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**Minutes of LegCo Members' Meeting with
Islands District Council Members
on Thursday, 24 November 2005 at 10:45 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Convenor)
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP

By invitation : **Islands District Council**

Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, BBS, JP (Chairman)
Ms CHAU Chuen-heung, MH, JP (Vice Chairman)
Mr LEE Chi-fung, MH
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, MH
Ms LEE Kwai-chun, MH
Mr KWONG Kwok-wai, MH
Mr LAM Kit-sing
Miss YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy
Mr WONG Fuk-kan
Mr LEUNG Siu-tong
Mr LO Kwong-shing, Andy
Mr WAN Tung-lam, Tony
Rev SIK Chi-wai, BBS

**Islands District Office
District Council Secretariat**

Ms CHAN Shui-ping, Esther
Senior Executive Officer

Staff in attendance : Mrs Sharon TONG
Chief Council Secretary (2)1

Miss Josephine SO
Council Secretary (2)1

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V. Follow up the outstanding leisure and cultural services projects of the former Municipal Councils - Swimming Pool Complex in Area 2, Tung Chung and Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 17, Tung Chung

41. Ms CHAU Chuen-heung said that the Administration had confirmed the commencement of construction works for Tung Chung Swimming Pool in Area 2 and Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 17 respectively by 2009 and 2006. Ms CHAU wondered if the Administration could expedite the construction and achieve an early commissioning of the swimming pool and the recreation centre, given that leisure and cultural services (LCS) facilities were seriously lacking in Tung Chung at the moment.

42. Ms CHAU Chuen-heung considered that the Administration should at the same time enhance the existing LCS facilities or develop new and less costly LCS facilities in Tung Chung before the completion of the two major LCS projects. Ms CHAU hoped that the Commission on Poverty could do something to help the youth of Tung Chung, by flexibly deploying the public funds and resources to make LCS facilities immediately available for the district. For example, the Commission could explore the possibility of making use the campus and facilities of secondary schools located in Tung Chung for organising activities or interest classes for the youth after school hours or on holidays.

43. Mr LAM Wai-keung agreed with Ms CHAU that Tung Chung had a serious shortfall of LCS facilities. He hoped that the Administration could draw up some improvement measures to accommodate the present-day as well as future needs of Tung Chung residents.

44. Mr WONG Kwok-hing shared the concerns of IsDC members. Mr WONG considered that the Administration was rather slow in following up the outstanding LCS projects of the former Municipal Councils. He suggested that all the design and planning works at the preliminary planning stage should be carried out in parallel, as that could help advance the projects' completion date. Regarding Ms CHAU's suggestion on opening up the campus and facilities of secondary schools, Mr WONG considered it feasible to help ease the problem.

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45. Ms CHAU Chuen-heung said that the planning in respect of public and LCS facilities in Tung Chung were not meeting the needs of the community. She cited the desolate car park of Yat Tung Estate as an example and suggested that it could be converted to playground for roller skating to meet the urgent needs of youngsters in the area.

46. Miss YUNG Wing-sheung said that it was a waste of public resources if the planning work of different facilities in Tung Chung was not done with reference to its residential developments. She considered that the Administration should take into account the changing needs of the community and keep under constant review on its plans on provision of public or LCS facilities.

47. Miss YUNG Wing-sheung also expressed concern about the shortfall of LCS facilities in Discovery Bay. She criticised the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for turning down the project proposal initiated by the developer of Discovery Bay to build a recreation centre in the area. Miss YUNG said that LCSD did not want to shoulder an annual operating expenditure of \$2 million arising from repair and maintenance. Instead of approving the proposed project, LCSD suggested that residents of Discovery Bay could use the LCS facilities available in Peng Chau.

48. The Convenor agreed with Miss YUNG that it was not an ideal arrangement if residents of Discovery Bay were required to travel to Peng Chau to use the LCS facilities.

49. Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming pointed out that the Swimming Pool Complex in Area 2 and the Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 17 of Tung Chung were two of the 25 outstanding projects to which the Administration had promised to give priority. Mr CHEUNG said the Government had recently agreed to further advance the commencement of construction work of 15 priority projects. He wondered if the Swimming Pool Complex, planned to be built in 2009, was included.

50. The Convenor shared IsDC members' view that Tung Chung had an urgent need for LCS facilities due to its rapid growth of population, and the Administration should accord priority to address the shortfall of LCS facilities in the area. The Convenor said that the concerns of IsDC members be referred to the Subcommittee to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils. The Convenor further asked Ms CHAU Chuen-heung to provide the LegCo Secretariat with more information about the desolate car park in Yat Tung Estate.

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