

WORK PLAN OF ENVISIONING STAGE

1. The work plan of the Envisioning Stage was endorsed by the HEC Sub-committee on Wan Chai Development Phase II Review at its meeting of 14 December 2004. It has the following key components :

Sustainability framework

2. The concept of sustainability development will guide the whole HER project. At the Envisioning Stage, an agreed list of sustainability principles and indicators will be generated. These agreed indicators will be used to evaluate the Concept Plan and Master Plan to be developed in the Realization Stage. This will ensure a high degree of community support on the draft OZP and draft RODP to be developed in the Detailed Planning Stage of HER.

Collaborators

3. To ensure an open and inclusive engagement process, a number of organizations representing different sectors of the public, including the relevant District Councils, community, business, green groups as well as academic and professional institutions will be approached to act as collaborators. They will help in the following respects:

- (i) reviewing the constraints and opportunities of harbour-front development;
- (ii) establishing the preliminary set of sustainability principles and indicators;
- (iii) promote the public participation activities through their social network;
- (iv) ensuring a transparent and fair process; and
- (v) evaluating the Concept Plan and Master Plan.

4. Two collaborators' working group meetings were held on 23 January 2005 and 2 April 2005 for the collaborators to contribute to matters mentioned above prior to activities for the general public.

Information to Public

5. To empower the stakeholders and the public with adequate background

knowledge, public engagement kits and exhibition panels will be prepared. A Public Engagement Kit for the Envisioning Stage has been prepared.

Public Forums

6. To reach out to the public, five public forums are proposed; four at different districts on Hong Kong Island and one in Kowloon. Besides collecting views and concerns of the public regarding the future harbour-front at Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and the adjoining areas, the public forums are also intended to contribute towards establishing the set of sustainability development principles and indicators which will be adopted in evaluating options during the Realization Stage of HER.

Community Design Charettes

7. Two community design charrettes are proposed to assist participants to envision the future harbour-front at Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and the adjoining areas after gaining a proper understanding of the constraints, opportunities, issues and concerns of the general public related to the WDII project. One charrette will be conducted on Hong Kong Island and the other in Kowloon.

Opinion surveys

8. To ensure a wider coverage of the public in collecting views, opinion surveys are proposed. These surveys will be in the form of telephone survey covering all areas in Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and New Territories, road-side survey around the WDII project area, and on-line survey through this website.

Promotion

9. Collaborators are expected to promote the public participation activities in their own groups/institutions. Further promotion through the media will be arranged to facilitate even wider community participation in the activities.

Programme

10. The programme for the Envisioning Stage of HER is as follows:

- (i) Collaborators' working group meetings – 23 January 2005 and 2 April 2005
- (ii) Opinion surveys, public forums and charrettes – May to June 2005
- (iii) Report on findings of Envisioning Stage – about early August 2005