

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

74th Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting held on November 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at 1/F, Auditorium, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

The Hon. Bernard Chan, Chairperson, presided over the meeting.

Business of Annual General Meeting

1. To confirm the minutes of the 73rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on November 6, 2020
Proposed by Mr. Chau Yin Ming and seconded by Ms. So Suk Yin, the minutes of the last AGM held on November 6, 2020 were confirmed with no amendment.

2. To receive the 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Chairperson

The Chairperson, Hon. Bernard Chan, presented the Report and remarked that the nearly two-year rampage of COVID-19 severely plagued the economy and people's livelihoods. Grassroots and the underprivileged were particularly hard hit when society came to a near halt last year. The HKCSS mobilised various sectors of the community, especially corporations and charitable funds, to provide financial support to needy individuals and families, while social service organisations were standing firm in their roles to deliver innovative and needy services under the new normal.

The HKCSS had launched several key projects, including the first ever "Modular Social Housing Project" in Hong Kong – Nam Cheong 220 and the "Community Housing Movement" project, that had provided affordable transitional housing for households in need, and impacts achieved were well recognized. Moreover, we had collaborated with over 50 service units in the "Assistance Programme to Improve the Living Environment of Low-income Subdivided Unit Households" under the Community Care Fund, which provided assistance to needy households in minor home improvements and repairs during the epidemic. At the same time, surveys were conducted to explore their housing and service needs, urging the community and policy makers to address the plight of those living in sub-divided units.

In recent years, apart from hosting the "Gerontech and Innovation Expo cum Summit", we had also launched together with three NGOs the Jockey Club "age at home" Gerontech Education and Rental Service to provide a one-stop gerontech education service, rental, cleaning and maintenance services. At the same time, the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund had entrusted the Council to lead and collaborate with nine partners to design and operate a one-stop "Gerontechnology Platform", with a view to creating new opportunities with stakeholders.

On the other hand, we continued to follow up on and advocate the development of social services and policies, including understanding the impact of the pandemic on vocational rehabilitation services and grassroots employment, formulating the "Action Plan on Service Development for Carers of The Elderly", advocating the building of online family support services, the regularisation of the "Pilot Scheme on Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions", and launching the "Community Mental Health Project", etc.

Concurrently, we had provided different trainings for both the management and frontline staff of member agencies to improve their service, operation, and governance capabilities. As for the promotion of corporate social responsibility and shared value, more than 4,000 companies and organisations were acknowledged under the Caring Company Scheme, which demonstrated that the private sector was becoming more mindful of social value and sustainable development.

Stepping into the 75th Anniversary of the HKCSS, the Chairperson would like to thank all agency members, and funding bodies for their continuous support, including the Social Welfare Department, The Community Chest of Hong Kong, Lotteries Fund, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, as well as individuals, and charitable foundations, etc. The HKCSS would continue to collaborate with agency members to uphold its professionalism to serve the citizens in need. Proposed by Mr. Lai

Wing Hoi and seconded by Ms. Chak Tung Ching, the 2020-21 Annual Report of the Chairperson was received.

3. To receive the Audited Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2021

The Hon. Treasurer, Ms. Elizabeth Law, reported that according to the auditor's report, the accounts gave a true and fair view of the state of affairs and cash flows of the Council as at March 31, 2021 and were properly prepared in accordance with SWD's Lump Sum Grant Manual, Guide to Social Welfare Subventions and other operational guidelines as applicable.

On behalf of the Council, the Hon. Treasurer thanked the government, funding bodies, individuals and organizations for their trust and support. Proposed by Dr. Lui Wai Ling and seconded by Ms. Chan Ching Yee, the meeting unanimously accepted the accounts for the year ended March 31, 2021.

4. To appoint the Auditor for the year ended March 31, 2022

Proposed by Mr. Lai Wing Hoi and seconded by Dr. Lui Wai Ling, the meeting unanimously agreed to appoint Li, Tang, Chen & Co. as the Auditor of the Council for the year ended March 31, 2022.

