

- j. We have applied to the Tuen Mun District Council for funding so as to subsidize different activities for residents. Subsidies were granted in respect of the following activities:

| Activities                       | Date      | Sponsoring Organization   | Amount of Subsidies |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Joyful Mid-Autumn Night          | Sept 2011 | Tuen Mun District Council | HK\$8,180           |
| Easter Wonderland                | Apr 2012  |                           | HK\$6,680           |
| Amazing Mid-Autumn Fun           | Sept 2012 |                           | HK\$8,415           |
| Easter Wonderland                | Apr 2013  |                           | HK\$6,180           |
| Total sum of subsidies obtained: |           |                           | <b>HK\$29,455</b>   |

- k. In addition, we have obtained funding in the total sum of HK\$2,642 from Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation for our purchase of an adjustable table-tennis table which has been placed in the Multi-function Court for residents' use.



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## V. Enhancement of Security Measures



1. To enhance the security of the estate, 13 CCTV cameras have been added to upgrade the CCTV coverage in certain areas including the Roman Circus, roads on podium and pedestrians.
2. In order to strengthen the security and remove potential blind spots of CCTV inside our car park, 2 CCTV cameras have been added.



## VI. Transportation

1. The Highways Department and his consultant started their preliminary consultation on the widening and improvement work of Castle Peak Road. The proposed work involves 1.9km dual lane carriageway from Kwun Tsing Road to Hoi Wing Road. The project includes the consultation on the widening the existing road, installation of noise barrier, reconstruction of footbridge at Sam Sing Estate, etc. We have asked the Department to provide us with more detailed information so that we can carry out the public consultation within our estate.
2. A letter of consultation on the adjustment of fare of mini buses routes No.140 had been received from the Transport Department ("TD") through Tuen Mun District Office. We had expressed our views that the frequencies of those routes have to be improved at the same time of the fare increase. We were later informed by TD that flexible allocations will be carried out in peak hours by the mini bus operator, reserving seats for midway stops whenever possible.
3. Afterwards, we were informed by the Transport Department that the cancellation of mini bus route No. 141 was proposed due to low rate of passenger usage and the financial deficit. We had replied that the above problem was caused by the low frequency of such route (runs at 30 to 40 min intervals). We also pointed out that the routes of minibus 141 can cover Westrail station. Further, mini bus is generally faster than bus. Such characteristics should be an advantage to enhance the competitiveness of the route 141. We therefore suggested that the schedule of route 141 should be increased during rush hours, in order to enhance its competitiveness against the bus in a positive way. However, the route 141 services was finally terminated due to business concern.
4. The Transport Department had consulted us on the proposed increment of fare for mini bus routes 43, 43A, 43B and 43C, and mentioned that there will be an addition of one mini bus to serve the passenger in order to stabilize its service. We stated that we would not oppose on such proposal if the frequency of service could be improved.





5. We wrote to the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. Ltd. and showed our concern on the instability of bus service provided by route No. 61M. KMB replied that they would continue to monitor their bus especially during rush hours in the morning and evening.
6. With regard to the proposed reorganization of Citybus series Route 962, we wrote to the Transport Department and showed our strong opposition to the adverse consequences to our resident due to the proposal, including the decrease in the number of runs of scheduled bus, the increase of trip duration and the loss of public transportation to Tuen Mun Pier district as well as the additional fare. Therefore, we have participated in the joint-signatory action organized by the Chairman of Traffic and Transport Committee of Tuen Mun District Council, Mr. So Siu Shing, and District Council member, Ms Beatrice Chu, to object the proposal.



7. The Transport Department proposed the cancellation of stops for bus route 52X at Yen Chow Street West and the roundabout near Fu Cheong Estate, in order to shorten its trip duration. We noticed that the proposal will not only lead to shortening of trip duration but also enhance the stability of the bus schedule. Therefore we expressed our support to the proposal to the Home Affairs Department.

8. As the two nearby primary schools have come into operation and some residential development projects have been completed, we, together with the Owners' Committee of Avignon, wrote to the Transport Department and the MTR requesting all-day operation of bus route K53.



## VII. External Environment

1. With regard to the government's proposed change of the use of the land in front of our estate to the residential development, we issued questionnaires in March 2013 to collect residents' opinions on the captioned issue. We altogether received 965 completed questionnaires (around 60% of the total number of flats). The result showed that 958 respondents (representing 99.3% of respondents) objected to the government's proposal and 753 respondents (representing 82.2% of respondents) wished that a public park would be built on that land.



In April 2013, we have organized a signing protest and collected about 1900 residents' signatures to oppose the government's proposal. We have already sent letters of objections to the Chief Executive, Secretary for Development, Legislation Councilors (NTW) and Tuen Mun District Councilors, enclosed therewith the result of the questionnaire and copies of all signatures we gathered. Besides, through the efforts of Ms Beatrice Chu, our District Councilor, the two sub-committees of Tuen Mun District Council (namely Commerce, Industry, and Housing Committee and District Facilities Management Committee) have passed two resolutions (namely "Objection to the Government's Change of the Use of the Land" and "Requesting the Government to Build a Public Park on the Land") on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 respectively.

