car park, this might further delay the implementation of Phase I of the project.
- 29. Chief Executive Officer (Planning)2/ Leisure and Cultural Services Department (CEO(P)2/LCSD) said that the site for the Phase II project was rather large and its present usage as a car park should not affect the implementation of the Phase I project which was for the provision of a sports ground. However, should the temporary parking area cause nuisances to nearby residents and violate the terms of the tenancy agreement or impede the implementation of the Phase I project, LCSD could always request Lands Department to consider terminating the tenancy agreement with the existing car park operator. He added that ArchSD would also take measures to minimize any possible environmental impact of the works in Phase I.
- 30. Noting that the proposed construction work for the Phase I project would take about three years to complete, <u>Mr Fred LI</u> asked whether the construction could be expedited. <u>CEO(P)2/LCSD</u> said that the implementation time-table was only a rough indication and a concrete time-table would be provided to members when the project details were finalised.
- 31. <u>Mr WONG Sing-chi</u> said that a number of sites earmarked as open space were currently used as temporary parking areas. This had defeated the purpose of improving the environment and providing recreational facilities in the area. <u>Mr WONG</u> suggested that LCSD should discuss with Lands Department to identify other suitable sites for car parking purpose and carrying out simple beautification work in the vacant sites.
- 32. <u>CEO(P)1/LCSD</u> said that LCSD had carried out greening works in some reserved sites in 2001-02. However, the site of Sports Ground in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O was quite large and it would not be cost effective to carry out greening works on that site. She pointed out that there was a strong demand for parking space for heavy vehicles in Sai Kung, and the matter had been discussed by Sai Kung District Council on several occasions. <u>CEO(P)1/LCSD</u> said that she would relay members' views to Sai Kung District Council for consideration. Regarding Mr WONG's suggestion of identifying other sites for heavy vehicles parking in Sai Kung, <u>AS(HA)</u> agreed to convey the suggestion to Lands Department for follow-up.

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33. Mr IP Kwok-him said that members of the Islands District Council had urged for early implementation of the proposed library building in Tung Chung during their previous meetings with LegCo Members. As the project was scheduled for commencement in 2004-05, he asked whether the project could be advanced. Mr IP also asked whether consideration would be given to providing a temporary library in Tung Chung as an interim arrangement.

- 34. <u>CEO(P)2/LCSD</u> said that priority had been given to the construction of the Indoor Recreation Centre and Library in Tung Chung. As this was a more complicated building project, LCSD would need some lead time for the preparatory work. In the meantime, a temporary library would be provided in Yat Tung Estate in Tung Chung within 2003.
- 35. Responding to Mr WONG Yung-kan's enquiry about the progress for implementing the Tung Wan Beach Building in Cheung Chau, <u>CEO(P)1/LCSD</u> said that it would be implemented as a minor works item and the works start date had been advanced to January 2003. She said that the project would be completed as early as possible.
- 36. Mr WONG Yung-kan pointed out that some projects, such as the proposed Indoor Recreation Centre and Library and the Swimming Pool Complex in Tung Chung, were located on the same site. To speed up the implementation of these projects, he suggested that the Administration should take forward these projects at the same time. He further suggested that the Administration should consider relaxing the plot ratio requirement to expedite the implementation of building projects in the Accelerated Programme.
- 37. <u>Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (DD/LCSD)</u> advised that the Government Property Agency had agreed in principle to relax the plot ratio requirement where major users had been identified for the buildings providing leisure and cultural facilities.
- 38. Mr WONG Sing-chi expressed concern about the plan for the proposed Tai Po Civic Centre. He noted that the Culture and Heritage Commission Consultation Paper had proposed that the provision of civic centres would be reviewed in 2007. However, the Tai Po District Council members had repeatedly urged for early implementation of the Tai Po Civic Centre. Mr WONG pointed out that Tai Po had a population of more than 300 000, and the existing Tai Po Civic Centre only had a seating capacity of 500 people. He said that the existing centre was mainly used by Tai Po Government Secondary School during daytime, and the residents and district organisations could only use the centre during night time. This had accounted for the low utilisation rate of the existing centre. Mr WONG asked whether the Administration would consider any interim arrangement to meet the strong call for a civic centre in the District.
- 39. <u>CEO(P)2/LCSD</u> said that the Administration was aware that the limited capacity of the existing Tai Po Civic Centre could not meet the demands of the District. He said that discussions were being held with District Council members and the principal of Tai Po Government Secondary School on the feasibility of constructing a temporary venue over its basketball courts for organising school activities.