Keynote Speech by Officiating Guest

5. Professor Sophia Chan Siu-chee, JP, Secretary for Food and Health, was invited to be the Officiating Guest of the HKCSS 74th AGM and had delivered a speech on the blueprint for the sustainable development of primary healthcare services for Hong Kong.

Programmes of HKCSS 75th Anniversary

6. Entering into the 75th anniversary, the Chief Executive introduced the future work direction and key initiatives of the HKCSS. Among them, the "Social Welfare Helps You" work plan was officially launched, and main contents included the "Member Organization Overview" (the Overview), which had updated its online system, allowing the public and different stakeholders to search for organizations' information and services through the system. In addition, a series of short stories on how social services could help meet the public needs would be launched and viewed on the webpage of the Overview and the HKCSS Channel. Taking this opportunity, the Chief Executive would like to express sincere thanks to the ten organizations which had participated in the production and filming.

Sharing by Two Generations of Paralympic Games Athletes

7. The Chief Executive introduced the Hong Kong Paralympic Games athletes, who had won glory for the Hong Kong team. They were, Boccia player, Ms. Lau Wai Yin, Vivian and Wheelchair Fencing player, Mr. Cheung Wai Leung, Benny. Both players were invited to share their valuable experiences and achievements, and they also encouraged the floor of audience to pursue and realize their dreams.

Announcement of Election Results of the Executive Committee and Standing Committees (2021-23)

8. Mr. Kennedy Liu, on behalf of the Election Committee, announced election results of the Executive Committee and Standing Committees for 2021-23.

Executive Committee

Ms. CHAN Lai Kwan, Queenie

Mr. CHU Muk Wah, Daniel

Mr. HO Wing Cheong, Andy

Mr. LAI Wing Hoi, Frederick

Ms. LEE Shuk Wai, Anthea

Ms. LEE Yuk Chi, Josephine

Prof. LUM Yat Sang, Terry

Ms. YIP Yun Wan, Amarantha

Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong

Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service

The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups

Caritas - Hong Kong

The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong

St. James' Settlement

The University of Hong Kong, Department of Social Work & Social Administration

Hong Kong Family Welfare Society

Standing Committee on Service Development

Ms. CHAN Chung Ho, Karrie	Hong Kong Christian Service
Ms. CHAN Siu Lai	The Salvation Army
Mr. CHU Muk Wah, Daniel	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Ms. LEE Man Shan, Emily	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
Ms. YU Mei Yuk, Doris	Caritas - Hong Kong

Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy

Ms. CHAK Tung Ching, Yvonne	Hong Kong Christian Service
Mr. CHUK Wing Hung, Keswick	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
Mr. NG Yuk Ming, Benson	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady MacLehose Centre
Dr. TAM Kin Yuen	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Ms. PUN Siu Fung	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service

Standing Committee on Sector & Capacity Development

Mr. CHAN Wai Leung	Caritas - Hong Kong
Mr. CHIU Han Man, Raymond	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
Mr. CHU Muk Wah, Daniel	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Ms. LEUNG Siu Ling, Ivy	Christian Family Service Centre
Ms. WONG Sau Wa	The Church of United Brethren in Christ Social Service Division

Standing Committee on Public Engagement & Partnership

Ms. CHAN Ching Yee, Susan	Hong Kong Association of Gerontology
Ms. CHAN Fung Man, Angel	Christian Family Service Centre
Ms. LING Ching Yin, Alice	Hong Kong Red Cross
Ms. TONG Yee Lai, Andy	Hong Kong Christian Service
Ms. WONG Sau Yee	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups

Mr. Chua Hoi Wai, Chief Executive, thanked Mr. Kennedy Liu, Mr. Larry Kwok, and auditors from Li, Tang, Chen & Co. for assistance in the organization and supervision of this year's elections. Mr. Chua also thanked all agency members, stakeholders and partners for their support to the Council.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Adopted by : _____

Date : _____