

Convention and Exhibition Centre from November 20 to 23. This trade fair introduced an online purchasing platform, evolving from earlier educational expos to meet the rising demand from various stakeholders. Participants would have the opportunity to purchase and collect items on-site via the "eRental" platform, facilitating a new model of integration between online and offline experiences.

Sponsored by the China Merchants Group and organized by the Council, this initiative aimed to help elders, people with disabilities, and other users easily access suitable technological products through a one-stop platform, supporting community and rehabilitation care.

Additionally, the Council proactively initiated a program to foster cross-border cooperation between Hong Kong and the Mainland, promoting the development of the silver economy and creating a more age-friendly and tech-inclusive community.

3.2 GBA Care Food Standard

Ms. Grace Chan emphasized that the care food standard, developed in partnership with local universities a few years prior, had been actively promoted. Following extensive advocacy for unified care food standards across the Greater Bay Area (GBA), valuable feedback was received from experts at the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Standardization Research Center. Consequently, the standard was officially promulgated in mid-September, marking the first acceptance and implementation of a Hong Kong care food standard in the GBA. This achievement resulted from collaborations with concerned stakeholders, local NGOs, and support from the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong (CMA), which played a crucial role in the successful cross-border promotion of the care food standard.

In response to members' comments, Ms. Chan highlighted that the Council would continue to seek support from the Hospital Authority, with ongoing collaboration among various clusters for testing and follow-up timelines. Members had suggested that the care food standard be introduced in special schools, which would benefit from its implementation. Efforts were underway to identify potential large suppliers from mainland partners.

Ms. Chan expressed gratitude for the feedback and noted that partners from elderly homes in Macau and the GBA had shown interest in adopting the care food standard, with discussions for potential collaboration with strategic partners currently in progress.

To note and approve the Position of Funds

4. Ms. Elizabeth Law, Honorary Treasurer, presented an update on the Council's financial status for July and August 2025. The report included information on reserves, fund balances, budgets, and the current status of ongoing projects. Ms. Law also noted that following the dissolution of the HKCSS Investment Fund Committee, the funds were now managed by the Executive Committee (ExCo). Any investment recommendations from ExCo members could be raised and considered by management. With no further questions, the report on the Positions of Funds was accepted and endorsed by the members.

To note and approve Application of Agency Membership

5. Members noted and approved the agency membership application of the proposed agency members.

the membership application of agencies that were not accepted after careful consideration by the Members, the membership unit would follow the established procedures to inform these agencies of the decision accordingly.

To note and approve the Termination / Withdrawal of Agency Membership

6. Members noted and approved the withdrawal of agency membership of an agency member.

To note and approve the Annual Financial Report of HKCSS for the Year Ended March 31, 2025

7. Ms. Elizabeth Law, Honorary Treasurer, presented the Audited Financial Report of the Council as of March 31, 2025. She highlighted the consolidated financial position, including income and expenditure, cash flow, as well as the LSG, PF reserves, and fund balances of the Council. Ms. Law remarked that the Audited Financial Report accurately represented the Council's financial standing, with only minor presentation adjustments that did not impact the overall financial results. With no further questions, the Annual Financial Report was noted and endorsed in principle, with no significant changes. The final version would be provided once available.

To consider the Management of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Reserve and Provident Fund (PF) Reserve for Non-Snapshot Staff

8. Ms. Grace Chan reported on the status of the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Reserve and the Provident Fund (PF) Reserve for Non-Snapshot Staff. She sought the Members' guidance on how to utilize these reserves, if necessary. Ms. Chan also noted that both the LSG Reserve and PF Reserve would be effectively managed for the Council's future service development purposes and communicated to all staff and the public through appropriate channels.

In response to a concern of a Member regarding potential budget cuts, Ms. Chan assured that management would conduct an annual review of the Provident Fund reserves to evaluate the feasibility of any proposed enhancements. Should it become evident that implementing improvements to the Provident Fund was financially unfeasible for the Council, all staff would be duly informed. With no further questions, Members acknowledged and endorsed the decision.

To note and approve the Co-option of Members to the Executive Committee

9. Following the recommendation from Ms. Grace Chan and the management, Members acknowledged the co-option of suggested individuals and agreed that Ms. Chan would extend invitations to Mr. Larry Kwok, Ms. Elizabeth Law, Dr. Kennedy Liu, and Ms. Melissa Pang to serve as co-opted members for another two-year term from 2025 to 2027. With the ExCo's endorsement confirmed, Ms. Chan would move forward with extending invitations to these individuals. Members acknowledged and supported this recommendation.

To note and approve the Extension of Signing Authority of the Office-Bearers

10. Members recognized the importance of continuity and approved the extension of signing authority for the current office-bearers of the ExCo until the completion of transitions in office-bearing positions during the new governance term of 2025/2026.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11. Members were informed that the Council's 78th Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2025, at the Council's Auditorium. Invitations would be sent to ExCo members in due course.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.