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Panel on Welfare Services

**Minutes of special meeting
held on Tuesday, 20 November 2018, at 9:30 am
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Hon KWONG Chun-yu (Chairman)
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
Hon Alvin YEUNG
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan
Dr Hon Pierre CHAN
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai
- Members absent** : Hon SHIU Ka-chun (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin
Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP
- Members attending** : Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon IP Kin-yuen
Hon AU Nok-hin

**Public Officers
attending** : Item I

Dr LAW Chi-kwong, GBS, JP
Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Mr David LEUNG, JP
Commissioner for Rehabilitation
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Mr Eric CHAN, JP
Deputy Secretary for the Civil Service 3
Civil Service Bureau

Mr KOK Che-leung
Assistant Director (Rehabilitation and Medical Social
Services)
Social Welfare Department

Mr Frank WONG, JP
Project Director 1
Architectural Services Department

**Attendance
by invitation** : Item I

Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union

Mr TAM Yiu-wang
權益及投訴部主任

Vocational Training Council

Mrs Carrie YAU TSANG Ka-lai
Executive Director

Shine Skills Centre (Kwun Tong)

Mr CHAN Po-lung
Manager

文添安先生

Miss LAU Chau-yu

Mr LI Yip-fuk

Mr NG Ka-hei

Mr Christopher HWANG Him

VTC Skills Centre Staff Association

Mr LUI Tak-shun
Chairman

The Special Education Society of Hong Kong

Mr YUNG Ka-kui
Chairperson

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

Staff in attendance : Mr Roger CHUNG
Council Secretary (2) 4

Miss Alison HUI
Legislative Assistant (2) 4

Action

- I. Looking into the policy on vocational training for persons with disabilities in the light of the plan for redevelopment of the site for Shine Skills Centre (Kwun Tong) into a civil service college [LC Paper Nos. CB(2)276/18-19(01) and CB(2)157/18-19(01) to (02)]**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Secretary for Labour and Welfare ("SLW") briefed members on Kwun Tong "Government, Institution or Community" ("GIC") composite development project and relocation of vocational training services for persons with disabilities. He said that in planning the relocation of vocational training services for persons with disabilities, the Administration hoped to develop an enhanced model of integrated vocational and skills training services through combining the

strengths of Integrated Vocational Training Centres ("IVTCs") and Shine Skills Centres ("SSCs"), with a view to keeping such skills training services abreast with the times and strengthening the pro-employment services. In parallel, the Administration would review future development of vocational training services for persons with disabilities in formulating a new Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan ("RPP"). The Administration would review the effectiveness of the enhanced integrated vocational and skills training services, and might consider extending the new service model to other SSCs and IVTCs in future. The Administration would discuss with the Vocational Training Council ("VTC") the implementation of the enhanced service model and the details of the transitional arrangement, and work closely with VTC to communicate with trainees and their parents as well as staff members of SSC (Kwun Tong). The Administration would consider relocating the SSC (Kwun Tong) of VTC to a site in the urban area. It was envisaged that the relocation would be completed tentatively by September 2021. Subject to the discussion with VTC, the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") might not need to select a service provider of the new training centre through a tendering process. The relevant arrangement for trainees enrolling in SSC (Kwun Tong) in 2020 would depend on the outcome of discussion between the Administration and VTC.

2. Members noted that a letter dated 19 November 2018 from Hon SHIU Ka-chun enquiring on various issues relating to this discussion item had been tabled at the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The letter was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)310/18-19(01) on 22 November 2018.)

3. The Chairman invited the deputations/individuals to present their views. A total of 10 deputations/individuals expressed their views which were summarized in **Appendix I**.

The Administration's response to deputations' views

4. SLW advised that the implementation of the enhanced integrated vocational and skills training services depended on future discussion with VTC. The Administration would only need to conduct a tender exercise to select a service provider of the new training centre as necessary if VTC declined to operate the enhanced service model. Given that the Administration saw merits in the vocational training services provided by SSCs, the enhanced service model, which would combine the strengths of IVTCs and SSCs, should create a win-win situation. The Administration

would announce the details of the site for relocating SSC (Kwun Tong) at a later stage after discussion and consultation with relevant stakeholders including the District Councils concerned. From the past experience, premature announcement might lead to failure to utilize a site identified for the provision of rehabilitation services. SLW expected that the Administration would decide the operator of the enhanced integrated vocational and skills training services by mid-2019 and announce the decision accordingly. The future operator, which might be the same operator of SSC (Kwun Tong), would have sufficient time to devise a smooth transition plan to facilitate the return of the present site of SSC (Kwun Tong) to the Administration in 2021.

