

Country and Marine Parks Board (CMPB)
Confirmed Minutes of the 53rd Meeting

Date : 4 October 2013 (Friday)

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Time : 2:30 p.m.

Venue : Room 701, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)
Headquarters

ATTENDANCE

Chairman

Mr TANG King-shing, GBS, PDSM

Members

Mr CHAN Ka-chun, Jan

Professor CHIU Lai-har, Rebecca, JP

Mr CHOW Kwok-keung

Professor CHU Lee-man

Ms Suzanne M. GENDRON

Dr HAU Chi-hang, Billy

Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy, JP

Ms KWAN Sau-wan

Mr LEE Chung-ming, Eric

Dr LI Shing-foon, Eric

Ms LO Po-man

Dr MAN Chi-sum, JP

Mr MO Ka-hung, Joseph

Ms WONG Lai-yin, Idy

Mr Alan WONG Chi-kong, JP	Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (DFAC)
Dr LEUNG Siu-fai, JP	Deputy Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation
Mr Elvis AU, JP	Assistant Director (Nature Conservation & Infrastructure Planning), EPD
Ms Olga LAM, JP	Assistant Director of Lands (Estate Management)
Ms WOO Jacinta Kit Ching	Assistant Director of Planning (New Territories)
Mr HUI, Eric Kwok Sun, JP	Assistant Director of Home Affairs (2)
Mr S M CHUNG	Assistant Director of Marine (Port Control)
Mr C S CHIN, JP	Assistant Director of Water Supplies/Development

Secretary

Mr Patrick TSANG	Assistant Secretary (Boards)1, AFCD
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IN ATTENDANCE

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Mr Joseph SHAM	Assistant Director (Country and Marine Parks)
Mr LEUNG Chi-hong	Senior Country Parks Officer (North-west)
Mr Franco NG	Senior Country Parks Officer (South East)
Mr Alan CHAN	Senior Marine Parks Officer
Mr Patrick LAI	Senior Country Parks Officer/Ranger Services
Dr K M YEUNG	Senior Geopark Officer
Mr K S CHEUNG	Country Parks Officer (Special Duties)
Mr Timothy LAM	Country Parks Officer (Sai Kung)

Mr Patrick LAU

Marine Parks Officer (East)

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

Honourable HO Chun-yin, Steven

Mr LAM Chung-lun, Billy, GBS, JP

Ms MA Miu-wah, Katherine

Dr NG Cho-nam, BBS, JP

Ms SO Ka Man

Mr TANG Tat-chi, William

Mr Donald CHOY

Assistant Director (Leisure Services)³, LCSD

(The meeting would be proceeded to the closed-door session in which public attendance was not allowed.)

OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

329/13 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Ms WOO Jacinta Kit Ching, Assistant Director of Planning /New Territories, Planning Department, and Mr Patrick LAI, Senior Country Parks Officer/Ranger Services, who were attending the meeting for the first time.

330/13 The Chairman informed members that, as an established practice and to facilitate the taking of meeting minutes, sound recording would be made during the meeting. The audio records would be destroyed after the meeting minutes were confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM

- I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 23 May 2013
(Closed-door Session)**

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(End of the discussion under the closed-door session. The meeting was opened for public attendance.)

OPENING REMARKS BY THE COUNTRY AND MARINE PARKS AUTHORITY

334/13 Mr Alan WONG Chi-kong, JP, Country and Marine Parks Authority, thanked the Chairman and members for serving on the Board in the coming new term. He also thanked the retired Chairman, Professor Nora TAM Fung-yee, BBS, JP, and six retired members, Dr Gary ADES, Ms Jasminia Kristine CHEUNG, Mr LEUNG Wing-hang, Dr Young NG Chun-yeong, MH, Mr TIK Chi-yuen, BBS, JP, and Mr WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP, for their contribution to the Board in the past years.

(Ms LO Po-man attended the meeting at this juncture.)

