Yau Tsim Mong District Office Annual Review 2024-25 and Action Plan 2025-26

Purpose

This paper reviews the work of the Yau Tsim Mong District Office ("YTMDO") of the Home Affairs Department ("HAD") for 2024-25 and presents its work plan for 2025-26.

Annual Review 2024-25

- 2. In 2024-25, the 117 full-time and 146 part-time non-civil service staff members of the YTMDO continued to fulfil various responsibilities in the spirit of "We Care We Serve" under the leadership of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau ("HYAB") and the Headquarters of the HAD. The key results are set out below.
- 3. In 2024-25, the YTMDO -
 - chaired/supported 40 meetings of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council ("YTMDC") and its Committees and Working Groups;
 - supported 50 meetings of district committees and their subgroups;
 - coordinated Care Teams to provide over 50 times of emergency support;
 - conducted over 550 district consultations;
 - contacted building organisations or residents more than 11 000 times;
 - assisted in the formation of 14 owners' corporations ("OCs");
 - vetted and approved nearly 200 applications for Community Involvement Programme ("CIP");
 - organised or sponsored nearly 160 youth activities;
 - arranged for young people to participate in about 20 exchange tours to the Mainland;
 - organised or sponsored nearly 60 sports activities;
 - supported over 30 ethnic minorities-related activities;
 - approved 22 district minor works projects;
 - cleansed the common areas of over 300 aged buildings;
 - removed large miscellaneous articles blocking fire escape routes in 20 aged buildings;
 - coordinated around 140 operations to remove miscellaneous

- articles on streets;
- coordinated 10 operations to remove abandoned vehicles and combat shopfront extensions;
- managed over 3 800 bookings for the two community centres/halls and Yau Tsim Mong Multicultural Activity Centre (MAC);
- opened temporary shelters/ heat shelters/ cold shelters for 77 times;
 and
- presided over 40 000 declaration or oath/affirmation services.
- 4. Examples of various aspects of the work undertaken by the YTMDO in 2024-25 are as follows -
 - 1. The Chairman of the **YTMDC** invited YTMDC members to visit "three-nil" buildings and inactive OCs to get the picture of each case, relevant information and intelligence collected were then analysed by the YTMDO; co-organising shopping festivals and other events to boost the economy.
 - 2. Coordinating all 20 **Care Teams** to assist in the aftermath of the fire at New Lucky House in Jordan; co-organising the Mentorship Programme for Ethnic Minorities in Yau Tsim Mong and the drama performance promoting the National Security Law (NSL).
 - 3. Supporting the launch of the "Pilot Scheme of Remedying Exposure of Reinforcement through Technology" by **the three committees**; being the first district to promote hospitality at "Courtesy Drive" (Park Lane Shopper's Boulevard) and creating the "Anti-Crime Monopoly" board game.
 - 4. Co-organising a number of activities for the **75**th **National Day**, including two Guinness World Record-breaking Chinese cultural events.
 - 5. Co-organising the "Day x Nights Vibes" activities, "Tai Kok Tsui Temple Fair", "Yung Shue Tau Festival", Lunar New Year's Eve countdown and the first-ever festive lightings at Flower Market in Mong Kok, attracting over 100 000 participants.
 - 6. Organising a series of events to welcome the pandas, including the first-ever 3D light show on the external wall of the Space Museum; a photo-taking spot at Tsim Sha Tsui Clock Tower and a Halloween 3D Light Show.

- 7. Supporting **integration** co-organising the first exchange tour to the Mainland for permit holders after the Central Government introduced the scheme under which non-ethnic Chinese Hong Kong permanent residents could apply for "Home Return Permits"; initiating a feasibility study on the District Minor Works (DMW) project "Inclusion Place" ¹.
- 8. Regarding **youth**, co-organising the "Greater Bay Area Aviation Study Tour for Yau Tsim Mong Youth" and continuing to reach out to young people through our **Instagram** page (ytm.youth).
- 9. Regarding **Sports**, leading the district to win the first runner-up prize² in the Hong Kong Games for the first time and continuing to support the district youth volleyball, table tennis and cricket teams.
- 10. Beautifying a number of **district facilities**, including the lift shafts of the Mong Kok Road Footbridge under the theme of "Four Treasures of Mong Kok"³, young people participated in the design process.
- 11. Co-ordinating an inter-departmental clearance operation at Hong Lok Street in Mong Kok, proactively targeting **shopfront extensions and construction** waste.

