Fisheries Enhancement Fund Meeting of the Management Committee held on 15 May 2025 at 9:30 am

Notes of the Meeting

The eighteenth meeting of the Management Committee (MC) of the Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF) was held on 15 May 2025. The meeting commenced at 9:30 am and ended at 12:00 noon.

Present:

Prof Jonathan WONG (FEF MC Chairperson) Mr Jonathan CHAN (FEF MC member) (FEF MC member) Mr Siu Keung CHEUNG Mr King Hang CHUI (FEF MC member) Dr James FANG (FEF MC member) Dr Loby HAU (FEF MC member) Ms Ka Ling PO (FEF MC member) Mr Sheung Chun YEUNG (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 Hon Wah KWOK (FEF MC member)
Dr Patsy WONG (FEF MC member)
Dr Wing Kwong YAU (FEF MC member)

In Attendance:

Ms Amy WONG (Secretariat [AA])
Ms Naomi YU (Secretariat [AA])
Ms Monique YIP (Secretariat [ERM])
Ms Clary LAU (Secretariat [ERM])

Agenda Item 1 – Matters arising from Last Meeting

- 1. The Chairperson welcomed all the Members to the meeting. The Chairperson asked if Members had any concerned matters arising from the previous FEF MC meeting held on 13 November 2024. No members raised any concerns. The Chairperson concluded that there were no matters arising from the last FEF MC meeting.
- The Chairperson mentioned that the Secretariat circulated the draft minutes
 of the last meeting to all Members for review and the minutes were
 subsequently accepted on 5 May 2025. The Chairperson had signed the
 finalised meeting minutes and the minutes would be uploaded onto the
 dedicated website.

Agenda Item 2 – Discussion of existing FEF Funded Projects

a. Overview of FEF Funded Projects

3. The Secretariat briefed Members on the status of ongoing funded projects.

b. Progress of FEF Funded Projects for Years 2021/22 to 2024/25

4. The Secretariat briefed Members on the status and outcomes of the funded projects from Years 2021/22 to 2024/25. The Secretariat also reminded Members that all Progress and Completion Reports would be sent to Members without conflict of interest for review.

c. Overview of FEF Applications for Year 2025/26

5. The Secretariat summarised the timeline and overview of the FEF applications received for Year 2025/26. The Secretariat reported that a total of two (2) applications for the Project Extension (Multiple-year Projects) and thirteen (13) new project applications had been received for the recent round of applications. The summary of applications had been provided to Members for reference. The Secretariat mentioned that the total approved annual budget for FEF application for Year 2025/26 was ~HK\$9.53M.

6. The Chairperson stated that the order of discussion would follow the descending order of the applications' average scores, and the anonymous assessment had been provided to Members before the meeting to facilitate discussion. Prior to the discussion of each project application, the Secretariat would recap the assessors' comments for Members' reference. Members with potential conflict of interest would be invited to leave the meeting room prior to the discussion of the respective applications.

Agenda Item 3 – Application for Project Extension (Multiple-year Projects)

- 7. The Secretariat summarised the two (2) applications for the Project Extension (Multiple-year Projects) to Members.
- 8. The Chairperson concluded that Members did not have additional comments with one (1) application being approved and one (1) application being approved with conditions, respectively.

Agenda Item 4 – Assessment of FEF Applications (New Projects)

9. After Members' discussion on the new applications, the Secretariat concluded that there were one (1) application approved, and four (4) applications approved with conditions. The Secretariat would contact and follow up with the successful and unsuccessful applicants according to the discussion outcomes of the meeting and Members' comments.

Agenda Item 5 – Anticipated Timeline of Activities for the Next Half-year Period

10. The Secretariat explained to Members about the anticipated timeline of activities for the next half-year period. Funding agreements for the newly approved applications would be signed before July 2025 and the projects would commence on 1 July 2025. Progress / Completion Reports of the currently funded projects would be collected starting from July 2025. The Secretariat also mentioned the anticipated dates for the next FEF MC and Steering Committee (SC) meetings.

Agenda Item 6 - Tentative Schedule of Next Meeting

11. The Secretariat mentioned that the next FEF MC meeting would be held in November 2025. The key objectives of the meeting would be to review the FEF programme and operations, discuss collated Progress / Completion Reports of the funded projects and determine funding theme for the coming Project Year.

Agenda Item 7 – Any Other Business

- 12. The Secretariat mentioned that the National Fish Releasing Day this year would be held on 6 June. The Airport Authority would conduct the fish release on the western side of the Hong Kong International Airport and would invite all Members to attend.
- 13. The Secretariat expressed gratitude to the Chairperson and Members for their continuous contributions, and informed all Members that the current 3-year fixed term of appointment would expire on 24 October 2025. The Secretariat would liaise with Members individually regarding the reappointment at a later time.
- 14. The Chairperson confirmed with Members that there was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

(Chairperson's Signature)