Discussion

Reasons for relocating Shine Skills Centre (Kwun Tong)

5. Dr Fernando CHEUNG said that stakeholders were shocked to learn about the closure of SSC (Kwun Tong) in 2021 since the Administration had not yet announced the details of the relocation plan, including the service operator and location of the new training centre. He enquired about the justifications for relocating SSC (Kwun Tong).

6. Mr IP Kin-yuen expressed concern that SSC (Kwun Tong) would be closed due to the relocation plan and the new training centre would be different from SSC (Kwun Tong). While the Administration decided to implement the relocation plan, VTC was required to enhance its vocational training services for persons with disabilities in order to continue the provision of such services. Given that the continuation of services was important for service users of SSC (Kwun Tong), the Administration should allow VTC to maintain its service provision without imposing such requirement. In his view, VTC might enhance such services afterwards. Mr IP enquired about the justifications for relocating SSC (Kwun Tong) for constructing a civil service college. He considered that even if improvement works of the building were needed, the Administration should consider retaining the vocational training services at the same site. Given that the civil service college was a new construction, there should be flexibility in deciding its location. Taking the view that the relocation of SSC (Kwun Tong) would adversely affect the vocational training services for persons with disabilities as well as the relationship with service users, he asked whether there was a genuine need to construct the new civil service college at the site of SSC (Kwun Tong). He enquired whether an easily accessible location or larger premises would be provided for the new training centre.

7. Dr CHENG Chung-tai expressed strong dissatisfaction at the Administration's response to the views and concerns of stakeholders in respect of the relocation plan of SSC (Kwun Tong). He held the view that the Administration had created panic in the community after announcing the relocation plan of SSC (Kwun Tong). Expressing concern that SSC (Kwun Tong) was required to enhance its vocational training services in order to continue its service provision, he considered that the Administration lacked justifications and consultations for the relocation plan. Meanwhile, the Administration had not yet announced the details of the relocation plan, including the service operator and location of the new training centre. Noting that the Administration hoped that the composite development project would revitalize the area and become a new landmark of Kwun Tong, Dr CHENG enquired why only a civil service college, instead of SSC (Kwun Tong), could revitalize the area. In his view, SSC (Kwun Tong) was forced to move out for the construction of a civil service college. He requested the Administration to clarify its requirement for SSC (Kwun Tong) to enhance the vocational training services and how a win-win situation could be achieved.

8. SLW said that SSC (Kwun Tong) had indeed been updating its training programmes over the years to keep abreast with the prevailing needs of the society. The Administration had from time to time discussed with VTC the amount of subvention for and service provision of SSC (Kwun Tong). In addition, the composite development project in a GIC site at Kwun Tong aimed not only to provide land for constructing a new civil service college, but also to comprehensively revitalize the area with optimized utilization. SLW reiterated that the Administration would discuss with VTC the enhanced service model of integrated vocational and skills training services and VTC would be given the priority to provide such services. In response to Dr CHENG Chung-tai's enquiry on whether the Administration had communicated with VTC or SSC (Kwun Tong) about the suggestion of providing the enhanced integrated vocational and skills training services, SLW said that the suggestion was disclosed at the Panel meeting.

Consultation with stakeholders

9. Dr Fernando CHEUNG asked whether the Administration had consulted stakeholders, e.g. trainees, trainees' parents and staff members, on the relocation plan. SLW advised that the Administration needed to discuss with VTC the transitional arrangement for the relocation of vocational training services for persons with disabilities. Besides, trainees currently enrolled in SSC (Kwun Tong) and their parents would not be

affected. The Administration would communicate with relevant stakeholders to ensure a smooth transitional arrangement in the coming three years. Noting that the Administration would consult the District Council concerned on the provision of rehabilitation service, Dr CHEUNG expressed dissatisfaction at the Administration's absence of consultation with the stakeholders about closing SSC (Kwun Tong). In response to the Chairman's enquiry about the timing for SSC (Kwun Tong) to learn about the relocation plan, Mr CHAN Po-lung of SSC (Kwun Tong) advised that SSC (Kwun Tong) was notified on the day when it was announced in the Policy Address.

10. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen expressed concern that SSC (Kwun Tong) was requested to enhance its vocational training services despite its satisfactory performance. Both the Chairman and Mr CHAN considered that the Administration handled the announcement of the relocation plan poorly over the past month and relevant stakeholders were shocked by the relocation plan. They opined that the Administration should disclose the transitional arrangement when the relocation plan was first announced in the Policy Address. The Chairman urged the Administration to apologize to the affected stakeholders for its poor handling. SLW advised that improvements might be required for the overall communication with relevant stakeholders. Meanwhile, it was unfortunate that relevant stakeholders had a strong feeling about the relocation plan as they had received views based on various assumptions. In the past month, the Administration had already provided information relating to the relocation plan as far as possible.

11. Mr POON Siu-ping enquired about the timeframe for discussing with VTC the enhanced service mode of vocational training services. In view of the possible uncertainties arising from the discussion with various stakeholders, he urged the Administration to speed up the discussion process. SLW advised that while it was expected that the operator of the enhanced integrated vocational and skills training services would be decided in mid-2019, the Administration would endeavour to meet the aforementioned target date.

12. Mr Wilson OR expressed strong disappointment at the Administration's response to the views and concerns of trainees of SSC (Kwun Tong) and their parents. In his view, the relocation plan would do a disservice out of good intentions. While SSC (Kwun Tong) was requested to enhance its vocational training services, relevant stakeholders were concerned about their future due to lack of sufficient information. As a member of the Kwun Tong District Council and the Legislative

Council Member representing Kowloon East, Mr OR expressed dissatisfaction that the Administration failed to conduct consultations with relevant stakeholders. Noting that the Administration had identified a site in the urban area with convenient public transport for relocating the vocational training services for persons with disabilities, he asked about the justifications for announcing the details only after discussion and consultation with relevant stakeholders, and whether the views of stakeholders had been considered during the discussion within the Administration for addressing their concerns and better planning for the relocation of SSC (Kwun Tong). SLW reiterated that the provision of rehabilitation facilities would only be announced upon the completion of local consultation. From the past experience, premature announcement might lead to failure to utilize a site identified for the provision of rehabilitation services. The Administration would discuss with VTC the details of the enhanced integrated vocational and skills training services and the relevant arrangement would be decided in mid-2019. Mr OR called on the Administration to provide a concrete timetable in this regard. In response to Mr Wilson OR's enquiry on how to gauge the views and concerns of stakeholders, SLW advised that relevant consultation would commence shortly and it was expected to be completed before mid-2019.

13. Given that the relocation of SSC (Kwun Tong) had become a cause of unrest and persons with disabilities were deterred from enrolling in SSC (Kwun Tong), the Chairman considered that it would be too late to announce the appointment of the operator for the new training centre in mid-2019. In his view, the Administration should provide relevant information in early 2019. He expressed concern that the progress of the relocation plan would be affected by various factors, such as finalizing site location and views of stakeholders. He enquired about the difficulties in discussing the relocation plan with VTC. The Chairman sought information from the Administration on a concrete timetable and its follow-up actions with a view to ensuring a smooth transition after confirming the operator of the new training centre. SLW responded that if the discussion process was smooth, the Administration would be able to complete the relevant work at an earlier date. While there might be unforeseeable factors affecting the discussion process, the Administration had confidence in meeting the target date. Meanwhile, a period of two years would be sufficient for the operator to prepare for both the hardware and software for providing the enhanced integrated vocational and skills training services. In response to the Chairman's request to provide regular progress updates of the relocation plan, SLW advised that the Administration would make public the progress of the relocation as appropriate.

14. Taking the view that these stakeholders would not be notified of the latest progress until mid-2019, Mr KWOK Wai-keung suggested that the Administration should communicate with them regularly and SLW should personally handle the matter, with a view to giving them a sense of security. SLW advised that the implementation issues of the relocation plan would be handled by the Labour and Welfare Bureau ("LWB") and relevant government department colleagues and he would personally monitor the overall progress of the relocation plan.