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS BY THE CHAIRMAN

335/13 The Chairman introduced to the meeting the following eleven new non-official members and one new official member who had joined the Board w.e.f. 1 September 2013-

Non-official members

Mr CHAN Ka-chun, Jan

Ms Suzanne M. GENDRON

Honourable HO Chun-yin, Steven

Mr LAM Chung-lun, Billy, GBS, JP

Mr LEE Chung-ming, Eric

Ms MA Miu-wah, Katherine

Dr MAN Chi-sum, JP

Mr MO Ka-hung, Joseph

Ms SO Ka Man

Mr TANG Tat-chi, William

Ms WONG Lai-yin, Idy

Official member

Mr LI Pak Chuen, Patrick, JP Deputy Director of Home Affairs (1)

336/13 The Chairman then introduced all attending members and government representatives.

AGENDA ITEMS

II. Guidelines on Declarations of Interests

337/13 The Chairman drew members' attention to the "Guidelines on Declaration of Interests", copies of which had been sent to members prior to the meeting and was also tabled. He reminded members to disclose any direct personal or pecuniary interest in any matter under consideration by the Board prior to discussion of the item. Members noted that declaration of interests could be made verbally during a Board meeting or in writing to the Chairman or the Secretary before the meeting. The Chairman supplemented that the attendance record of members at Board meetings would be made available to the public and the media upon request.

III. Formation of Committees of the Board and Election of Committee Chairmen

338/13 Mr Joseph SHAM briefed members on the formation of the Country Parks Committee, Marine Parks Committee and Public Relations Committee respectively, after recapitulating the Terms of Reference of the three Committees. The membership lists of the three committees for the term from 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2015 were tabled.

339/13 Members elected the Committee Chairmen as follows:-

Committee

Chairman

Country Parks Committee

Professor CHU Lee-man

Marine Parks Committee

Dr LI Shing-foon, Eric

Public Relations Committee

Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy, JP

340/13 The updated membership lists of the Country Parks Committee, the Marine Parks Committee and the Public Relations Committee are at Annexes I, II and III respectively.

341/13 Members noted that the Board Secretary would approach respective Chairman to confirm the date of the first meeting and work out the meeting schedules for the year 2014 which would be distributed to members afterward.

[Post-meeting note: The first meeting of the Country Parks Committee, the Marine Parks Committee and the Public Relations Committee would be held on 12 February 2014, 1 November 2013 and 5 November 2013 respectively. The meeting schedules of the Board and its three Committees for 2014 were issued to their respective members on 3 January 2014.]

IV. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

(a) Draft Replacement Maps of Sai Kung East Country Park, Kam Shan Country Park and Tai Lam Country Park (Para. 282/13 to 283/13)

342/13 Mr K S CHEUNG reported that the draft maps of the Sai Kung East Country Park (SKECP), the Kam Shan Country Park (KSCP) and the Tai Lam Country Park (TLCP) were approved by Chief Executive in Council (CE in C) on 7 May 2013. The Authority signed the three approved maps and deposited them in the Land Registry on 16 May 2013. The Authority then published a notice of the deposit of the three approved maps in the Gazette on 31 May 2013. The Country Parks (Designation) (Consolidation) (Amendment) Order 2013 (the Order) 《2013年郊野公園(指定)(綜合)(修訂)令》, which replaced the original approved maps in respect of the SKECP, the KSCP and the TLCP with the new approved maps, would be gazetted and tabled in the Legislative Council (LegCo) for negative vetting on 11 and 16 October 2013 respectively and would come into operation on 30 December 2013.

[Post-meeting note: The Order comes into operation on 30 December 2013.]