We expect that the Town Planning Board would commence the public consultation with regard to the government's proposed change of use of the land in the near future. Since the Town Planning Board may regard one letter (no matter it is written by the Owners' Committee or an individual resident) or all letters with identical contents as one single opinion, we would suggest organizing a "one-resident-one-letter" action. In this action, we would give each resident a sample objection letter for his signing and giving further additional comments. In such way, if most of the residents sign their objection letters and add their personal views, the Town Planning Board would record them as hundreds or thousands objection views. This may help persuading the Town Planning Board to reject the government's proposal. Further, we would suggest organizing other actions include hanging banners at conspicuous places of our estate, slow-moving vehicles parade to the Government Headquarter, calling on residents to tie green ribbon on the fencing of pedestrian walkway adjacent to Castle Peak Road and inviting media to report our protest to amplify our opposition voice.

We expect that the Town Planning Board will commence the public consultation in the last quarter of 2013. We hope that you can continue to fully support the actions to be organized by the 6<sup>th</sup> Owners' Committee.





2. We had met the District Councilor of our district requesting her to provide assistances and follow up with our concerned issues, including:

- i) the proposed route of cycle track (between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun) in our district which leads to potential dangers to the pedestrians, cyclers as well as drivers;
- ii) provision of noise barrier in the section of Tuen Mun Road facing our estate;
- iii) our concern on the future usage of grassland in front of Aegean Coast;
- iv) the proposal of building a church nearby;
- v) our proposal to plant trees at the public roundabout near Tower 8 outside Aegean Coast;
- vi) parking area for school buses outside Aegean Coast; and
- vii) the problems due to the construction of flush water supply pipes along Castle Peak Road; etc.

We will continue to follow-up on the above issues.



3. We wrote to the Water Supplies Department ("WSD") requesting for their attention on the hygiene conditions within their construction site, as well as prompting the WSD on the completion of their work. The WSD replied and apologized for the inconvenience caused to the public by the prolonged construction work and they will continue to monitor on the progress of the work as well as the hygiene issue.

4. We have sent letters to the Home Affairs Department and Civil Engineering and Development Department ("CEDD") requesting to plant trees at the public roundabout near Tower 8 outside Aegean Coast. We are pleased to receive the reply from the CEDD that after studying with their consultant, our suggestion is now accepted and brought into the Greening Master Plan(GMP) which will be proceeded by the end of year 2013.



5. We made our written opposition against the proposal of the Planning Department regarding the loosening of the height restriction of Avignon (Phase 2), from a maximum allowable height of 10 floors to 11 floors. We were concerned that the proposal would aggravate the reflected noise from the Tuen Mun Road by the buildings of Avignon (Phase 2).

6. The Planning Department proposed to add a permanent parking area for school buses of the primary schools nearby and a refuse collection pit at Kwun Tsing Road. As the proposed area is located in front of our main vehicle entrance, this would endanger all incoming and outgoing vehicles of Aegean Coast. We wrote to the Department and emphasized that the parking area should be located within the Government's land, while the fencing around the area should be kept. Moreover, the exit of the school parking area should be located on So Kwun Wat Road in order to reduce the potential risk on traffic. We also suspected the necessity of setting up a refuse collection pit at that area and thus we raised our strong opposition against the proposal for the sake of hygienic environment.



7. The Government is carrying out preliminary consultation on the building of The Coastal Railway between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan through the districts along Castle Peak Road. The official documents showed that the population density of these districts has to be increased, in order to create a sustainable railway service. In addition, there will also be a proposed railway station at So Kwun Wat, but the exact location of the station is not known. We are concerned about the environmental issues including a potential impact on the view from Aegean Coast, as well as the pros and cons of building the railway. As a result, we reserved the right of expressing our views until more information is available from the Government for our further analysis.

8. We have received messages from residents that the class bell from the schools nearby rang loudly and caused disturbance. The Management Office contacted the schools and expressed our concern. The volume of the bell ring has been adjusted in order to minimize the disturbance.



9. The Architectural Services Department proposed to widen the roundabout at Kwun Tsing Road so as to facilitate the school buses' moving on the road. We have requested the Department to preserve the affected trees and proposed to widen the pedestrian road at the same time. The Department replied that two affected trees will be transplanted to a suitable place inside the grassland. However, as the existing pedestrian road complies with the standard requirement, the Department has turned down our proposal.

10. Towngas proposed to carry out underground pipes connection work in Kwun Tsing Road in the fall of 2013 and the work will last for a year. The purpose of the work is to provide a supplementary pipe network which will be served as a back up system. Therefore, the work will not affect the supply of towngas to our estate. We have asked Towngas to communicate with the Architectural Services Department so as to avoid overlapping with the widening work at Kwun Tsing Road.

