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District Councils Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 3) Order 2013
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Dear Ms Mak,

**Subcommittee on District Councils Ordinance
(Amendment of Schedules 1 and 3) Order 2013**

Thank you for your letter of 21 November 2013. The information requested by the Subcommittee is set out as follows -

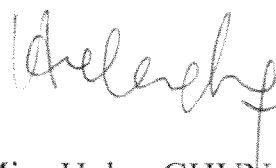
- (a) Three public sector schools viz. Concordia Lutheran School (North Point), TWGH Lee Ching Dea Memorial College and North Point Government Primary School (Cloud View Road) are involved in the “two-District Council constituency area (“DCCA”) proposal”.

The three schools above-mentioned have been participating in the Primary One Admission and Secondary School Places Allocation Systems. The allocation of Primary One (“P1”) and Secondary One (“S1”) places is divided into two stages: Discretionary Places stage and Central Allocation stage that discretionary places and 10% of school places for the central allocation are not confined to school nets; in other words, students may apply to any school participating in the allocation system. In this sense, the change in the number of

P1 and S1 school places concerned is about 50 and 130 respectively based on the provisional number of P1 and S1 classes of the schools concerned for admission in the 2014/15 school year.

- (b) Concerned bureaux and departments have re-confirmed that implementation of the “two-DCCA proposal” will not affect their provision of services to the public in the two Districts concerned (e.g., hospital, public transportation, fire/ambulance service, drainage, leisure and cultural service, environmental hygiene, and the coverage of district police stations).
- (c) The Census and Statistics Department has advised that if the “two-DCCA proposal” is implemented, collection and presentation of District-based statistics will thereafter be in accordance with the new delineation of the Eastern and Wan Chai Districts. This is in line with the arrangement adopted when the then Yau Tsim District and Mong Kok District were merged into the Yau Tsim Mok District.
- (d) The views received during the public consultation by the Administration are set out in **Annex**.
- (e) (i) When different bureaux and departments plan for the provision of their services for individual Districts, the population of individual Districts is indeed one of their major considerations; and (ii) the leisure facilities provided in the two DCCAs will continue to serve all members of the community irrespective of where they reside.

Yours sincerely,



(Miss Helen CHUNG)

for Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Views received during public consultation

(A) Local consultation forum held on 31 July 2013

- 23 members of the public spoke at the local consultation forum.
- **15 (65%) supported the two DCCAs proposal.** Reasons were—
 - residents of the Tin Hau and Victoria Park DCCAs generally used the transportation, medical and recreational facilities in the neighbouring Wan Chai District;
 - as Victoria Park was contiguous with Wan Chai District, its current management relied on the close cooperation with Wan Chai DC. If the two-DCCA proposal was implemented, it would be more convenient in respect of the management of Victoria Park;
 - part of Causeway Bay was currently located in Eastern District while part of it in Wan Chai District. It would be more desirable if the whole Causeway Bay District would be put under Wan Chai District;
 - the incumbent DC elected members of Tin Hau and Victoria Park DCCAs accepted the transfer of the two DCCAs to Wan Chai District. Wan Chai DC also welcomed the arrangement;
 - the proposal could solve the problem of Wan Chai DC having a relatively small number of elected seats while maintaining the District identity of Eastern District;
 - the demographic composition and structure of Tin Hau and Victoria Park DCCAs were relatively similar to those of Wan Chai District.
- **5 (22%) disagreed with the two-DCCA proposal.** Reasons were—
 - supported the status quo. If it was really necessary to transfer some DCCAs from Eastern District to Wan Chai District, the transfer of the DCCAs around North Point was strongly objected

because the community identity and sense of belonging of the residents should not be neglected;

- the Administration should transfer more DCCAs from Eastern District to Wan Chai District so that the operation of Eastern DC and Wan Chai DC could be more efficient. The two-DCCA proposal could not help enhance the operational efficiency of Eastern DC;
 - after implementing the two-DCCA proposal, the population of Eastern District would still be nearly three times the population of Wan Chai District. The problem of uneven allocation of resources could not be resolved;
 - the Administration should actively consider the suggestion of using the Area Committee as the basis and transfer the DCCAs under the North Point Area Committee to Wan Chai District; and
 - the Administration should not neglect the voices in Eastern DC that supported the transfer of more DCCAs to Wan Chai simply because Wan Chai DC did not want to take up more DCCAs.
- **3 (13%) queried the proposals—**
 - whether the Administration would consider merging Wan Chai District and Central and Western District in order to solve the problem of Wan Chai DC having a relatively small number of seats;
 - the criteria of resources allocation of each DC;
 - the implication of the two-DCCA proposal for school nets, medical services and other public services; and
 - requesting the Administration to conduct a territory-wide review on the distribution of population and resources allocation for DCs.

(B) Public consultation from 19 July to 17 August 2013

- **During the public consultation period, 76 written submissions were received.**
- **58 (76%) submissions¹ supported the two-DCCA proposal—**
 - 35 submissions: the two DCCAs were in proximity to Wan Chai District. Moreover, many community facilities in the two DCCAs were named with reference to Causeway Bay, such as Causeway Bay Kaifong Welfare Association. These two DCCAs should not be included in Eastern District when in fact they were areas near Causeway Bay MTR station in Wan Chai District;
 - 19 submissions: reasons were cited in support of the proposal from the angle of the use of community facilities or district management: residents in the two DCCAs had always been using facilities and services in Wan Chai District. Transferring the two DCCAs to Wan Chai District would make it more convenient for residents to express their views. If Victoria Park was transferred to Wan Chai District, it would facilitate the management of the park;
 - 10 submissions: after the transfer of the two DCCAs to Wan Chai District, the allocation of resources per capita in Wan Chai District would be greater than that in Eastern District because the population in Wan Chai was less than that in Eastern District;
 - 4 submissions: supported the two-DCCA proposal without giving any reasons.
- **4 (5%) supported the status quo one—**
 - a school in one of the DCCAs and its sponsoring body expressed concerns that if the school was transferred to Wan Chai school net, the long-term district networking built by the school in

¹ As some submissions mentioned more than one reasons, the total of the mentioned submissions is more than 58.

Eastern District would be affected. There would be adverse implication for the development of the school.

- **14 (18%) gave other alternatives or views —**
 - 6 submissions: supported the transfer of all the 11 DCCAs² to Wan Chai District;
 - 4 submissions: agreed that the area of Eastern District was relatively large. If some DCCAs were transferred to Wan Chai District, the resources allocation would be more even. However, the submissions did not state which DCCAs should be transferred;
 - 1 submission: considered that two-DCCA proposal was realistic but would not solve the problem concerning the operational difficulty of Eastern DC. The transfer of all six DCCAs under North Point West Area Committee³ to Wan Chai District was considered more reasonable ;
 - 1 submission: supported the merger of Central and Western District and Wan Chai District;
 - 2 submissions: did not state any views or raised unrelated views.

² Braemar Hill (C15) 、 Tin Hau (C16) 、 Fortress Hill (C17) 、 Victoria Park (C18) 、 City Garden (C19) 、 Provident (C20) 、 Fort Street (C21) 、 Kam Ping (C22) 、 Tanner (C23) 、 Healthy Village (C24) and Quarry Bay (C25)

³ Tin Hau (C16) 、 Fortress Hill (C17) 、 Victoria Park (C18) 、 City Garden (C19) 、 Provident (C20) and Fort Street (C21)