15. Dr KWOK Ka-ki enquired whether SLW would communicate with relevant stakeholders, e.g. staff members, trainees' parents, trainees and graduates, regarding the relocation of SSC (Kwun Tong). SLW responded that the Administration would work closely with VTC to discuss the specific arrangements of the relocation plan. The format of discussion would be decided by the Administration and VTC. He would consider the appropriate form of stakeholder engagement having regard to the progress of the discussion and decision-making process. Dr KWOK sought the view of deputations on meeting with SLW to discuss the relocation plan. Mr LUI Tak-shun of VTC Skills Centre Staff Association advised that SLW could at any time approach the VTC Skills Centre Staff Association regarding the relocation of SSC (Kwun Tong). Dr KWOK suggested that SLW meet with the stakeholders affected by the relocation plan. SLW reiterated that the form of stakeholder engagement would depend on the overall work plan.

16. Expressing concern that there might be unsolved issues arising from the discussion between the Administration and VTC, Mr WU Chi-wai asked whether SSC (Kwun Tong) must cease its operation by 2021. Under such circumstances, LWB should postpone the aforementioned target closure date to allow sufficient time for discussion on the transitional arrangement, with a view to protecting interests of SSC (Kwun Tong) and its trainees. He considered that the target dates of closure of SSC (Kwun Tong) and establishing the civil service college by 2026 could be adjusted if the relocation arrangements were not properly made. In his view, civil servants would still receive training even if the establishment of the new civil service college was delayed. SLW responded that while target completion dates were set for public works projects, the Administration would endeavour to complete the relevant work within the target time. In addition, the progress of the Kwun Tong GIC composite development project, including the transitional arrangement for SSC (Kwun Tong), might be affected by unforeseeable factors. SLW added that issues relating to the relocation of SSC (Kwun Tong) should be considered in the context of the overall development.

Given that trainees of SSC (Kwun Tong) were not the only service users affected by the Kwun Tong GIC composite development project, the Administration would take into account any situation affecting service users in assessing the progress of the development project.

Site selection for relocating Shine Skills Centre (Kwun Tong)

17. Mr AU Nok-hin took the view that the Administration had created panic in the community as it suddenly announced the relocation of SSC (Kwun Tong). While the Administration might find the existing area of about 6 500 square metres in North Point Government Offices inadequate for training civil servants, he considered that the Administration should also take measures to address the increasing need of students with special educational needs. He suggested that the Administration should utilize the 183 vacant school premises in Hong Kong for constructing the new civil service college. Given that there were three vacant school premises and five GIC sites in Kwun Tong, Mr AU asked why the Administration chose to relocate SSC (Kwun Tong) instead of utilizing the abovementioned sites for the construction of the civil service college. SLW advised that the GIC composite development project aimed not only to provide land for constructing a new civil service college, but also to provide more public facilities for the local communities such as a new public transport interchange. Taking the view that SSC (Kwun Tong) was located in a developed area and it was not necessary for the Administration to choose the site of SSC (Kwun Tong), Mr AU enquired whether the Administration had considered choosing another site in Kwun Tong for establishing the civil service college. SLW advised that as he did not participate in the preliminary work for the development project, he could not provide the requested information.

18. Dr KWOK Ka-ki said that trainees, trainees' parents and staff members of SSC (Kwun Tong) had requested for the continuation of its services. He expressed dissatisfaction that the Administration requested SSC (Kwun Tong) to enhance its vocational training services as a prerequisite for the continuation of its services. Noting that the Administration still had to conduct consultation on the location of the new training centre, he considered that before deciding the relocation of SSC (Kwun Tong), the Administration should confirm an appropriate site for the relocation and discuss with SSC (Kwun Tong) the enhancements to its services in advance. He expressed concern that given the prevailing circumstances, SSC (Kwun Tong) was forced to follow the Administration's requirement for the enhancements to its services. The Chairman and Dr KWOK enquired whether LWB had suggested the

site of SSC (Kwun Tong) or another site for constructing the civil service college. SLW responded that it was considered inappropriate to disclose discussion within the Administration on the composite development project. The Chairman expressed dissatisfaction at the Administration's failure to clarify its stance on selecting the present site of SSC (Kwun Tong) for the construction of the civil service college. He requested the Administration to ensure that progress would be made for the relocation plan. SLW advised that sufficient time should be allowed for the Administration to discuss with VTC the enhanced vocational and skills training services for persons with disabilities.

