

**Street Sleepers Shelter Society**  
**Trustees Incorporated**

**Annual Report 2022-23**

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**1. Introduction**

The Society continues to provide free overnight accommodation (226 bed spaces) with basic necessities for the homeless sleepers as an interim measure to complement the main-stream comprehensive services provided by the more formal social welfare services sector. The focus is more on provision of short-term basis to make available vacancies in a timely manner to serve more individuals with urgent needs for accommodation.

To ensure mobility of sleepers and expedite decantation, we maintain close liaison with Social Welfare Department (SWD) and other agencies on the follow-up actions by their social workers in arranging longer term accommodation and appropriate welfare services for our clients, with the aim to vacate more beds to serve the needy. We also encourage our clients, especially those long-time clients, to identify alternative accommodation with the help of case workers and move out to make room for new comers. It is understood that turnover rate could be affected by various economic, climatic, social and personal reasons. We would continue to exercise flexibility in admission of new referrals, so as to optimize the utilization of our facilities.

**2. Shelters and Occupancy**

During the year the Society continues to operate three shelters, one each in the Wanchai, Yaumatei and Shamshuipo districts.

a) Wanchai Shelter

1/F, Housing Society Golden Jubilee Building, 83 Kennedy Road, Wanchai

This Shelter provides beds for 46 men and 30 women.

b) Yaumatei Shelter

4/F, 3 Hau Cheung Street, Yaumatei (From August 2021)

The Shelter provides 70 beds for the males.

- c) Shamshuipo Shelter  
15A Un Chau Street, 2 – 4/F, Shamshuipo

The Shelter provides beds for 64 men and 16 women.

The occupancy rate of all 3 shelters were relatively moderate. The Society had maintained dialogue with various agencies with a view to expediting the turnover.

Even with the relaxation of various health control, vaccination requirements and social distancing since early 2023, yet with the bitter experience encountered during the epidemic in early 2022 and close spacing of our double bunk beds, we have to be particularly vigilant and capped the occupancy rates to 50% to maintain reasonable social distancing and environmental hygiene. We would continuously monitor and review the situation as well as the demand.

We continued to provide all personal sanitation items freely to our sleepers, as well as take measures to upkeep the cleanliness of shelters, such as daily cleansing and scheduled disinfection services.

### **3. Financial Situation**

For 2022/23, the income was \$4,025,858 against the expenditure for \$3,578,314, or a surplus of \$447,544. The surplus is mainly because in 2022/23 the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (HKJCCT) granted \$1,634,343 to us for the renovation works at the Shamshuipo Shelter, which is included to the income as it was received and fully spent, but depreciation period is two years per accounting policy.

### **4. Conditions of Shelters**

The new Yaumatei Shelter at Hau Cheung Street commenced operation in end July 2021. Despite this is a new building, we have encountered numerous problems, including blockage of the urinal bowls, no TV signals and breakdown of water dispensers. Further, we have encountered difficulties to liaise with the relevant Government Departments to fix them timely, and would continue our efforts.

For the Shamshuipo Shelter, the HKJCCT has kindly approved a grant for the renovation works including provision of air-conditioners. The renovated Shelter was reopened in August 2020 and thereafter the condition has been improved significantly.

With respect to the Wanchai Shelter, air-conditioners had also been installed and have been in operation since August 2020, thus improving significantly the condition during hot weather.

## **5. Proposed Redevelopment of Shamshuipo Shelter**

In response to initiative by Tsung Tsin Mission for joint redevelopment of the whole site by the 3 existing users (i.e. Tsung Tsin Mission, Boys' Home and SSSS), in September 2021 the three parties jointly submitted an EOI to URA for participation in URA's scheme for 'Redevelopment of Sites Held by Non-governmental Organizations for Multiple Uses'.

This would be a long term proposal to be further explored.

## **6. Staffing**

The number of supervisors in each Shelter remains unchanged, i.e. a couple for each Shelter and a total of six for all Shelters.

## **7. Administration**

The Society continues to be administered by an entirely voluntary Executive Committee. The members, technical advisors (TA) and trustees (T) for the current year are as follows:

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Ms. Cynthia SHUM

Ms. Carrie WONG

Ms. Natalie KWOK

Mr. Kevin WONG

This year, we are particularly pleased to welcome two new members, Ms. Natalie KWOK and Mr. Kevin WONG, who will bring in new expertise to broaden our perspectives and enable the Society to initiate a succession plan for longer term development.

## **8. Acknowledgements**

The Society is extremely grateful to the continuous financial support from HKJCCT for operation of the Wanchai Shelter and renovation works at the Shamshuipo Shelter as well as the Community Chest for operation of the Yaumatei and Shamshuipo Shelters, and Sing Tao Foundation (for laisee distributed in the Chinese New Year). Thanks are also due to other donors for their supports.

The Society is also grateful to receive continuous professional support from TMF HK Limited as our Honorary Treasurer and Lawrence Chan & Co. as our Honorary Auditor.