

Minutes of 129th Meeting of Environmental Campaign Committee

Date : 21 August 2012 (Tuesday)

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)
Mr. CHAN Wing-hong, Cary
Mr. HUI Yung-chung, BBS, JP
Dr. LEUNG Man-fuk, Edward
Mr. MA Ching-hang, Patrick, BBS, JP
Dr. MA Hok-ka, Carol
Dr. NG Cho-nam, BBS, JP
Professor SHEN Xu-hui, Simon
Ms Bernadette TSUI
Mr. WONG Mau-chung, Max
Dr. YIP Chee-hang, Eric
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)
Miss Lopaka MA Education Bureau (EDB)
Mr. WONG Pak-ho Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)
Miss Eunice CHAN EPD (Secretary)

In attendance

Mr. Steven WONG EPD
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. NG Chui-yiu, Jennifer
Dr. Elizabeth Quat, JP
Dr. TANG Shuk-ming, Winnie, JP
Ms WONG Sau-ying
Ms NG Wing-kei, Ruby Information Services Department (ISD)

Vote of Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Members for attending the meeting and informed Members that Mr. Steven WONG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction & EcoPark) of EPD, would make a presentation on the progress of the Community Participation Programme in collaboration with District Councils.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting held on 1 June 2012

1. The minutes of the 128th Meeting held on 1 June 2012 was confirmed without amendments.

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

(a) Publicity Working Group (PWG) (ECC Paper No.14/2012)

2. Ms Emily LI briefed Members on the work progress of the PWG as outlined in the ECC Paper No. 14/2012. Mr. Steven WONG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction & EcoPark) of EPD, further briefed the progress of the Community Participation Programme in collaboration with District Councils (the Programme).

3. The Chairman noted and thanked Mr. Steven WONG's briefing. Knowing that some of the Members were District Councilors, the Chairman added that Members could approach Mr. WONG and his team on matters related to the Programme if necessary.

(b) Awards Committee on the Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (ACHKAEE) (ECC Paper No. 11/2012)

4. Ms Emily LI briefed Members on the work progress of the ACHKAEE as outlined in the ECC Paper No. 11/2012. The Chairman remarked that it was encouraging to see an increase in participants. A member added that Prof. Joseph SUNG, Vice Chancellor and President of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, would chair the Final Adjudicating Panels for the Sectoral Awards and Green Innovations Awards and the adjudication would take place in November 2012.

(c) Education Working Group (EWG) (ECC Paper No. 12/2012)

5. Ms Emily LI briefed Members on the work progress of the EWG as outlined in the ECC Paper No. 12/2012. The Chairman remarked that the Advisory Committee of Teaching Kit agreed to launch the Teaching Kit by phases, with the first phase in September 2012, and the launch ceremony was tentatively scheduled for 26 September 2012. He said that the Teaching Kit included the element of value education and concepts like “willingness to pay”, which might help supplement existing textbooks and teaching packs. A member said that the Teaching Kit included issues worth discussing, and it took an objective approach by providing different views on various topical environmental issues. He further indicated that assistance from EPD would be required to ensure relevant data or government information were factually correct and updated.

(d) Environmental Education and Community Action Projects Vetting Sub-committee (EE&CAPVSC) (ECC Paper No.13/2012)

6. Ms Emily LI briefed Members on the work progress of the EE&CAPVSC (Sub-committee) as outlined in the ECC Paper No. 13/2012.

7. A member remarked that as a large number of projects on minor works items such as green roof and wind turbines had been supported, it might be an opportune time to review the objectives and vetting principles. While hardware at schools had been set up, the interface with the school curriculum such as liberal studies should be strengthened. A member said that the Sub-committee might consider collaborating with the EWG and EDB to further promote education and publicity with the aid of the hardware installations at schools. A member suggested that to maximize publicity and education, the Sub-committee might consider supporting district pilot projects to develop community-based model. A member stressed that it was important to maintain funding diversity while at the same time, it might be worth to find new directions as suggested by other Members. Mr. Benny WONG said that the Sub-committee might take the opportunity to review the category of projects to be supported and the funding guidelines.

III. Any Other Business

8. There being no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

IV. Date of Next Meeting

9. The next ECC meeting would be held on 20 November 2012 (Tuesday). Members would be informed of the details in due course.

[Post-meeting note: a lunch cum meeting would be held on 20 November 2012.
Details would be notified to Members in due course.]

ECC Secretariat
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