

Fisheries Enhancement Fund
Meeting of the Management Committee
held on 24 May 2019 at 2:30 pm

Notes of the Meeting

The sixth meeting of the Management Committee (MC) of the Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF) was held on 24 May 2019. The meeting was commenced at 2:30 pm and ended at 5:15 pm.

Present:

Prof Kenneth LEUNG	(FEF MC Chairperson)
Mr Siu Keung CHEUNG	(FEF MC member)
Mr Siu Fai KEUNG	(FEF MC member)
Ms Ka Ling PO	(FEF MC member)
Mr Sheung Chun YEUNG	(FEF MC member)
Ms Angel Lam	(FEF MC member)
Prof Jonathan WONG	(FEF MC member)
Dr Patsy WONG	(FEF MC member)
Mr Lawrence TSUI	(FEF MC member)
Mr Peter LEE	(Secretary-General [Airport Authority (AA)])
Dr Jasmine NG	(Secretariat [ERM-Hong Kong, Limited (ERM)])

Absent with Apologies:

Hon Steven HO Chun-yin	(FEF MC member)
Mr Ka Fai FOK	(FEF MC member)
Mr Yu Sun HO	(FEF MC member)

In Attendance:

Ms Maggie WONG	(Secretariat [AA])
Ms Winnie CHAN	(Secretariat [AA])
Mr Raymond TSUI	(Secretariat [AA])
Mr Raymond CHOW	(Secretariat [ERM])
Mr Nill NG	(Secretariat [ERM])
Ms Tiffany TSANG	(Secretariat [ERM])

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Agenda Item 1 – Matters arising from Last Meeting

1. The Chairperson welcomed all Members and asked if Members had any concerned matters from the FEF MC Meeting held on 22 November 2018. No Members raised concerns. The Chairperson concluded that all Members had no matters concerning the last FEF MC meeting.
2. The Secretariat circulated the draft minutes of the last meeting to all Members for review by email or by post prior to this meeting. Members were asked to provide comments on the draft meeting minutes to the Secretariat, if any, on or before 4 June 2019. The Secretariat would then finalise the meeting minutes based on the comments received (if any). The finalised meeting minutes would be provided to the Chairperson for endorsement and then distribute to Members prior to uploading onto the Funds dedicated website.

Agenda Item 2 – Update on FEF Funded Projects

a. Overview of FEF Funded Projects

3. The Secretariat briefed Members on the progress of the projects in Years 2017/18 and 2018/19 and reminded Members of the anticipated dates for reviewing Progress and Completion Reports.

b. Completed Projects (Year 2017/18)

4. The Secretariat briefed Members on the status and project outcomes of the completed *FEF2017005 - Installation of Radar Reflector for Fishing Vessels under 15 m.*
5. The Secretariat reported that all the other Year 2017/18 funded projects were completed.

c. Progress of Ongoing Projects (Year 2018/19)

6. The Secretariat briefed Members on the status and progress of the *FEF2017001A - Pearl Farming Pilot Project.*
7. The Secretariat briefed Members on the status and progress of the *FEF2018006 - Development of Mobile Application to Support the Sales of*

Local Capture Fisheries.

8. The Secretariat briefed Members on the status and progress of the *FEF2018013 - Study of the Cumulative Impact of Reclamation Works in Hong Kong and Adjacent Waters on the Fisheries Industry.*

Agenda Item 3 – FEF Applications

a. Summary of Applications

9. The Secretariat briefed Members on all applications received for Year 2019/20 (first round).

b. Discussion of Applications for Funding Approval

10. The Chairperson reported that the total approved annual budget for FEF applications for Year 2019/20 was ~HK\$29M.
11. The Secretariat reported that a total of three applications for Project Extension (next phase of Multiple-year Project) and five new project applications were received. Summaries of all the applications were tabled for Members' reference and order of discussion would be in ascending order of application reference number. The Secretariat also reported that anonymous assessment scores of each assessor were provided to Members prior to the meeting to facilitate the discussion. Prior to the discussion of each project application during the meeting, the Secretariat would summarise assessors' comments to Members for reference. Members with potential conflict of interest were invited to leave the meeting room prior to discussion of the respective application.
12. All the applications had been deliberated during the meeting and the Secretariat would follow up with each Applicant according to the discussions and comments of Members.

Agenda Item 4 – Anticipated Timeline of Activities for the Next Half-year Period

13. The Secretariat explained to Members about the anticipated timeline of

activities for the next half-year period and mentioned that the project agreements for newly approved applications would be signed before July 2019, and the projects would commence on 1 July 2019. The anticipated date of receiving second round of FEF applications for Year 2019/20 would start on 1 June 2019, and new applications received on or before 31 July 2019 would be considered in the assessment for second round of applications in October – November 2019. Completion Reports for Year 2018/19 FEF funded projects would be collected during the period from June to July 2019. The Secretariat also mentioned the anticipated dates for next FEF MC and Steering Committee meetings.

Agenda Item 5 – Tentative Schedule of Next Meeting

14. The Secretariat mentioned that the next meeting would be held in October / November 2019. The key objectives of the meeting would be to assess the second round of project applications for Year 2019/20, review fund programme and operation, discuss collated Progress / Completion Reports from Project Leaders and to determine funding theme for the coming Project Year.

Agenda Item 6 – Any Other Business

a. Discussion on the Provision and Access of Raw Data of the FEF Funded Projects

15. The Secretariat mentioned that in accordance with the current project agreements, the recipient organisations solely owned all raw data arising from the projects. However, the recipient organisations were required to grant unconditionally and irrevocably to the Trustee the right to use any information provided in the Progress Report and Completion Report. Similar conditions could also be found in funds of similar nature established by the Government.

b. Funds Publicity

16. The Secretariat reported that the first MEEF and FEF Joint Sharing Session was held on 22 March 2019, and about 70 participants from Government officials, academics, representatives of non-governmental organisations, as

well as fishermen's groups attended the event. The project outcomes of MEEF and FEF funded projects and application details of two funds were shared in the session with positive feedbacks. The Secretariat recommended that the MEEF and FEF Joint Sharing Session to be held once every 2 years.

c. Application for FEF and Deadline

17. The Secretariat mentioned that the second round of application would start on 1 June 2019, and applications received on or before 31 July 2019 would be reviewed in next round of assessment.

d. Reappointment of MC Members

18. The Secretariat expressed his gratitude to Members for their professional contribution in the past three years and informed Members that their membership would expire by end of October 2019. The Secretariat would liaise with them individually for reappointment arrangements.

19. The Chairperson confirmed with all Members that no other matters were to be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.



(Chairperson's Signature)