(b) Convention on Biological Diversity (Para. 291/13)

343/13 Mr Joseph SHAM reported that the Convention on Biological Diversity (the Convention) had been extended to Hong Kong as China was a signatory of the Convention. In light of this, Hong Kong was required to formulate its Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP) in 2014. The BSAP would basically lay down systematically existing government policies and practices for the conservation of biodiversity in Hong Kong, and identify any additional work needed to be undertaken in accordance with the Strategic Plan in 2015 - 2020. The Government had been preparing the BSAP through an open and participatory process in which members of the public and relevant stakeholders were kept involved. The Government had also set up a three-tier committee to develop the BSAP for Hong Kong. This committee consisted of a Steering Committee, three Working Groups (Terrestrial Biodiversity Working Group, Marine Biodiversity Working Group, and Mainstreaming and Sustainability Working Group), and twelve Focus Groups that were convened on an as-needed basis when a priority issue identified by the Working Groups required in-depth discussion. The BASP Steering Committee conducted its first meeting on 18 June 2013 to consider strategy and priorities for the BASP and scheduled the second meeting in October 2013. The three Working Groups had conducted two meetings and scheduled their third meeting in November 2013.

344/13 A member appreciated the establishment of the Steering Committee for the BSAP and suggested that the Board should have a close cooperation with the Steering Committee. He remarked that the existence of rare species, particularly freshwater fish and amphibians, in country parks was largely unnoticed. He was of the view that the Board should take the opinions of the Steering Committee into account and make use of the biodiversity database of AFCDD for deliberation on proposed designation of new country parks and on incorporation of country park enclaves into country parks.

345/13 Mr Alan WONG Chi-kong, JP responded to the member's view that species diversity had already been taken as one of the factors to determine conservation value of an area under the updated principles and criteria for designating new country parks or extending existing country parks. The updated principles and criteria had been set out in the Board's working paper: WP/CMPB/6/2011 and adopted in the Board meeting on 24 May 2011.

346/13 In response to a member's enquiries about the engagement of the public and stakeholders in the preparation of the BSAP, Mr Joseph SHAM replied that members of the Steering Committee and the Working Groups included relevant stakeholders, like green groups. He elaborated that the set-up of Focus Groups was a flexible arrangement allowing discussion

among a wider group of interested parties. A selected member of a Working Group would be the Leader of a Focus Group and convened Focus Group meeting(s). Parties/individuals interested on the topic could participate by joining the Focus Group discussion or submitting comments/suggestions. The Focus Group Leader might also invite relevant parties/individuals to join the discussion. The conclusions of the Focus Group would be brought back to relevant Working Group and the Steering Committee.

347/13 A member also suggested that the Board should work together with the Steering Committee so as to help support biodiversity in Hong Kong. She was of the view that country parks should be utilized for conservation need, apart from recreation use.

**V. Management and Protection of Hong Kong Country Parks and Geopark
(Working Paper: WP/CMPB/10/2013)**

348/13 The Chairman invited government representatives to give the Administration's views on potential use of country park land for housing development, which was of concern to the public and was widely reported by the media recently.

349/13 Mr Elvis AU, JP stated that Hong Kong had unparalleled natural endowments. Covering a total area of 44,239 hectares, which was about 40 % of Hong Kong's land area, country parks and special areas comprised scenic hills, woodlands, reservoirs and coastline in all parts of Hong Kong. Apart from offering protection to natural landscape and conserving wildlife, those green havens also served the vital purpose of providing education and recreation to the people in Hong Kong. A half-hour ride would get the people in Hong Kong to country parks.

350/13 Mr AU went on to say that robust laws were in place to protect country parks. The Country Parks Ordinance provided a legal framework for the designation, development and management of country parks and special areas. Based on public opinion, there were concerns about conservation of country parks areas, and these concerns should be duly taken into account when considering alternative use of country park land for other purposes. He highlighted that the Government at present had no intention to change its stance on preserving country parks.

