

Fisheries Enhancement Fund
Meeting of the Management Committee
held on 16 May 2024 at 2:30 pm

Notes of the Meeting

The sixteenth meeting of the Management Committee (MC) of the Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF) was held on 16 May 2024. The meeting was commenced at 2:30 pm and ended at 4:05 pm.

Present:

Prof Jonathan WONG	(FEF MC Chairperson)
Mr Siu Keung CHEUNG	(FEF MC member)
Mr King Hang CHUI	(FEF MC member)
Dr James FANG	(FEF MC member)
Dr Loby HAU	(FEF MC member)
Dr Patsy WONG	(FEF MC member)
Dr Wing Kwong YAU	(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:

Mr Jonathan CHAN	(FEF MC member)
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin	(FEF MC member)
Mr Hon Wah KWOK	(FEF MC member)
Ms Ka Ling PO	(FEF MC member)

In Attendance:

Ms Amy WONG	(Secretariat [AA])
Ms Naomi YU	(Secretariat [AA])
Ms Sherrie FUNG	(Secretariat [ERM])
Ms Monique YIP	(Secretariat [ERM])

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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 14 November 2023. No members raised any concerns. The Chairperson concluded that there were 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 and the minutes were subsequently accepted on 19 April 2024. 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 2020/21 to 2023/24

4. The Secretariat briefed Members on the status and outcomes of the funded projects from Years 2020/21 to 2023/24, including FEF2020001 – Organic Marine Aquaculture Development Pilot Project (Sustainable Aquaculture Development Project II) and FEF2020002/002A – Continuation of Pearl Farming cum Ecotourism Project.

c. Overview of FEF Applications for Year 2024/25

5. The Secretariat summarised the timeline and overview of the FEF applications received for the first half-year period for Year 2024/25. The Secretariat reported that a total of two (2) applications for the Project Extension (Multiple-year Projects) and four (4) 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 2024/25 was ~HK\$8.10M.

6. The Chairperson stated that the order of discussion would be in ascending order of application reference numbers, 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 and the two (2) applications were approved.

Agenda Item 4 – Assessment of FEF Applications (Year 2024/25 – 1st Round Application)

9. After Members' discussion on all the new applications, the Secretariat concluded that there was one (1) application approved with conditions. The Secretariat would contact and follow up with the successful and unsuccessful applicant 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 2024 and the projects would commence on 1 July 2024. The second round of applications for Year 2024/25 were anticipated to be received from 1 June 2024; and those new applications received on or before 31 July 2024 would be considered in the assessment to be conducted from October to November 2024. Progress / Completion Reports of the currently funded projects would be

collected starting from July 2024. 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 2024. The key objectives of the meeting would be to assess the second round of applications for Year 2024/25, 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 Chairperson confirmed with Members that there was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.



(Chairperson's Signature)