

Minutes of 121st Meeting of Environmental Campaign Committee

Date : 20 January 2011 (Thursday)

Time : 2:30 pm

Venue : Conference Room, 33/F, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong

Present

Professor LUNG Ping-ye, David, SBS, JP	(Chairman)
Professor WONG Woon-chung, Jonathan	(Vice-Chairman)
Mr. CHAN Wing-hong, Cary	
Mr. HUI Yung-chung, BBS, JP	
Mr. MA Ching-hang, Patrick, BBS	
Dr. MA Hok-ka, Carol	
Ms NG Chui-yiu, Jennifer	
Professor SHEN Xu-hui, Simon	
Dr. TANG Shuk-ming, Winnie, JP	
Dr. YU Yuen-ping, William	
Mr. Benny WONG, JP	Environmental Protection Department (EPD)
Ms Betty CHEUNG	EPD
Mr. CHEUNG Wing-hung	Education Bureau (EDB)
Dr. CHOW Chor-yiu, Tony	Department of Health (DH)
Miss WONG Ngou Fung, Helen	Information Services Department (ISD)
Mr. WONG Pak-ho	Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)
Miss Eunice CHAN	EPD (Secretary)

In attendance

Ms Emily LI	EPD
Miss Brenda LAM	EPD
Miss Jamie CHU	EPD
Miss LEE Chi-ming	EPD
Mr. CHEUNG Ka-yu	EPD

Absent with apologies

Mr. LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth, MH, JP
Dr. LEUNG Man-fuk, Edward
Dr. NG Cho-nam, BBS, JP
Dr. Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Ms Bernadette TSUI
Mr. WONG Mau-chung, Max
Ms WONG Sau-ying
Dr. YIP Chee-hang, Eric

Vote of Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all Members to the first meeting of the new term of the Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC).

I. Declaration of Interests and Confidentiality of Classified Information (ECC Paper No. 01/2011)

2. Ms Emily LI briefed Members on the ECC Paper No. 01/2011 “Declaration of Interests by Members and Co-opted members of Environmental Campaign Committee and Working Groups” and reminded Members of maintaining the confidentiality of classified information.

II. Terms of reference of ECC and its Working Groups / Sub-committees and Selection of Convenors (ECC Paper No. 02/2011)

3. Ms Emily LI briefed Members on the ECC Paper No. 02/2011. Members endorsed the terms of reference of ECC and its four working groups/sub-committees, and selected the Convenors/Chairmen for each working group/sub-committee as follows :

<u>Name of Working Group / Sub-committee</u>	<u>Convenor/Chairperson</u>
<i>Awards Committee on the “Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence” (ACHKAEE)</i>	<i>Mr. Patrick MA, BBS</i>
<i>Education Working Group (EWG)</i>	<i>Mr. HUI Yung-chung, BBS, JP</i>
<i>Environmental Education and Community Action Projects Vetting Sub-committee (EE&CAPVSC)</i>	<i>Mr. Cary CHAN</i>
<i>Publicity Working Group (PWG)</i>	<i>Professor Jonathan WONG</i>

4. Members also noted the existing major programmes carried out by the above working groups/sub-committees as set out at Annex C of the ECC Paper

02/2011. The Chairman said that emphasis should be given to the outcomes and the impact of the ECC Programmes. The Chairman also suggested that ECC should develop a comprehensive series of teaching kits on environmental protection for schools to support teachers in providing environmental education in the New Senior School Curriculum (NSSC). While the detailed budget for ECC Programmes for FY2011/2012 would be discussed in the subsequent meeting in February 2011, he welcomed Members to make suggestions on the future initiatives of ECC. He also invited Members to join more working groups/sub-committees to support the work of the ECC.

(Post-meeting note: The updated Membership Lists of the four ECC Working Groups / Sub-committees were circulated to the Members by email for reference on 1 February 2011.)

(Mr. CHEUNG Wing-hung left at this juncture at 3:00 pm.)

III. Proposed Training Programmes for Enhancement of Student Environmental Protection Ambassador Scheme (SEPAS) (ECC Paper No. 03/2011)

5. Miss Eunice CHAN briefed Members on the background of a proposal (ECC Paper No. 03/2011) submitted by a youth group Greenagers. Greenagers, which was formed by members of 'Hong Kong 200' of Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, had won the 'Get It Green' Competition, a complementary youth engagement component of the 'Climate Dialogue – 2010 Climate change International Conference' organized by the ECC and Civic Exchange. The GIG grand prize was one place at the 2041 Antarctic Expedition. To ride on the Antarctic Expedition experience, Greenagers was planning to organize a series of follow-up engagement activities among local youngsters. Considering that the proposed engagement activities by Greenagers were in good alignment with the improvement measures on SEPAS as recommended by the Consultancy Study conducted in 2010 by the Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd), as well as support of the proposal and recommendation made by the Education Working Group (EWG) at its 110th Meeting held on 22 December 2010, the Secretariat invited Greenagers to present their proposal to the ECC, with a view to collaborating with Greenagers to implement the programmes as a follow-up to the recommendations in the aforementioned Consultancy Study.