351/13 Mr Joseph SHAM supplemented that despite Hong Kong's limited size with slightly over 1,100 km² in area, 44,000 hectares of land was protected for conservation, outdoor recreation and nature education as country parks and special areas. About another 6,600 hectares of Hong Kong's land were subject to stringent planning and development controls under conservation zonings on statutory town plans including Site of Special Scientific Interest, Conservation Area and Coastal Protection Area. In total, more than 40% of Hong Kong's land area was under statutory protection.

352/13 Mr SHAM continued to inform members that over the past decades, major efforts were directed to perfecting nature conservation measures, including the establishment and management of protected areas like country parks. The result was more diverse habitats where wild flora and fauna thrived in abundance. More than 3,300 species and varieties of vascular plants had been recorded in Hong Kong, approximately 2,100 of which were native (including more than 400 species of trees) and the rest were introduced or of exotic origin. Being less than 1% of the area of the Guangdong province, Hong Kong had about half as many amphibian species as that in Guangdong, and 520 species of birds comparing to 1,400 species in the whole of China. Hong Kong also had over 50 species of mammals and over 180 species of freshwater fish. Insect diversity was also very high with more than 240 species of butterflies and 110 species of dragonflies in Hong Kong. 100% of local mammals, birds, amphibians and freshwater fish live and breed inside protected areas, while reptile, butterflies and dragonflies in protected areas represent more than 95% of Hong Kong's total. It was evident that Hong Kong had a high biodiversity, and country parks and other protected areas were playing a vital role in nature conservation. AFCD would endeavour to preserve and enhance Hong Kong biodiversity.

353/13 In response to a member's enquiries about reduction in the area of country parks and amendments to the boundary of country parks, Mr Joseph SHAM answered that the procedures of reducing the area of country parks were identical to those of extending existing country parks/designating new country parks, and were prescribed under the Country Parks Ordinance (CPO). He then recapitulated the procedures of designating new country parks or extending existing country parks. He pointed out that amendments to the boundary of country parks were very rare since designation of country parks for more than 30 years. He recalled that the boundary of few country parks was revised due to construction works, for example minimal area of the TLCP was excised for alignment of Route 3.

354/13 As regards a member's enquiry about the use of 18 hectares of land in the Clear Water Bay Country Park (CWBCP) for the South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Extension in 1992, Mr Joseph SHAM said that the 18 hectares of land in the CWBCP had been temporarily "borrowed" for landfill use in 1992, and the land would be restored and returned for country parks use after landfill operation. He highlighted that the 18 hectares of land were not excised from the CWBCP.

355/13 As regards the member's enquiry about whether the Administration had set a percentage target of Hong Kong's land for designation as country parks, Dr LEUNG Siu-fai, JP replied that the Administration did not have such target. He advised that the Administration would follow established principles and criteria to assess the suitability of a site for designation as a country park or special area for conservation need or recreation use. It would invoke the statutory procedures under the CPO to incorporate a suitable site into a country park, including consultation with relevant stakeholders as well as the public and arrangement of objection hearings. He reiterated that country park designation was an ongoing process without any area target.

356/13 In response to a member's enquiry about under what circumstances would country park land be allocated for alternative use for other purposes, Dr LEUNG Siu-fai, JP answered that it would be fairly difficult to make generalizations about the circumstances. He nevertheless advised that should there be such a proposal which involved significant public interest, the Administration would certainly consult the Board before making a decision.

357/13 A member appreciated that the Government had no intention to change the existing uses of country parks. She opined that the updated principles and criteria for designating new country parks or extending existing country parks should also be used to assess any proposal to excise country park land in a country park for alternative use for other purposes; in other words, the proposed excision should be assessed in terms of whether updated principles and criteria were no longer applicable to the country park land. As she noted that whether there was sufficient land for housing development was not mentioned as one of the updated principles and criteria, she was of the view that the potential use of country park land for housing development should not be considered under the purview of the Board which should focus on conservation of country parks.

