Minutes of 128th Meeting of Environmental Campaign Committee

Date: 1 June 2012 (Friday)

Time : 2:30 pm

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

Present

Professor LUNG Ping-yee, David, SBS, JP (Chairman)

Mr. CHAN Wing-hong, Cary Mr. HUI Yung-chung, BBS, JP

Mr. MA Ching-hang, Patrick, BBS, JP

Dr. Elizabeth QUAT, JP

Professor SHEN Xu-hui, Simon

Ms Bernadette TSUI

Dr. YU Yuen-ping, William

Mr. Benny WONG, JP Environmental Protection Department (EPD)

Ms CHEUNG Miu-han, Betty EPD

Dr. AU Ka-wing, Albert Department of Health (DH)
Mr. LO Pui-lam Education Bureau (EDB)

Ms NG Wing-kei, Ruby Information Services Department (ISD)

Mr. WONG Pak-ho Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)

Miss Eunice CHAN EPD (Secretary)

In attendance

Ms Emily LI EPD
Ms Wynne LAM EPD
Miss Brenda LAM EPD
Miss Veronna HO EPD
Mr. CHEUNG Ka-yu EPD

Absent with apologies

Professor WONG Woon-chung, Jonathan, MH (Vice-Chairman)

Mr. LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth, MH, JP

Dr. LEUNG Man-fuk, Edward

Dr. MA Hok-ka, Carol

Dr. NG Cho-nam, BBS, JP

Dr. NG Chui-yiu, Jennifer

Dr. TANG Shuk-ming, Winnie, JP

Mr. WONG Mau-chung, Max

Ms WONG Sau-ying

Dr. YIP Chee-hang, Eric

Vote of Welcome

<u>The Chairman</u> welcomed all Members to the meeting.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting held on 21 February 2012

1. The minutes of the 127th Meeting held on 21 February 2012 were confirmed without amendments.

II. Progress Report of the Working Groups/Sub-committees

- (a) Awards Committee on the Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (ACHKAEE) (ECC Paper No. 07/2012)
- 2. <u>Ms Emily LI</u> briefed Members on the work progress of the ACHKAEE as outlined in the ECC Paper No. 07/2012. <u>The Chairman</u> thanked the Chairman of the ACHKAEE and the ECC Secretariat for organizing the successful awards presentation ceremony cum launching of the 2012 HKAEE on 4 May 2012.
- **(b) Education Working Group (EWG)** (ECC Paper No. 08/2012)
- 3. Ms Emily LI briefed Members on the work progress of the EWG as outlined in the ECC Paper No. 08/2012. A member remarked that the Task Force of Pilot Project of Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots for Student Environmental Protection Ambassadors supported the extension of the project for one year, having considered the merits of the project such as school-based approach, the activities organized, as well as the involvement and feedback of partner schools. A member also remarked that both the organizer and the Task Force considered that if the recruitment could start earlier, it would facilitate interested schools to plan ahead and incorporate the pilot project in the school calendar of the next school year. Mr. LO Pui-lam agreed that additional support given to partner schools under the pilot project would be welcome by teachers since it might help lessen the burden of teachers in conducting environment education, and teachers concerned might also share what they had learnt from the pilot project with other teachers.
- 4. <u>The Chairman</u> held that the pilot project would facilitate knowledge transfer among teachers and was worth supporting. <u>Ms Betty CHEUNG</u> supplemented that under the pilot project, the resources and support given had helped partner schools make remarkable progress in conducting environment education, particularly in organizing out-of-classroom educational activities and involving

parents' participation. She also indicated that teachers of partner schools would share their successful experience with other non-partner schools in the briefing session to be held later. After deliberation, the Meeting supported the extension of the pilot project for five primary schools in 2012/2013 school year.

5. As regards the Teaching Kit on Sustainable Development (Environment), the Chairman said that the Advisory Committee met several times to look into the content and draft write-up of the Teaching Kit which was scheduled to be launched in August 2012. The Chairman also remarked that the Teaching Kit would be launched at the awards presentation ceremony of the 10th Hong Kong Green School Award scheduled for 26 September 2012 and Members would be invited to join the event.

(c) Environmental Education and Community Action Projects Vetting Sub-committee (EE&CAPVSC) (ECC Paper No.09/2012)

6. <u>Ms Emily LI</u> briefed Members on the work progress of the EE&CAPVSC as outlined in the ECC Paper No. 09/2012. For monitoring of general projects, the Secretariat had conducted site inspections to activities of the approved projects. As regards minor works projects, EPD had commissioned The Kadoorie Institute (KI) of the University of Hong Kong to conduct a Consultancy Study on Works Projects Supported by the ECF in Promoting Environmental Awareness and the results were positive. <u>Miss Eunice CHAN</u> added that a set of assessment tools was developed in the study and relevant questionnaires would be distributed to schools before the summer vacation.

(d) **Publicity Working Group (PWG)** (ECC Paper No.10/2012)

7. Ms Emily LI briefed Members on the work progress of the PWG as outlined in the ECC Paper No. 10/2012. The Meeting agreed to support Phase II of the "Reduce Your Waste and Recycle Your Plastics Campaign 減廢回收在校園 塑膠再生變資源行動" in collaboration with Environmental Protection Department (EPD), Education Bureau (EDB) and Yan Oi Tong EcoPark Plastic Resources Recycling Centre, which would be launched in the 2012/2013 school year. The Chairman also recognized the engagement activity for foreign domestic helpers by launching the cookbook as a good initiative to spread environmental messages to domestic helpers, which could contribute a lot to environmental protection in households.

III. Introduction to revamped ECC website and two new thematic websites

8. <u>Ms Emily LI</u> briefed Members on the revamped ECC website and two new thematic websites namely "Schools Go Green" and "EE&CA Projects". Members noted and appreciated the effort of the Secretariat.

IV. Any Other Business

- 9. <u>The Chairman</u> invited Members to attend the public event for the World Environment Day (WED) 2012 Green Home Action to be held on 3 June (Saturday) at Plaza Hollywood at 2:30 pm.
- 10. <u>Ms. Emily LI</u> briefed Members on the rundown of the public event and other WED 2012 programmes organized by the ECC.

V. Date of Next Meeting

- 11. The next ECC meeting had been scheduled for 21 August 2012 (Tuesday) at 2:30 p.m. Members would be informed of the details in due course.
- 12. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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