11. The Government planned to setup a church with 7-storey in height nearby the fuel station at So Kwun Wat. As the proposed church contained apartments, catering area, show room, etc, we queried the actual usage of the building. In addition, we worried about the increasing traffic load and the adverse public order after the operation of the building. Thus we wrote to express our opposition to setup a church to the Tuen Mun District Office.



## VIII. Participation in Competition

As a result of the hard works and dedications of the staff of the Management Office in the past two years, the Management Office has received a number of awards as below. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on their achievements.

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| <p>(i) Obtained Bronze Award in the Catering Industry Safety Award Scheme 2011 (Light Refreshment Restaurant Group) organized by Labour Department. In 2012, we were the first residential Clubhouse which achieved the Gold Award in the same scheme. We also obtained the Supervisor Award for two successive years.</p> <p>(ii) Qualified into the Final Round with 8 candidates including ICC, HSBC and obtained Certificate of Merit in the Occupational Health Award – Work Stress Management Best Practices Award</p> <p>(iii) Obtained the highest grade- "Safe and Healthy Estate with Excellent Performance" in "Hong Kong Safe and Healthy Estate Accreditation Scheme" organized by Occupational Safety and Health Council</p> <p>(iv) Achieved Champion Awards in terms of quantity of plastic and total weight of recycled items in the Waste Reduction and Recycling Competition 2012 in Tuen Mun District organized by Yan Oi Tong</p> <p>(v) Obtained the highest votes in the public online voting and was elected to be "My Favorite Green Estate 2011" organized by U-magazine</p> <p>(vi) Silver Award and Award for Promotion (5 successive years) in "Source Separation of Domestic Waste Competition 2010/11 and 2011/12" organized by Environmental Protection Department</p> | <p>(vii) Certificate of Appreciation (8.9% energy saved compared with the last summer from June to August) in "Power Smart Competition 2012" organized by Friends of Earth</p> <p>(viii) Achieved 14% Carbon"Less"Certificate in the year 2011 and greatly improved in 2012 to obtained 44% Carbon"Less" Certificate in Hong Kong Award for Environmental Excellence Program (HKAEE)</p> <p>(ix) Obtained recognition of the Wastewi\$e Logo organized by Environmental Protection Department in 9 successive years</p> <p>(x) Obtained recognition of the Energywi\$e Logo organized by Environmental Protection Department in 4 successive years</p> <p>(xi) Participation Certificate of the Pilot Programme in the Community Recycling Pilot Programme organized by the Environmental Protection Department</p> <p>(xii) Commission Certificate of Green Caring Campaign organized by Tuen Mun District Council and Yan Oi Tong</p> <p>(xiii) 12 of our security staff won awards in "New Territories North Best Security Guard Election" organized by Hong Kong Police Force</p> <p>(xiv) Mr. Lau Kong Wai, our Senior Customer Services Supervisor won award in "Tuen Mun Best Security Guard Election 2012" organized by Tuen Mun District Fight Crime Committee</p> <p>(xv) The Champion Award in the Innovation Caring Estate Volunteer Service Award organized by Social Welfare Department</p> | <p>(xvi) Obtained External Group/Corporate Volunteer Award in Yan Oi Tong Volunteer Award Scheme</p> <p>(xvii) Gold Awards of Volunteer Service in both 2011 and 2012 organized by Social Welfare Department and contributed over 7000volunteer service hours</p> <p>(xviii) Obtained 9 Gold Award, 3 Silver Award and 2 Bronze Awards in SHKP Volunteer Team Outstanding Volunteer Awards 2012</p> <p>(xix) Obtained 11 Gold Award and 3 Silver Award in SHKP Volunteer Team Outstanding Volunteer Awards 2011</p> <p>(xx) Social Welfare Department has prized "Leading Caring Estate" in 7 successive years</p> <p>(xxi) Obtained Caring Company Logo in 7 successive years issued by Hong Kong Council of Social Service</p> <p>(xxii) Two staff was entitled as the Caring Ambassador in the scheme of Hong Kong Council of Social Service</p> <p>(xxiii) Certificate of Merit in Hong Kong Smoke-Free Leading Company Award</p> <p>(xxiv) Signed Workplace Hygiene Charter organized by Occupational Safety &amp; Health Council</p> <p>(xxv) Obtained Certificate of Appreciation in Fresh Water Plumbing Quality Maintenance Recognition Scheme organized by Water Supplies Department for 7 successive years</p> <p>(xxvi) Obtained Certificate of Eat Smart Restaurant Logo organized by Health Department for 5 successive years</p> |
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We hope that the above would be of assistance to you in understanding our works in the last two years. For full details of our work done and works in progress, please browse our website [www.oaageancoast.com](http://www.oaageancoast.com), or you may contact the Management Office for a review of our meeting minutes.

At last, I would like to express my gratitude to my fellow committee members, for their guidance and advice, to all staff of the Management Office for their dedication and hard work, and to the residents for your participation and cooperation.

I sincerely hope that Aegean Coast was, and would continue to be, your dream place to live in.

Yours sincerely,  
Chan Kam Man, Lawrence  
Chairman of the 5<sup>th</sup> Owners' Committee of Aegean Coast