6. In response to enquiries from members on whether there were any guidelines or assessment criteria set out for considering such proposals and whether a tender selection exercise should be conducted, Miss Eunice CHAN

clarified that a collaboration arrangement rather than a hire of service was proposed to be adopted having regard to similar arrangements of leveraging collaboration with a particular group/organization for undertaking some of the ECC environmental programmes. Miss CHAN also said that the proposal was presented to the EWG of the last term, which was highly impressed by Greenagers' self-initiative and made a recommendation to the ECC for collaborating with Greenagers to implement programmes for enhancing the current training for SEPAS. The Chairman remarked that there were no assessment criteria to consider the proposal and suggested Members to consider the proposal by the outcome or impact it would bring.

7. In response to a member's enquiry on whether application of such proposal was open to the public, Miss Eunice CHAN clarified that the process was unlike vetting of funding applications. Greenagers initiated the proposal for engaging youths in environmental protection and the Secretariat considered that there was room to leverage Greenagers as youth role models and hence sought to discuss with Greenagers to fine-tune the proposal to complement ECC's programmes and to organize impactful activities to encourage proactive actions taken by SEPAs. The Chairman remarked that Greenagers were the winner of the Get It Green Competition and noted that the proposal followed from the prize for joining the 2041 Antarctic Expedition, aiming to ride on that experience to organize follow-up activities to share the Antarctic experience with more young people.

8. Regarding Members' concern on the substantial amount to be given to Greenagers for an extra place for the 2041 Antarctic Expedition, Mr. Benny WONG, JP remarked that while one of the Greenagers already had a place on the 2041 Antarctic Expedition, sponsoring one more place might greatly enhance the capability of the group in delivering the post-Antarctic activities proposed. He invited Members to assess the proposal by considering its effectiveness in enhancing SEPAS and motivating students in environmental protection.

9. The proposal submitted by Greenagers was circulated to Members on 18 January 2011 for reference. Four representatives from Greenagers, i.e. Miss Eva FUNG, Mr. Calvin HUI, Mr. Dixon KWONG and Miss Carol PUN, were invited to give a presentation of the proposal to Members.

(Professor Jonathan WONG left the Meeting at this juncture at 3:15 pm.)

(The Meeting invited representatives from Greenagers to join at this juncture at 3:17 pm to give a presentation on the proposal.)

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10. After the presentation, Members raised some questions on the proposal. Given that different engagement activities were proposed, Members enquired if personal Antarctic experience was essential for implementing these different activities. Greenagers considered it essential to have at least two core members to join the 2041 Antarctic Expedition to form a team to enhance the impact and outreach of the post-expedition educational programmes. Greenagers also explained that sharing personal experience gained from the Expedition through school talks and broadcast on uChannel would be influential to students.

11. In response to a member's enquiry on how to promote the programmes to schools and engage active participation of students, Greenagers said that sharing personal Antarctic experience gained from the perspectives of youngsters than from those of experts in environmental protection would be more appealing to schools and make a greater impact on students.

12. Noting that most of the budget would cover the expenses for an extra place for the 2041 Antarctic Expedition, a member was concerned whether there would be sufficient resources for executing the follow-up activities proposed. Greenagers explained that they had already secured 10 volunteers for organizing the activities and were confident that more young people would volunteer to offer their assistance.

13. A member commented that many tours to Antarctica were commercial in nature and expressed concern on the environmental impact of such tours. Greenagers explained that in addition to exploring Antarctica, they would bring knowledge learnt and experience gained from the 2041 Antarctic Expedition to share with and influence local youngsters. A member commented that the 2041 Antarctic Expedition was dedicated to the preservation of Antarctica and hence was different from commercial tours to Antarctica.

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(Representatives from the Greenagers left at this juncture at 4:00 pm.)

14. Members deliberated the proposal and were highly impressed with the self-initiative of the youth group and the potentially positive influences among SEPAs which would greatly help stimulate and sustain their participation as skeleton in school-based environmental protection activities. Nevertheless, Members were concerned that the youth group would not have enough resources to carry out the activities proposed as a significant proportion of the budget was set aside for an extra place for the 2041 Antarctic Expedition. The Meeting considered that the proposal should not be supported in its entirety. The Meeting suggested that Greenagers might work out a more

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practical budget and work plan for youth engagement activities before exploring further collaboration opportunity with ECC.

(Dr. Winnie TANG, JP and Professor Simon SHEN left at this juncture at 4:05 pm.)

IV. Any Other Business

15. Ms. Emily LI briefed the Members of the schedule of ECC Meetings in 2011 as follows, with the venue to be informed in due course:

- (i) 17 February 2011 (Thursday) 3:00 p.m.**
- (ii) 18 May 2011 (Wednesday) 2:30 p.m.**
- (iii) 23 August 2011 (Tuesday) 2:30 p.m.**
- (iv) 22 November 2011 (Tuesday) 2:30 p.m.**

V. Date of Next Meeting

16. The next ECC meeting would be held at 3:00 pm on 17 February 2011 (Thursday). Members will be informed of the details later.

17. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

*ECC Secretariat
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