358/13 A member said that a short ride to get the locals and overseas visitors to country parks was a unique advantage to Hong Kong tourism. She was of the view that the accessibility of existing or proposed country parks should be improved by better transport so that more people with different levels of physical fitness could enjoy the natural environment of country parks.

359/13 The Chairman shared his experience as a country park user that the accessibility of country parks was fairly good to those country park visitors who knew the facilities and schedule of public transport. Besides, country park visitors could choose among various routes of different level of difficulty in country parks at their own discretion.

360/13 Mr Joseph SHAM remarked that though AFCD was facing a conflict between accessibility and the physical carrying capacity of country parks, it was generally able to strike a reasonable balance between them by the implementation of adequate measures to control traffic and people flow in peak hours and at busy spots. He illustrated the problem by citing the difficulties in managing Pak Tam Chung Barrier to control the vehicle entry to Sai Kung East and Sai Kung West Country Parks.

361/13 Mr Alan WONG Chi-kong, JP pointed out that the member's concern was a question of positioning of country parks. The positioning of country parks was essential for providing guidelines on how Hong Kong country parks should be managed to meet the need for conservation and recreation.

362/13 A member shared his experience of deliberating the proposed country park designation of Sai Wan and said that country park designation of an enclave was an enduring process. He was of the view that the Administration should endeavour to speed up the formulation of appropriate measure (i.e., to include an enclave into a country park or to apply statutory planning) to protect the 54 country park enclaves against incompatible uses.

363/13 A member remarked that the Government's position on the use of country park land was clearly expressed in the second sentence of para. 4.4 of the Board's working paper: WP/CMPB/6/2011. As regards the potential use of country park land for housing development, she was of the view that urban development and housing development should minimize the

impacts on natural environment from the principle of sustainable development. She expected that the proposed use of country park land for economic development and housing development would be submitted to the Board for deliberation after other types of land were not able to meet the pressing need of such developments and the use of country park land was the last resort. The Board would then be required to set out the general principles and criteria to assess this kind of proposals at that moment. However, she believed that this scenario would not occur in the near future as she saw no concrete proposals for the time being. Hence, she remarked that it would be too early for the Board to work out these general principles and criteria and the boundary of country parks would not be changed at present.

(Mr CHOW Kwok-keung attended the meeting at this juncture.)

364/13 A member remarked that there were various types of hiking trails in country parks with different levels of difficulty and in different regions, and visitors could choose a suitable route according to their interest, physical strength and experience. By providing various types of hiking trails, AFCD could strike a balance between conservation need and recreational use in different areas of country parks.

365/13 Mr CHAN Ka-chun, Jan declared that his organization was the event manager of "Great Outdoors Hong Kong!" (香港郊野全接觸) organized by the Hong Kong Tourism Board for the last five years. He said that a lot of overseas visitors appreciated that Hong Kong had many scenic country parks in close proximity to urban areas for enjoyment, which was one of the incentives to encourage them to stay in Hong Kong for one or two more days.

366/13 A member suggested that recreational facilities should be provided in more spots of country parks with a view to alleviating adverse environmental impacts of heavy visitor use in popular recreation sites and striking a balance between conservation need and maximum recreational use. She also suggested that more education and publicity should be conducted to encourage people of all ages to visit country parks.

367/13 The Chairman summed up that the Government stated clearly that at present it had no intention to change its stance on preserving country parks. Besides, members agreed to undertake to protect the county parks for conservation need and recreation.

368/13 Mr Timothy LAM gave a power-point presentation on the management and protection of Hong Kong country parks.

369/13 A member proposed that apart from existing recreational facilities like barbecue pits, camping sites and toilets, new recreational facilities should be provided to enrich the variety of recreational facilities, in particular facilities with local features. He exemplified that AFCD might cooperate with local villagers to rebuild abandoned village houses in remote areas of country parks as hiking huts so that veteran hikers could stay overnight for long distance hiking. Besides, local ecological construction methods, local architectural features and village house building materials should also be incorporated into the construction of the huts.

