

Fisheries Enhancement Fund
Meeting of the Management Committee
held on 11 November 2020 at 9:35 am

Notes of the Meeting

The ninth meeting of the Management Committee (MC) of the Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF) was held on 11 November 2020. The meeting was commenced at 9:35 am and ended at 11:25 am.

Present:

Prof Kenneth LEUNG	(FEF MC Chairperson)
Mr King Hang CHUI	(FEF MC member)
Mr Siu Keung CHEUNG	(FEF MC member)
Mr Hon Wah KWOK	(FEF MC member)
Mr Sheung Chun YEUNG	(FEF MC member)
Ms Angel LAM	(FEF MC member)
Prof Jonathan 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 Siu Fai KEUNG	(FEF MC member)
Ms Ka Ling PO	(FEF MC member)
Dr Wing Kwong YAU	(FEF MC member)
Dr Patsy WONG	(FEF MC member)

In Attendance:

Ms Maggie WONG	(Secretariat [AA])
Ms Naomi Yu	(Secretariat [AA])
Ms Linda LEE	(Secretariat [AA])
Mr Philip TANG	(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 to the meeting. The Chairperson asked if Members had any concerned matters arising from the previous FEF MC meeting held on 20 May 2020 and no Members raised any concerns. The Chairperson concluded that there was no matters arising from the last FEF MC meeting.
2. The Chairperson mentioned that the Secretariat circulated the draft minutes of the last meeting to all Members for review on 9 November 2020. The Chairperson would sign the finalised meeting minutes which would subsequently be uploaded to the dedicated website.

Agenda Item 2 – Discussion of existing FEF-funded Projects

a. Overview of FEF Funded Projects (Years 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21)

3. The Secretariat briefed Members on the status of funded projects for Years 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21, and reminded Members of the anticipated dates for reviewing the Progress and Completion Reports. The Secretariat also stated that those Reports would be sent to the Members without conflict of interest for review. The accepted Completion Reports (excluding the financial details) would be uploaded to the dedicated website.

b. Completed Funded Projects (Years 2018/19 and 2019/20)

4. The Secretariat briefed Members on the status and outcomes of the completed funded projects, FEF2018013 - Study of the Cumulative Impact of Reclamation Works in Hong Kong and Adjacent Waters on the Fisheries Industry and FEF2019008 - Pilot Test for Portable Marine Navigation System with Cantonese Narration, for Year 2018/19 and Year 2019/20 respectively. The Chairperson mentioned that the Secretariat could consider producing promotional videos for the funded projects in order to promote projects outcomes to the public.

Agenda Item 3 – Assessment of FEF Applications (Year 2020/21 – 2nd Round)

5. The Secretariat briefed Members on four new applications received for the 2nd round of applications for Year 2020/21. Summaries of the new project applications were presented to the Members for reference. The Secretariat reported that the total approved annual budget for FEF applications for Year 2020/21 was HK\$26.32M.
6. The Chairperson stated that the order of discussion would be in ascending order of application reference numbers and the Secretariat had provided the anonymous assessment scores to all Members before the meeting for discussion purpose. Prior to the discussion of each project application, the Secretariat would recap the comments of assessors for Members' reference. Members with potential conflict of interest were invited to leave the meeting room prior to the discussion of the respective applications.
7. After Members' discussion on all the new applications, the Chairperson concluded that there was one application approved in principle. The Secretariat would contact and follow up with each successful and unsuccessful applicant according to the discussion outcomes of the meeting and Members' comments.

Agenda Item 4 – Review of Funds Programme and Operation

a. Assessment Arrangement for Applications submitted by Frequent FEF Applicants

8. After discussing with Members, the Chairperson concluded Members' comments and agreed that the *FEF Management Committee Assessment Guidelines* could be disclosed to the public.

b. Proposed Arrangements for Co-organising and Supporting Bodies of the Applications

9. After discussing with Members, the Chairperson concluded Members' comments and agreed that the application organisation should confirm the collaboration status with any co-organising or supporting bodies within one month after the application submission.

Agenda Item 5 – Funding Theme for Year 2020/21 Application

10. The Chairperson led the discussion with Members on the FEF funding theme for Year 2021/22 (four themes as set out in the Fisheries Management Plan). A member proposed to include the participation of young talents in the theme. All Members agreed and the Secretariat would propose a new funding theme accordingly. *[Post-meeting notes: The Secretariat had proposed the FEF funding theme for Year 2020/21 as “Enhancing Competitiveness and Cultivating Young Talents for the Fisheries Industry” on 25 November 2020 and the theme was approved by the Members.]*

Agenda Item 6 – Anticipated Timeline of Activities for the Next Half-year Period

11. The Secretariat explained to Members about the anticipated timeline of activities for the next half-year period and mentioned that the project agreement for the newly approved application would be signed before January 2021 and the projects would commence on 1 January 2021. Application for new projects for Year 2021/22 was anticipated to be opened from 1 December 2020. New applications received on or before 31 January 2021 would be considered in the assessment for the 1st round of applications which would be conducted from April to May 2021. Completion Reports of the funded projects for Year 2020/21 would be collected from June to July 2021. The Secretariat also mentioned about the anticipated dates for the next FEF MC and Steering Committee (SC) meetings.

Agenda Item 7 – Tentative Schedule of Next Meeting

12. The Secretariat mentioned that the next FEF MC meeting would be held in April / May 2021. The key objectives of the meeting would be to approve MC Approved Funding from approved Budget of 2021/22; to consider each application and recommend to SC; to prepare the FEF MC Recommended Funding Application to SC; and to discuss collated Progress Reports from project leaders.

Agenda Item 8 – Any Other Business

13. The Secretariat reported that a media interview was arranged on 30 October 2020 for the funded project, Sustainable Aquaculture Development Pilot Project - Australian Redclaw Crayfish, and the feature stories would be published on 17 November 2020. The Secretariat had also produced promotional videos for this project and another project, Pearl Farming Pilot Project, which had been uploaded to the dedicated website and shared with Members. The Secretariat would continue the production of promotional videos for appropriate funded projects.

14. The Chairperson confirmed with Members that there was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

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(Chairperson's Signature)