19. Mr POON Siu-ping said that trainees, trainees' parents and staff members of SSC (Kwun Tong) were worried by the announcement of constructing a new civil service college. The establishment of a civil service college should not undermine the rights of persons with disabilities or created confrontation among stakeholders. Given that VTC had significantly contributed to the provision of vocational training services for persons with disabilities, he suggested that the Administration should consider letting VTC operate the new training centre. Mr POON and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired whether the Administration would consider constructing the civil service college and the new training centre at the same building so as to create an inclusive environment and achieve a win-win situation. Mr POON opined that the Administration should consider adopting the abovementioned suggestion as the plan for construction of a civil service college was still at an early stage. SLW responded that the Administration took note of members' suggestions.

20. Mr WU Chi-wai expressed concern that the relocation of vocational training services for persons with disabilities would be affected by various factors, such as finalizing the site location and constructing a building for the new training centre. He requested the Administration to undertake that there would be a smooth transition for relevant stakeholders when VTC returned the site in 2021. Taking the view that a period of two years would not be sufficient for constructing new premises for the new training centre, Mr WU enquired whether existing premises would be refurbished for the provision of the centre, and whether the centre would be provided with a larger floor area. SLW responded that the overarching principle was to ensure a smooth transition regarding the relocation of vocational training services. As it was expected that the operator of the enhanced integrated vocational and skills training services would be decided in mid-2019, a period of two years would be sufficient for the operator to implement the preparation work. For example, interior fitting-out works for the identified site would be carried out to meet operational needs of the

training services. The Administration would strive to meet the abovementioned target date. SLW further advised that the requisite information about the floor area of the identified site was not on hand. To his understanding, more training places would be provided by the new training centre.

21. Dr Fernando CHEUNG considered that while the premises of SSC (Kwun Tong) were dilapidated, the Administration might consider redeveloping the centre in-situ instead of relocating it. In the past, many facilities were relocated to transitional sites for the in-situ redevelopment. In his view, the present site of SSC (Kwun Tong) was easily accessible which would benefit persons with disabilities. SLW advised that as the new civil service college would be established in 2026, the relevant work would take some time to complete. Given that there was a need to redevelop SSC (Kwun Tong), the Administration had proposed its relocation in the light of the composite development project. According to past experience, the Administration had implemented both in-situ re-provisioning or re-provisioning to another site depending on specific arrangements and the circumstances of individual cases. The Administration took note of the suggestion that the new civil service college and enhanced integrated vocational and skills training services could be housed in the same site.

22. In response to Mr KWOK Wai-keung's enquiry on whether the new training centre would be as accessible as the present site of SSC (Kwun Tong), SLW advised that the new training centre would be established at a relatively central location in Kowloon. Given that trainees of SSC (Kwun Tong) currently came from various districts in Hong Kong, the new training centre would be more easily accessible by future trainees.

Operation of the new training centre

23. Mr Alvin YEUNG said that according to the supplementary information on the relocation plan provided by SLW at the meeting, VTC was only given the same chance as other institutions in providing services at the new training centre. He expressed concern that the current plan did not ensure the stability of service provision of SSC (Kwun Tong). In his view, familiar staff members and continuation of service were important for future and existing trainees of SSC (Kwun Tong). Mr YEUNG sought the views of SSC (Kwun Tong) on whether the operation of the new training centre would be affected if that centre implemented the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System of SWD. Mr CHAN Po-lung of SSC (Kwun Tong) advised that with sufficient support provided by LWB, SSC

(Kwun Tong) currently provided comprehensive support services for its trainees. Recently, SSC (Kwun Tong) had enhanced its follow-up service for its graduates with the support of LWB. He hoped that the new training centre would adopt the existing funding mode of SSC (Kwun Tong), with a view to keeping the vocational training services abreast with the times and providing support services for graduates. SLW advised that the existing funding mode of SSC (Kwun Tong) was in the form of a lump sum grant, though it was not under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System of SWD. If VTC was the service provider of the enhanced vocational and skills training services, the funding mode would follow the existing one of SSC (Kwun Tong).