370/13 A member was concerned that the huts might be open to abuse by people, like the occupation of camping sites in countryside by tourists for accommodation purpose recently. She suggested that the Administration should demand the operators of youth hostels to boost their hostels' occupancy rates rather than build huts in country parks.

371/13 Mr Joseph SHAM answered to a member's enquiry that AFCD had been working with local telecommunication operators to tackle the issue of mobile phone reception blind spots in country parks and the situation had been improving.

(Ms LO Po-man left the meeting at this juncture.)

372/13 A member proposed that the Administration might consider permitting local villagers to turn their home into home-stay (民宿) to let country park visitors stay overnight. The Chairman advised that AFCD should relay the member's suggestion to departments concerned.

373/13 A member remarked that there were many abandoned village houses in remote villages of the New Territories. Indigenous villagers of remote villages in the New Territories would have stiff objection to proposed incorporation of their villages into country parks on the grounds that the incorporation would infringe on villagers' private property rights. The development of these abandoned village houses into home-stays compatible with the country park setting would provide incentive to concerned landowners, and encourage the use and development of the countryside for the purposes of recreation, tourism, conservation management and sustainable development.

374/13 Mr Alan WONG Chi-kong, JP was of the view that the provision of home-stay in remote villages of the New Territories would enhance the recreation potential of country parks and harmonize the relationship between villagers and visitors. He said that AFCD, together with Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and departments concerned, had explored the feasibility of helping interested landowners of Sai Wan enclave to obtain licences for home-stay services by converting their houses into buildings in compliance with Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance (消防安全〔建築物〕條例) and Building Safety Legislation (建築物安全法例). He welcomed the member to share his expertise in converting village houses into home-stays with AFCD so that it could follow up the matter with HAB.

375/13 Mr Joseph SHAM answered to a member's enquiry that about 13 million country park visitors were recorded in 2012.

376/13 A member suggested that information about country parks regulations and facilities should be provided to Mainland visitors via the Internet and at immigration control points since the country parks were very popular with them.

377/13 As regards a member's enquiries about the measures to combat illegal felling of trees and illegal hunting of animals in country parks, Dr LEUNG Siu-fai, JP responded that AFCD had been making vigorous efforts in combating these illegal activities. AFCD had strengthened actions in the areas of law enforcement, education and publicity. Besides, AFCD had been working closely with the Police to devise strategies, step up patrol and conduct joint enforcement operations so as to combat these illegal activities effectively.

378/13 A member was of the view that the short-term and medium-term solutions to protect country parks were law enforcement while the long-term solution was education to promote protection and conservation of country parks, in particular school education starting at primary levels.

379/13 A member remarked that the suitability of a site for home-stay should also consider physical carrying capacity of the site, the ecological impacts and the effects to enjoyment of other visitors, apart from the licencing issues. She agreed with the member's view that education should be conducted to promote protection and conservation of country parks.

380/13 Dr K M YEUNG briefed members about local engagement and global networking of Hong Kong Global Geopark of China.

VI. Management and Protection of Marine Parks and Marine Reserve in Hong Kong (Working Paper: WP/CMPB/11/2013)

381/13 Mr Patrick LAU briefed members on Working Paper WP/CMPB/11/2013.

382/13 Mr Joseph SHAM answered to a member's enquiry that AFCD would provide expert advice on ecological impacts of infrastructure projects in Environmental Impact Assessment process of the projects.

383/13 Mr Joseph SHAM replied to a member's enquiry that the water quality of effluent discharged into marine parks and marine reserve were being monitored by the EPD's marine monitoring programme (海水水質監測計劃).

