Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai, Causeway Bay & Adjoining Areas Envisioning Stage

Charrette: 18 June 2005 (Wan Chai)

## **Group Discussion Record Sheet**

Group No: 4 (red)

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## (A) Vision for Wan Chai Waterfront

- 4 key visions on harbour-front enhancement agreed among the group members were:
  - 1. Continuous Waterfront
  - 2. Environmental Enhancement
  - 3. Abundant Space & Diversified Functions (Culture, Leisure, Recreation)
  - 4. Solving traffic congestion

#### **(B)** Land-use Theme

- Planning for the harbour-front should consider: the provision of diversified functions and activities; sufficient space for enjoyment and activities; greenery; and comfortibility. Also, it should be accessible so that people can come for fishing and walking. Some members concerned that the area of reclamation should be minimized. And the existing sewage treatment facilities should be redirected. The 2 major planning themes suggested were:
  - 1. Provision of diversified Functions along the Harbour-front (多元化)
  - 2. High Accessibility to the Harbour-front

## (C) Land-use Components

• Members started with sharing about their ideas of ideal Victoria Harbour. For the harbour-front enhancement, most members expressed the importance of

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provision of abundant space along the waterfront promenade.

- All members agreed that the harbour-front must be accessible and should provide both vibrant and leisure activities. The harbour-front should provide diversified functions to serve different needs of the people.
- Some members suggested that the existing helipad can be converted to an outdoor venue for cultural performance.
- The Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter should be retained.
- Members agreed to build the CW bypass since residents on the Hong Kong Island expressed that the traffic congestion is very serious. Some members suggested that building the bypass and the harbour-front enhancement is equally important. However, some members simply said that the bypass issue is too technical for them to make a choice between the various possibilities.
- A member expressed that there are many limitations to the harbour-front enhancement. Therefore, changes should be minimized.

## (D) Design Principles

- Greenery should play a significant part in the enhancement.
- The continuity of the waterfront promenade with environmental enhancement is a major concern among members.

## (E) Form of Highway Preferred

- Generally, members agreed that there is a need to build the bypass. However, the deep tunnel option is expensive and there is no slip road to Causeway Bay which cannot optimize its function of solving traffic congestion along the northern Hong Kong Island, and cannot meet the needs of the travellers. The flyover option will have a significant negative visual impact to the surrounding environment.
- After the discussion, no consensus was achieved among the members Members
  expressed that the several possibilities were too technical for them to understand,
  not to mention about making a choice between them.

# (F) Connectivity

## Pedestrian Facilities and Connection

- Providing pedestrian footbridges (preferred) or crossing tunnels between the harbour-front and hinterland to strengthen the connection between Victoria Park and the harbour-front. It was stressed that activities (cultural activities or kiosks) should be encouraged along those connections;
- Providing a footbridge over the entrance of the Cross-harbour Tunnel to form a continuous harbour-front for people;
- Upgrading the pedestrian facilities right at the southern edge of the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter;
- Providing floating bridges (at the IEC) to link all the pillars together.

## (G) Other Discussion:

• Since the members could not make a consensus on the form of the bypass, they agreed to proceed with the planning and design for the harbour-front enhancement first. They agreed to leave the bypass construction issues with the engineers – the engineers can design the form of the bypass given the bypass can cater for their

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planning ideas at the harbour-front.

- 3 names were suggested for the naming of the planning ideas. In general members tended to prefer the third name:
  - 1. "Hong Kong Citizen's Corridor"「香港市民走廊」;
  - 2. "People's Corridor"「人民走廊」; and
  - 3. "One Harbour Two Waterfronts"「一港兩濱」.

#### Waterfront Promenade

- Providing a continuous waterfront promenade between Wanchai and North Point, with the width more than 10 metres;
- Providing leisure facilities and greenery;
- Enhancing the environment under the Eastern Island Corridor, setting up floating bridges to link all the pillars together;
- Fishing allowed along the waterfront promenade.

# Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter

- Preserving the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter its characters (some members didn't mind relocating the shelter as long as its characters is preserved);
- Improving the water quality of the typhoon shelter (reclamation at the two corners of the typhoon shelter is acceptable to speed up the water movement/circulation, if there is no better solution to enhance the water quality at the embayment. Members suggested to try dredging the contaminated seabed at the embayment areas first);
- Upgrading the breakwater of the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter to part of the waterfront promenade, and providing ferry services at both ends of the breakwater for commuting purpose.

## Other Suggested Facilities / Issues along the Harbour-front

- Converting the existing helipad at the harbour-front between Wanchai and Causeway Bay into the outdoor cultural performance venue (especially for musical performance and drama);
- Minimizing the area of reclamation.

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- ③保留避風塘風塘
- ③ 直升楼坪二文化、
- 金)10米陶海海原
- ⑤美化東廊底(符稿)
- 的有海海特色
- 分提供件開綠化

- 图链照特的波堤
- 9改善避風塘對落
- 10)改善避雨塘的