24. Taking the view that VTC should be given the priority to operate the new training centre, Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired about the VTC's intention on operation of that centre. Mrs Carrie YAU of VTC responded that according to the Vocational Training Council Ordinance (Cap. 1130), VTC shall operate and maintain any skills centre assigned to it by the Government. While VTC had all along improved its vocational training services to meet the changing needs of the society, it had to study the service content of and requirements for the new training centre and consult staff members of SSC (Kwun Tong) before taking up the operation of that centre. Mr CHAN said that if VTC had indicated its intention on operating the new training centre, the Administration should impose reasonable requirements to facilitate VTC to operate that centre. SLW said that the Administration had confidence in VTC's operating the enhanced integrated vocational and skills training services.

25. Dr Fernando CHEUNG said that relevant stakeholders were worried by the notification issued on 10 October 2018 that SSC (Kwun Tong) would be closed. Taking the view that VTC had operated SSC (Kwun Tong) for many years and accumulated relevant experience, he expressed concern that VTC would not be the operator of the new training centre if it could not enhance its vocational training services. Given that a review on vocational training services would be conducted under RPP, Dr CHEUNG enquired whether a study had been conducted to confirm that enhancements to the current service model of SSC (Kwun Tong) were needed. SLW responded that while the Administration was confident that VTC could operate the enhanced integrated vocational and skills training services, it had to discuss with VTC the relevant details.

(At 11:23 am, the Chairman extended the meeting for 15 minutes beyond the appointed ending time to allow sufficient time for discussion.)

26. Mr AU Nok-hin considered that the information provided in the Administration's paper was too brief. It lacked the details of constructing the new civil service college and justifications for choosing the present site of SSC (Kwun Tong) for the construction. In view of the sudden announcement of the relocation plan in the Policy Address and the brief explanation in the Administration's paper, he said that it was understandable that some Members might have concerns about the relocation plan. Noting that stakeholders of SSC (Kwun Tong) were worried about the location of the new training centre, he opined that the Administration should try not to relocate SSC (Kwun Tong). Given that the Administration might select a new operator for the new training centre if SSC (Kwun Tong) could not enhance its vocational training services, Mr AU sought information about the enhanced service mode of vocational training services. SLW advised that the differences between the services provided by IVTCs and SSCs would require a lengthy explanation. Mr AU sought the view of deputations on the relocation plan of SSC (Kwun Tong). Mr Christopher HWANG expressed dissatisfaction at the response provided by the Administration at the meeting. In his view, civil servants would be able to travel to a civil service college which was less easily accessible than the site of SSC (Kwun Tong). The Administration should adopt a pragmatic and humane approach to address the needs of trainees of SSC (Kwun Tong).

27. Given that some Members had opposed the construction of the new civil service college, Mr KWOK Wai-keung expressed concern that the Administration had requested for the return of the present site of SSC (Kwun Tong) before taking appropriate remedial measures. Noting that some Members enquired about the justifications for the Administration's request for SSC (Kwun Tong) to enhance its vocational training services, he considered that those Members hoped that SSC (Kwun Tong) would provide the same vocational training services even if it was relocated. He sought the Administration's views in this regard. SLW responded that the Administration hoped to keep the vocational rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities abreast with the times. Mr KWOK held the view that the Administration did not provide information on the specific details of the enhanced service mode of SSC (Kwun Tong), such as provision of additional services, increase in service quotas and benefits for trainees. Trainees' parents and staff members of SSC (Kwun Tong) would be worried and would like to know more about the enhanced service mode. Mr KWOK asked whether the operation of SSC (Kwun Tong) would remain unchanged if the centre was not relocated due to strong opposition. SLW advised that given that SSC (Kwun Tong) would keep updating its services, the situation would not remain unchanged.

28. Noting that VTC would return the present site of SSC (Kwun Tong) in 2021, Dr KWOK Ka-ki enquired how the Administration would ensure a smooth transition and provision of vocational training services for the stakeholders concerned within two years. SLW advised that the new training centre would come into operation in September 2021. A period of around two years would be sufficient for carrying out the renovation works of the identified site.

Motion proposed by a member

29. Dr Fernando CHEUNG indicated an intention to move a motion under this discussion item (the wording of Dr CHEUNG's proposed motion is attached in **Appendix II**). The proposed motion was not dealt with owing to a lack of quorum.