384/13 In response to a member's enquiries about the measures to combat cross-border illegal fishing activities, Mr Alan CHAN replied that any destructive fishing activities such as demersal trawling (底拖網) were banned in the marine parks and marine reserve, and law enforcement staff of AFCD regularly patrolled and carried out prosecutions in marine parks and marine reserve. Regarding remote areas or territory-wide enforcement operations at sea, as they involved the Marine Parks Ordinance (Cap. 476) and the Fisheries Protection Ordinance (Cap. 171), the Marine Parks Division and Fisheries Enforcement and Special Projects Division of AFCD would work in conjunction with the Guangdong Provincial Bureau of Oceans and Fisheries (GPBOF) (廣東省漁政) and Hong Kong Marine Police to conduct joint enforcement operations to combat illegal activities such as cross-border fishing. AFCD would also provide information of the mainland fishermen concerned to the Guangdong Provincial Bureau of Oceans and Fisheries for deterrent purpose since mainland fishermen paid a heavy fine for illegal fishing activities. Besides, the Department discussed cross-border fishing activities at regular meetings with the mainland authorities concerned and organized educational and publicity activities for mainland fishermen.

385/13 Mr Joseph SHAM answered to a member's enquiry that some pieces of land had been incorporated into marine parks due to geographical reasons.

VII. Summary Report of Marine Parks Committee (MPC)
(Working Paper: WP/CMPB/12/2013)

386/13 Dr LI Shing-foon, Eric, Chairman of the Marine Parks Committee for the term 2011 - 2013, presented Working Paper WP/CMPB/12/2013 on issues discussed at the MPC meeting held on 4 July 2013. Members noted the Report.

VIII. Summary Report of Public Relations Committee (PRC)
(Working Paper WP/CMPB/13/2013)

387/13 Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy, JP, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee for the term 2011-13, presented Working Paper WP/CMPB/13/2013 on issues discussed at the PRC meeting held on 7 June 2013. Members noted the Report.

IX. Country and Marine Parks Authority Progress Report
(Working Paper WP/CMPB/14/2013)

388/13 Mr Joseph SHAM presented Working Paper WP/CMPB/14/2013 on Country and Marine Parks Authority Progress Report for the period from 1 April to 31 July 2013. Members noted the Report.

X. Annual Field Visit

389/13 Mr Alan CHAN briefed members on the tentative itinerary and informed them that the annual field visit was scheduled to be held on either 6 December (Friday) or 12 December (Thursday) 2013. The Secretary would invite members to indicate their availability on the proposed dates in due course.

390/13 The Chairman earnestly invited members to join the Visit.

391/13 Mr Joseph SHAM responded to a member's suggestion on visiting Tai Tong Nursery that the Authority would take it into consideration.

392/13 A member suggested that background information about development projects in the proposed Third Runway and the proposed Brothers Islands Marine Park be provided to members in the Visit.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretary had invited members to indicate their availability on the proposed dates and then informed members that the annual field visit would be held on 6 December 2013. The annual field visit was held on 6 December 2013.]

XI. Any Other Business

(a) A Letter from Mrs Nicola NEWBERY

393/13 The Chairman invited members to declare any potential conflict of interests since there were a number of potential development projects in Hoi Ha.

394/13 Mr Joseph SHAM gave an account of the Authority's responses to Mrs Newbery's letter of 23 August 2013 in connection with draft Hoi Ha Outline Zoning Plan (OZP).

395/13 Ms WOO Jacinta Kit Ching briefed members about the background of Hoi Ha OZP. She said that Hoi Ha was one of the enclaves covered by the first batch of Development Permission Area (DPA) Plans gazetted since the Sai Wan incident. The Hoi Ha DPA Plan was effective for three years and had to be replaced by an Outline Zoning Plan (OZP). In preparing the OZP, the Planning Department had through various channels consulted the local community and organizations, including Friends of Hoi Ha and green groups. Their opinions and the views of relevant government departments, were submitted to the Town Planning Board (TPB) together with the draft OZP for preliminary consideration. Upon the TPB's agreement, the draft OZP was presented to the District Council (DC) and Rural Committee (RC) for consultation. All the comments received at DC/RC and from the local community/organizations were submitted to the TPB for further consideration. With the

endorsement by the TPB, the draft Hoi Ha OZP was subsequently gazetted on 27 September 2013. Any person could make written representations in respect of the draft OZP to the TPB during the two-month consultation period from the date of the Gazettal (i.e., 27 September 2013) to 27 November 2013. The TPB would consider the representations in accordance with the provisions of the Town Planning Ordinance.