- 40. On the funding of the construction of the temporary venue at Tai Po Government Secondary School, <u>DD/LCSD</u> said that his department was exploring the possibility of carrying out the project as a minor works item. If this was found possible, there should not be any problem about the funding of the project.
- 41. Mr Andrew WONG asked whether Tai Po District Council had been consulted on the scope of the proposed Tai Po Civic Centre project. He further asked whether this would be a new centre with expanded capacity or just to replace the existing one. CEO(P)2/LCSD explained that the existing civic centre could not meet the district demand because it was mainly used by Tai Po Government Secondary School during daytime. It was therefore proposed that a temporary venue be constructed at the School for organising school activities to alleviate the pressure on the existing Tai Po Civic Centre. The proposed construction of a new Tai Po Civic Centre to replace the existing one would be considered in the light of the recommendations of the Culture and Heritage Commission Consultation Paper. He added that Tai Po District Council and the Panel on Home Affairs were being consulted on the Consultation Paper.
- 42. Mr WONG Yung-kan said that there was a pressing need for the construction of the proposed Tai Po Civic Centre, and it would be unfair to the residents in Tai Po if the project was not taken forward. He pointed out that Tai Po District Council had strongly requested for early implementation of the project when the Secretary for Home Affairs visited the District recently. Mr WONG further said that the existing Civic Centre was now mainly used by Tai Po Government Secondary School during daytime, and the other district organisations could not use the Centre for organising activities or rehearsals except during night time. Mr WONG strongly urged that the Administration should proceed with the proposed Tai Po Civic Centre as early as possible.
- 43. Mr Andrew WONG pointed out that Tai Po was the oldest developed part in the New Territories. He said that the residents in Tai Po were dissatisfied because modern civic centres had been provided in other northern areas in the New Territories, such as the North District and Shatin, but not in Tai Po.
- 44. Mr WONG Yung-kan opined that the Administration should consider providing thermal pools in the existing Tai Po Public Swimming Pool. CEO(P)2/LCSD responded that a feasibility study conducted by ArchSD had found the suggestion feasible. However, it would require partial or complete closure of the existing pool for one or more swimming seasons. He said that there were different views from members of the Tai Po District Council on the proposal. Moreover, the Tai Po Sports Association would renovate and add heating to one of its swimming pools with sponsorship from the Jockey Club. The Administration therefore proposed to revisit the proposal of providing thermal pools in Tai Po Public Swimming Pool, after the Tai Po Sports Association had completed its projects. At the request of Mr WONG Yung-kan, DD/LCSD agreed to provide the implementation time-table of the projects to be carried out by the Tai Po Sports Association.

- 45. <u>The Chairman</u> asked about the latest position of the renovation of the Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village of YMCA in Ma On Shan and the five projects with funding earmarked in 2000.
- 46. <u>AS(HA)</u> said that funding proposal for the renovation of the Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village of YMCA would be submitted to PWSC on 26 February 2003. As regards the projects with funding earmarked in 2000, <u>CEO(P)1/LCSD</u> said that of the 17 projects for which funding had been earmarked in 2000, two had been completed, eight were being or to be carried out and five were scheduled for implementation in 2003. As regards the two remaining projects, viz. Kwai Chung Park Football Training Centre and grass pitches in Tseung Kwan O Landfill, LCSD was actively considering the way forward. <u>DD/LCSD</u> added that these two projects were accorded lower priority as the recurrent cost for football pitches on landfill would be very expensive. To reduce the recurrent costs for these projects, the Administration was discussing with the Hong Kong Football Association the possibility for the association to take up the management of the football pitches in Tseung Kwan O Landfill.
- 47. Mr LAU Ping-cheung suggested that the Administration should consider inviting private participation in the provision of district recreational and cultural facilities in order to expedite the implementation of these projects. He said that private participation would not only save the capital costs of the Government but also enable greater flexibility in the management of such venues and enhance their utilisation rates. Citing the example of swimming pools, Mr LAU said that private investors could find ways to optimise the utilisation of swimming pools even in non-swimming season.
- 48. <u>DD/LCSD</u> said that in view of the budgetary constraints, the Administration was actively considering ways to reduce the operating cost of individual projects, including contracting-out the management of certain facilities. He added that the Administration had not yet completed the review, and members would be informed of developments in due course.
- 49. Referring to Mr LAU's suggestion, Mr Andrew WONG said that certain leisure and cultural facilities had been entrusted to private management companies before. He considered that football pitches could be managed by private companies or sports associations, provided that certain time slots would be reserved for use by members of the public. He urged that the Administration should let the public know about its overall policy on the provision of leisure and cultural facilities for discussion as early as possible. AS(HA) assured members that the Administration would keep members informed of the latest development.
- 50. The Chairman requested the Administration to provide an up-to-date position report on all the projects in the Accelerated Programme to facilitate members to follow up these projects. The Administration noted the request.

IV Any other business

51. <u>Mr WONG Sing-chi</u> suggested that the Subcommittee should discuss its way forward at the next meeting. <u>Members</u> agreed.

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- 52. <u>The Chairman</u> said that to facilitate members' discussion at the next meeting, the Administration would be requested to provide an up-to-date position report on -
 - (a) the 15 projects in the Accelerated Programme for implementation in 2002-03;
 - (b) the remaining projects in the Accelerated Programme; and
 - (c) those projects not included in the Accelerated Programme.
- 53. <u>The Chairman</u> said that members would be informed of the date of the next meeting.

(*Post-meeting note*: The next meeting of the Subcommittee would be held on 22 May 2003 at 8:30 am)

54. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:15 am.

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