II. Any other business

30. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:46 am.

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Panel on Welfare Services

Special meeting on Tuesday, 20 November 2018, at 9:30 am

Looking into the policy on vocational training for persons with disabilities in the light of the plan for redevelopment of the site for Shine Skills Centre (Kwun Tong) into a civil service college

Summary of views and concerns expressed by deputations/individuals

No.	Name of deputation / individual	Views
1.	Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union	[LC Paper No. CB(2)276/18-19(02)]
2.	Vocational Training Council	[LC Paper No. CB(2)276/18-19(04)]
3.	Shine Skills Centre (Kwun Tong)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Although there was a need to redevelop the dilapidated premises of Shine Skills Centre ("SSC") (Kwun Tong), it did not justify the Administration's plan to cease the operation of SSC (Kwun Tong). He expressed concern that staff members of SSC (Kwun Tong) were only notified of the centre's closure in 2021 on the day of delivery of the Policy Address in which a plan to establish a civil service college was announced. ● Apart from providing about 300 full-time vocational training places, SSC (Kwun Tong) also provided vocational assessment service for persons with disabilities. Such service should continue to be provided by the relocated training centre. ● The Administration should provide details about the requirement for combining the strengths of integrated vocational training centres and SSCs to enhance vocational training services. Staff members of SSC (Kwun Tong) would endeavour to meet such requirement.
4.	文添安先生	[LC Paper No. CB(2)276/18-19(05) (revised)]

No.	Name of deputation / individual	Views
5.	Miss LAU Chau-yu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Administration did not thoroughly consult trainees and staff members of SSC (Kwun Tong) on the plan to relocate the centre. Given that the Administration lacked justifications for relocating SSC (Kwun Tong), trainees of the centre raised objection to the plan. ● Expressed concern that graduate career support services and vocational assessment service would be discontinued after SSC (Kwun Tong) was relocated. ● Given that the other SSCs were unable to accommodate the service needs originally met by SSC (Kwun Tong), future trainees in need of vocational training services would be affected.
6.	Mr LI Yip-fuk	[LC Paper No. CB(2)313/18-19(01)]
7.	Mr NG Ka-hei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● While there was a lack of career prospects for persons with disabilities after graduating from secondary schools, SSC (Kwun Tong) enhanced their working capacity and opportunities of participating in open employment. ● SSC (Kwun Tong) provided technical aids for persons with disabilities to facilitate their living at home and work in the workplace. ● The Administration should retain the service of SSC (Kwun Tong) for existing trainees and persons with disabilities, instead of relocating it.
8.	Mr Christopher HWANG Him	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The society should provide dedicated resources and care for persons with disabilities. ● Expressed concern that the Administration did not announce any transitional arrangement for the relocation of SSC (Kwun Tong). ● The Administration should utilize vacant premises for constructing a new civil service college, instead of utilizing the present site of SSC (Kwun Tong).
9.	VTC Skills Centre Staff Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSCs enhanced employment opportunities of persons with disabilities so that they could

No.	Name of deputation / individual	Views
		live in a more dignified way. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Given that SSC (Kwun Tong) possessed 50 years of experience in providing vocational training services for persons with disabilities, the Administration should retain the service of the centre.● Expressed concern that the Administration did not thoroughly consult stakeholders on the plan to relocate SSC (Kwun Tong).
10.	The Special Education Society of Hong Kong	[LC Paper No. CB(2)276/18-19(03)]

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(Translation)

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**Motion proposed under agenda item I on
"Looking into the policy on vocational training for persons with
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Shine Skills Centre (Kwun Tong) into a civil service college"
at the special meeting on 20 November 2018**

This Panel condemns the Government for its demolition of the Shine Skills Centre ("SSC") (Kwun Tong) for constructing a civil service college. Civil servants should learn how to better serve the public rather than bullying the disadvantaged. The Government has announced unilaterally, without any prior consultation with stakeholders such as trainees of SSC, their parents and the teaching staff, that SSC will cease operation in 2021 and its present site, which is easily accessible, will be occupied by the civil service college. This Panel urges the Government to immediately withdraw the closure plan of SSC and conduct afresh the planning for its in-situ redevelopment.

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