396/13 The Chairman remarked that the draft Hoi Ha OZP was under the purview of the TPB and AFCD was not the responsible department, though Mrs Newbery's letter was addressed to DFAC.

397/13 As regard a member's enquiry whether the boundary of Hoi Ha Marine Park was demarcated by the high water mark on the date of the gazettal of the map of Hoi Ha Marine Park (HHMP), Mr Joseph SHAM highlighted that the high water mark on the gazettal date was not the boundary of the HHMP because it would vary every day. As high water mark was continually changing, it was not possible to demarcate the boundary of a marine park by high water mark and the preparation of the map merely used the high water mark for reference. In light of the above, the possibility of changing boundary of the HHMP did not exist and the boundary indicated on the map had not been altered since the date of the gazettal.

398/13 A member remarked that a marine park itself would be affected by development within the adjacent land. As water flowed from the Hoi Ha Stream to the HHMP, the protection of the stream would be important to prevent the water quality of the HHMP from deterioration. He agreed that it was difficult to develop small houses within the Green Belt; however, farming could be done within the Green Belt. As there was no control over the use of fertilizer and pesticide in farming, he agreed to the letter's concern that scant protection of the Stream could pose a risk to the HHMP.

399/13 Mr MO Ka-hung, Joseph declared that he attended the briefing of Planning Department to Sai Kung North Rural Committee on the draft Hoi Ha OZP.

(b) Any Other Business

400/13 The Chairman remarked that he and several members had received petitions as well as supporting remarks and letters about the Board's work, in particular the work on protection

and conservation of country parks from several groups to the Board and DFAC before the meeting. The Secretary would pass the articles to members for information, and AFCD would take follow up actions where necessary.

[Post-meeting note: A letter from Designing Hong Kong Limited (創建香港) and AFCD's reply and another from Green Sense (環保觸覺) have been emailed to members of the Board.]

XII. Date of Next Meeting

401/13 The Chairman informed members that they would be informed of the date of next meeting in due course.

[Post-meeting note: The next meeting is scheduled for 24 February 2013 at 2:30 p.m.]

(A group photo was taken for CMPB members at this juncture)

402/13 The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Country Parks Committee
Membership List
(1.9.2013 to 31.8.2015)

Chairman

Professor CHU Lee-man

Non-official members

Mr CHAN Ka-chun, Jan
Professor CHIU Lai-har, Rebecca, JP
Mr CHOW Kwok-keung
Ms Suzanne M. GENDRON
Dr HAU Chi-hang, Billy
Honourable HO Chun-yin, Steven
Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy, JP
Mr LAM Chung-lun, Billy, GBS, JP
Mr LEE Chung-ming, Eric
Dr LI Shing-foon, Eric
Ms LO Po-man
Ms MA Miu-wah, Katherine
Dr MAN Chi-sum, JP
Mr MO Ka-hung, Joseph
Dr NG Cho-nam, BBS, JP
Ms SO Ka Man
Mr TANG King-shing, GBS, PDSM
Mr TANG Tat-chi, William
Ms WONG Lai-yin, Idy

Official members

Deputy Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation or his alternate
Director of Environmental Protection or his alternate
Director of Home Affairs or his alternate
Director of Lands or his alternate
Director of Leisure and Cultural Services or his alternate
Director of Planning or his alternate
Director of Water Supplies or his alternate

Co-opted members

Mr HO Kin Chuen, John

Mr Charles LEE

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