Action Plan 2025-26

In 2025-26, the YTMDO will continue its work on various fronts, with a focus on district governance, care and inclusion, as well as building management. The YTMDO will continue to strategically collaborate with organisations within and outside the district (including sports and arts organisations, youth organisations and clansmen associations registered or based in Yau Tsim Mong). The YTMDO will also capitalise on the geographical advantage of the district as well as existing facilities and venues, and enhance the use of social media platforms. Highlights of the Action Plan 2025-26 are as follows:

District Governance

¹ Transformation of the former Reclamation Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar with a view to providing more activity space for ethnic minorities and the community.

² Yau Tsim Mong ranked 14th in the previous Hong Kong Games.

³ Flower Market, "Bird Street", "Sneaker Street" and "Goldfish Market".

- (1) The YTMDO will continue to actively collect, and follow up on, district views from the **YTMDC**, **district committees** and locals;
- (2) The YTMDO will continue to discuss and resolve district issues with other departments at the **District Management Committee**, and follow up on projects proposed by the Steering Committee on District Governance and the Task Force on District Governance as necessary;
- (3) **Street Management**: in line with the "Government Programme on Tackling Hygiene Black Spots", the YTMDO will continue to coordinate more large-scale inter-departmental joint operations to clear miscellaneous articles and abandoned vehicles, and combat shopfront extensions. The YTMDO will also invite the local community to participate in relevant publicity and education initiatives;

Care and Inclusion

- (4) The YTMDO will continue to lead the Yau Tsim Mong **Care Teams** to jointly provide services with the Ethnic Minority Care Teams, and will also provide assistance to the Care Teams participating in the "Pilot Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers" of the Social Welfare Department as necessary;
- (5) The YTMDO will prepare for the launch of the second phase of the Care Team initiative in October 2025;
- (6) The YTMDO will continue to collaborate with the Working Group on **Community Integration** of the YTMDC, including organising Chinese language and vocational training programmes for ethnic minorities in the district;
- (7) The YTMDO plans to collaborate with other organisations to provide service to ethnic minorities, including the provision of **legal advice and mediation service**;

Building Management

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⁴ The Programme will mobilise Care Teams to assist in identifying elderly singletons and elderly doubletons, carers of the elderly and carers of persons with disabilities in need through visits or outreach efforts. Cases will be referred to social welfare service units for follow-up actions as necessary.

- (8) The YTMDO will implement the pilot scheme on "joint property management (JPM)" by the HAD for Yau Tsim Mong District;
- (9) The YTMDO will continue the implementation of the Yau Tsim Mong District Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS) and the Yau Tsim Mong District-led Actions Plan (Fire Safety Direction Support Service Scheme and Cleansing of Common Parts of Building), and will explore the use of technological elements;
- (10) The YTMDO will publish a brand-new **local district newspaper** on building management;

Community Involvement and Others

- (11) The YTMDO will utilitse funds, such as those from the CIP, to organise activities of different themes in collaboration with the District Committees and relevant organisations:
 - A. The YTMDO will commemorate the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance and promote patriotic education by co-organising activities or publishing relevant materials, and will also launch national affairs and national security education initiatives on special dates (such as National Security Education Day, Reunification and National Days as well as Constitution Day). to the YTMDO also plans to promote the Constitution and the Basic Law to young people through television and radio;
 - B. The YTMDO will continue to co-organise traditional district events and themed bazaars to echo with the "Day x Night Vibes" programme;
 - C. The YTMDO plans to collaborate with the YTMDC to promote the **tourist attractions** within the district on the Mainland's social media platforms, in support of the efforts by the tourism authorities and to boost the local economy;
 - D. The YTMDO will promote the 15th National Games of the People's Republic of China by co-organising signature events (e.g. fencing exhibition matches at Hong Kong Palace Museum), incorporating elements of inclusion:

- Youth work: the YTMDO will continue to support the "Youth Development Blueprint", and will continue to organise the "Yau Tsim Mong Youth Network Programme" and to arrange visits for young people to the Greater Bay Area, other Mainland cities and countries under the "Belt and Road Initiative";
- Connecting the community through sports: The YTMDO will continue to promote youth-friendly activities, including the establishment of a korfball district team and an ice hockey district team, and the organisation of various youth sports competitions, and will also leverage the Henry G. Leong Yaumatei Community Centre to promote urban sports;
- (14) **District Minor Works:** The YTMDO will continue to implement flagship projects (i.e. "Avenue of Olympic Stars", "Youth Place at Jordan" and "Inclusion Place") and plan various community beautification projects;
- (15) The YTMDO will continue to develop the **two new community halls** at Sai Yee Street and Hoi Ting Road in Mong Kok with the relevant departments;
- (16) The YTMDO will keep in view the latest progress of the Flower Market Redevelopment Plan of the Urban Renewal Authority, the Residential Development Project in West Kowloon Cultural District and the Central Kowloon Route project; and
- (17) The YTMDO will assist in the preparation for the Legislative Council Election.

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