

Advisory Council on Food and Environmental Hygiene

**Minutes of the 68th Meeting
held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, 6 July 2018,
in Room 1801, 18/F, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong**

Prof LO Yuk-lam	(Chairman)
Mr David CHAN Wai-ming, MH, JP	
Mrs Vivien CHEN CHOU Mei-mei	
Prof CHIU Siu-wai	
Dr CHUNG Shan-shan	
Ms Josephine KEA Chi-shun	
Mrs Jenny LAM WAN Mei-fong	
Mr Stephen LEUNG Kwok-keung	
Prof Kenneth LEUNG Mei-yee	
Prof Leo POON Lit-man	
Mr Richard TSANG Lap-ki	
Prof WONG Wing-tak	
Prof Samuel WONG Yeung-shan	
Mr Philip YUNG Wai-hung, JP	Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food)
Dr SO Ping-man, JP	Acting Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation
Ms Vivian LAU Lee-kwan, JP	Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene
Dr Regina CHING Cheuk-tuen, JP	Consultant Community Medicine (Non- Communicable Disease)
Mr Bill WONG Kwok-piu	Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Food) ³ (Secretary to ACFEH)

Absent with Apologies

Dr Doris AU Wai-ting

Dr Felix CHAN Hon-wai, JP

Mr Abraham CHAN Yu-ling

Mr Simon TAM Hop-sing

In Attendance

Food and Health Bureau (FHB)

Prof Sophia CHAN Siu-chee, JP	Secretary for Food and Health
Mr Daniel CHENG Chung-wai, JP	Deputy Secretary for Food and Health
Miss Diane WONG Shuk-han	Principal Assistant Secretary (Food)2
Miss Agnes HO Tsz-ting	Assistant Secretary (Food)3
Miss Fanny YEUNG Pou-ian	Assistant Secretary (Food)4
Mr GURUNG Marco Ben	Assistant Secretary (Food)4(des)
Miss Swing YAU Sze-wing	Assistant Secretary (Food)5

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)

Dr LIU Kwei-kin, JP	Assistant Director (Agriculture)
Mr Edward LOK Wai-shing	Senior Agricultural Officer (Farm Development)

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD)

Mr FORK Ping-lam	Assistant Director (Operations)3
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Opening Remarks

Prof Sophia CHAN expressed gratitude towards members' continuous contribution and support to the work of the Committee.

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

2. The minutes were confirmed without any comment raised by members since last meeting on 3 May 2018.

Agenda Item 2: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting

3. At the meeting of September in 2017, members were briefed on the strategies to maintain a clean and hygienic living environment. Further discussion to be held under Agenda 3 below.

Agenda Item 3: The Use of Modern Technology in Keeping Hong Kong Clean (ACFEH Paper 3/2018)

4. Mr FORK briefed members on various initiatives implemented by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) using modern technology to improve environmental hygiene. In response to Mrs Jenny LAM's enquiry, Mr FORK explained that, in addition to conducting online search for new technology and applications for environmental hygiene, FEHD had also approached Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and Hong Kong Productivity Council for advice. The Chairman and Dr CHUNG supported application of technology in cleansing activities. Ms Vivian LAU added that FEHD would be most prepared to consider other new technology and equipment in improving environmental hygiene going forward.

360 Degrees Cameras at Priority Sites of Marine Refuse (360 Degrees Cameras)

5. In response to Dr CHUNG's enquiry, Mr FORK explained that Marine Department (MD) and FEHD were mainly responsible for floating marine refuse and marine refuse washed ashore respectively. Prof Kenneth LEUNG suggested that FEHD could consider analysing the photos captured by the 360 degrees cameras to ascertain if there was any change in the amount of refuse dumped, and engaging university students to help further study such data if needed.

6. Mr David CHAN supported the installation of 15 cameras at the initial stage, and believed that additional ones could be installed in the future to help improve environmental hygiene.

Pressure Washer Surface Cleansers

7. Mr David CHAN advised FEHD to consider operating the pressure washer surface cleansers at night so as to minimize nuisance caused to the pedestrians and residents.

Mini-Mechanical Sweepers

8. Mr David CHAN also advised FEHD to consider operating the mini-mechanical sweepers at night for the same reason mentioned in paragraph 7 above.

9. Prof Leo POON enquired about the deployment of mini-mechanical sweepers to different districts. Mr FORK explained that the mini-mechanical sweepers would serve clusters of sites in one area but not across different districts as the mini-mechanical sweepers were basically not allowed to drive on carriageways and could only work on scheduled routes. For the time being, such equipment was meant to supplement but not replace manual sweeping.

10. In response to Mrs Vivien CHEN's question, Mr FORK said that mini-mechanical sweepers would be less effective on wet surface and thus would not be used on rainy days.

Compacting Bins

11. Dr CHUNG enquired about the breakdown rate of compacting bins, as frequent breakdowns would lead to serious illegal dumping. Mr FORK explained that the supplier also provided the maintenance service for the bins. The breakdown rate was not low initially but improving. In response to Mrs Vivien CHEN's question, Mr FORK said that disinfection function might be considered for incorporation into the bins, if feasible, in the future.

12. Ms Vivian LAU said that the compacting bins would mainly be used in rural areas, but could be put on trial at some tourist spots at a later stage. Prof CHIU commented that FEHD should draw reference from overseas experience, and install modern refuse facilities in the new towns.

Agenda Item 4: Relaxing Restriction on Relocation of Chicken Farms (Restricted item) (ACFEH Paper 4/2018)

13. The discussions are kept in strict confidence.

Agenda Item 5: Any Other Business

14. The Chairman recalled that the Food Hygiene Standard Certification System (the System) for the Catering Industry was presented to members at previous ACFEH meeting. The Chairman would like to invite the Chinese Manufacturers' Association Testing & Certification Laboratories (CMA) to deliver a 15-minute presentation on a food certification scheme developed by CMA for members' information at the next meeting.

15. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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Secretariat

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