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Wikimedia Community User Group Hong Kong (WMHKG)

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I. Preface

The Wikimedia Community User Group ("WMHKG") was recognized by the Wikimedia Foundation on 28th September 2018. During this reporting year from October 2020 to September 2021, WMHKG was in the progress of making our local Articles and Code of Conduct.

Passing the storm of the extradition bill of Hong Kong, WMHKG was again troubled by the National Security Law. Some individuals from an unrecognised and informal user group, Wikimedians in Mainland China ("WMCUG"), was found to attempt to report our WMHKG members and other Hong Kong users through the national security hotline.

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II. Governance Report

A. Membership

During the year of this report, <u>two</u> Wikimedians joined WMHKG. However, <u>two</u> Wikimedians withdrew their memberships due to personal safety concerns and political concerns, and <u>one</u> Wikimedian was forced to withdraw their membership due to the undisclosed and secret close relationship with the WMCUG².

B. Directors

Because of the urgent issues during that period of time, the election of Board Members of WMHKG was not capable of being held. Thereby the directors extended the terms of office by a board resolution³ of 14 days to 11th October 2020, 11:59 (UTC) by default, but de facto of 17 days to 14th October 2020, 11:59 (UTC) due to the duration of the election.

Furthermore, it was resolved that the name of "board member" was changed to "director" by an ordinary resolution⁴ made in an extraordinary general meeting.

C. Structure

All other members hold no defined position within WMHKG. The current structure of WMHKG can be seen in the following table:

Names		Officers
Board		User:Cmsth11126a02 User:WhisperToMe User:だ*ぜ User:無聊龍 (event manager)
	External Affairs Committee	User:1233 User:Temp3600
	Education Programmes Committee	User:1233 User:Richard923888

² The board of WMHKG has verified evidence on this issue.

³ BR#2020/00001

⁴ MR#2021/00001

D. Events and Meetup

During this reporting period, we have held <u>three</u> virtual meetups (including the one passing this annual report), which are **Hong Kong 126** on 27 September 2020; **Hong Kong 127** on 13 June 2021; and **Hong Kong 128** on 19 September 2021. There is no physical meetup due to the pandemic in Hong Kong. The details of the aforementioned meetups can be checked at the Meta-Wiki page of <u>Meetup/Hong Kong</u>.

In Hong Kong 127, we have passed some divisions of the Article of WMHKG. The details can be found in footnote 5^5 .

E. Education Programmes

As for education programmes, both courses from the University of Hong Kong - "CAES9720 Academic Communication for Pharmacy Students" and "CAES9722 Academic English for Biomedical Sciences Students" - were completed in the academic year from 2019 to 2020. In regards to the academic year from 2020 to 2021, however, it remains uncertain.

F. Issues and Challenges

i. Conflicts of User Organisations

It was discovered that a few user organisations were found with conflicts of interest (e.g. serving area). The Board recalls the idea that WMHKG welcomes all members who have any relationship to Hong Kong unless s/he does not fulfill our entry requirements.

ii. National Security Issues & Personal Data Concerns

As stated in the preface, we found that some individuals of the WMCUG shows its substantial attemption of reporting the members or other Hong Kong users to Hong Kong police's national security hotline.

We had several conversations with members and staff from the Wikimedia Foundation. The details remain confidential so as to safeguard our members and keep in line with the Wikimedia Foundation's procedures.

⁵ For more reference, please refer to: [[File:Articles_of_Wikimedia_Community_User_Group_Hong_Kong.pdf]]

G. Future Development

Once the conditions are satisfied in respect to numbers of active members, organisational and financial requirements, we expect to decentralise by forming several other committees, for instance, the **Internal Affairs Committee** (including financial branch), the **Secretarial Committee** and the **Electoral Affairs Committee**.

We also seek trustworthy and competent persons, regardless of region or country, to be independent directors and secretaries. By joining the **Supervisory and Auditory Committee**, the independent directors are able to supervise activities and actions taken by the Board, so as to ensure the transparency of WMHKG. Independent directors are also able to use their rich experience and wealthy knowledge to give necessary advice to the directors.

The internal correspondence method and other necessary virtual facilities are in the deliberation process. Due to financial status and some other difficulties, it is, however, in an embarrassing position.

On the aspect of education programmes, we endeavour to make co-operational relationships with more local universities, other than just the University of Hong Kong. That includes collaborative courses in the same model as the current status.

It is in progress of drafting the official Articles⁶, guidelines and code of conducts (including privacy and confidentiality for the whole WMHKG members). Moreover, the drafting of a self-protection handbook on personal data is under discussion.

We intend to form any possible formal and close relationships with other Wikimedia affiliates. Standing in the ESEAP communities and particularly the Chinese community, we hope such connections could benefit every official affiliate in various aspects.

⁶ "章程" in Chinese. In another word, the bylaw of the organisation. It has a constitutional and superior status to the whole WMHKG.

III. Financial Statements

During this reporting year, WMHKG did not receive any financial support from members, from external persons or organizations, nor from the Wikimedia Foundation. There is no membership fee arrangement as well. In summary, WMHKG has no assets nor incomes.

By the reason of that, there is no report from an auditor.