

**Harbour-front Enhancement Committee
Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review**

**Temporary Promenade along
Kwun Tong Public Cargo Working Area**

Purpose

1. To brief Members on the proposed design of the temporary promenade along the Kwun Tong Public Cargo Working Area (KT-PCWA) and to invite Members to give comments on the same.

Background

2. At the Kwun Tong District Council (KTDC) Meeting of 6 May 2008, a resolution was passed urging the Government to take prompt actions for closing the existing waterfront PCWAs in Kwun Tong and Cha Kwo Ling as soon as possible for transformation into waterfront promenades. At the end of July 2008, the Government had cleared a 200-meter section of the KT-PCWA to make way for the development of a temporary promenade.
3. At various meetings of the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC) and its Sub-committees and Task Groups, Members have suggested that potential “quick-wins” should be identified for public enjoyment prior to implementation of long-term project. The 200-meter promenade along KT-PCWA was identified as a suitable “quick-win” project.

Plan for Implementation

4. The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) has been liaising with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to implement the project. The design and construction works of the promenade would be undertaken by ArchSD. LCSD would be responsible for the day-to-day management of the completed facilities, including cleansing and provision of security service etc.

5. The construction works of the project is tentatively scheduled to commence in early 2009 for completion by end of 2009.

Subject Site

6. The project site is located at the southeast end of the KT-PCWA near Kwun Tong Public Pier. The site area is about 4,670m², approximately 200m x 23m in size. Its complete landside frontage is bounded by the elevated road of Kwun Tong By-pass. (Ref. **Annex 1 – Site Location & Context**).

Design Considerations

7. The local public has been engaged since project inception stage. We have also consulted the District Facilities Management Committee of KTDC, a key stakeholder, on 16 September 2008 in order to get a clear understanding of the expectations of the local public. To create a pleasant environment for the public to enjoy the harbour and its harbour-front amenity facilities, a number of key issues have been carefully taken into consideration in our design:

- (a) *Accessibility* – How convenient pedestrian access can be provided across the imposing highway structures and busy vehicular traffic?
- (b) *Amenity for All* – What kind of attractions can be provided to different user groups – including the nearby working populations, the Kwun Tong residents living quite far away; as well as different age groups?
- (c) *Microclimate Moderation* – How to bring in panoramic sea-view with breeze, and yet filtering out the intense solar heat and glare in this open site of westerly orientation, especially in summer afternoons?
- (d) *Environmental Nuisances* – How the nuisances generated by the adjoining PCWA operation, heavy road traffic and industrial undertakings can be effectively mitigated?
- (e) *Life and Vibrancy* – What kinds of dynamic elements and interesting activities can be introduced to inject life and vibrancy into the otherwise monotonous city fabric?

Design Features of the Temporary Promenade

8. Pursuant to the above-mentioned key issues of consideration,

a preliminary design proposal as shown in **Annex 2** has been prepared. The key features of the design are explained in the ensuing paragraphs.

9. Two pedestrian entrances would be provided at the north and south ends of the 200-meter frontage along Hoi Bun Road. The present oppressive access underneath the flyover would be transformed into prominent entrance portals to impart a sense of welcomed arrival through innovative use of colours and lighting effects. The visitors can catch a glimpse of the open harbour-front beyond these portals.

10. High screen planting will be introduced underneath the Kwun Tong By-pass to soften the flyover structures and to introduce pleasant greenery into the place. Similar green barriers will also be provided along the northern edge to screen off the adjoining PCWA from the visitors' view.

11. An air of secluded tranquility will prevail in the passive activity zone around an expansive lawn stretching from the central to the northern part of the site. People will be allowed to walk and sit freely on the grass to enjoy the sea breeze and sunshine.

12. A continuous boardwalk of wood decking along the seawall will give a pleasant soft feeling for strolling, jogging and even Tai-chi. At nighttime, the recessed up-lights along the boardwalk reminiscent of ocean-liner atmosphere will be a perennial attraction.

13. Sitting benches will be provided on the wood deck and underneath the flyover, being made use of as an effective "natural" shading device for the promenade especially in the morning. Arbours, trellises and other forms of innovative shading features will also be provided.

14. As the focal point of the active zone in front of the south main entrance, a "mist piazza" featuring a light tower will be a precinct for multipurpose uses. Mist emission following the rhythm of background music can provide interactive stimulation to the visitors and achieve cooling effect in hot weather. At nighttime, interesting effects of colourful shifting light on the mists and the soffit of the flyover, coupled with the light tower as a lantern, will enrich the night scene of the promenade to make it an attractive and dynamic place.

15. We hope the project will be successful driving force in opening up the harbour-front and arousing the public of its hidden treasures; and through its popularity at this strategic location, the overall

rehabilitation of the Kwun Tong harbour-front can be expedited.

Advice Sought

16. Members' comments on the proposed design of the promenade are sought.

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Annexes

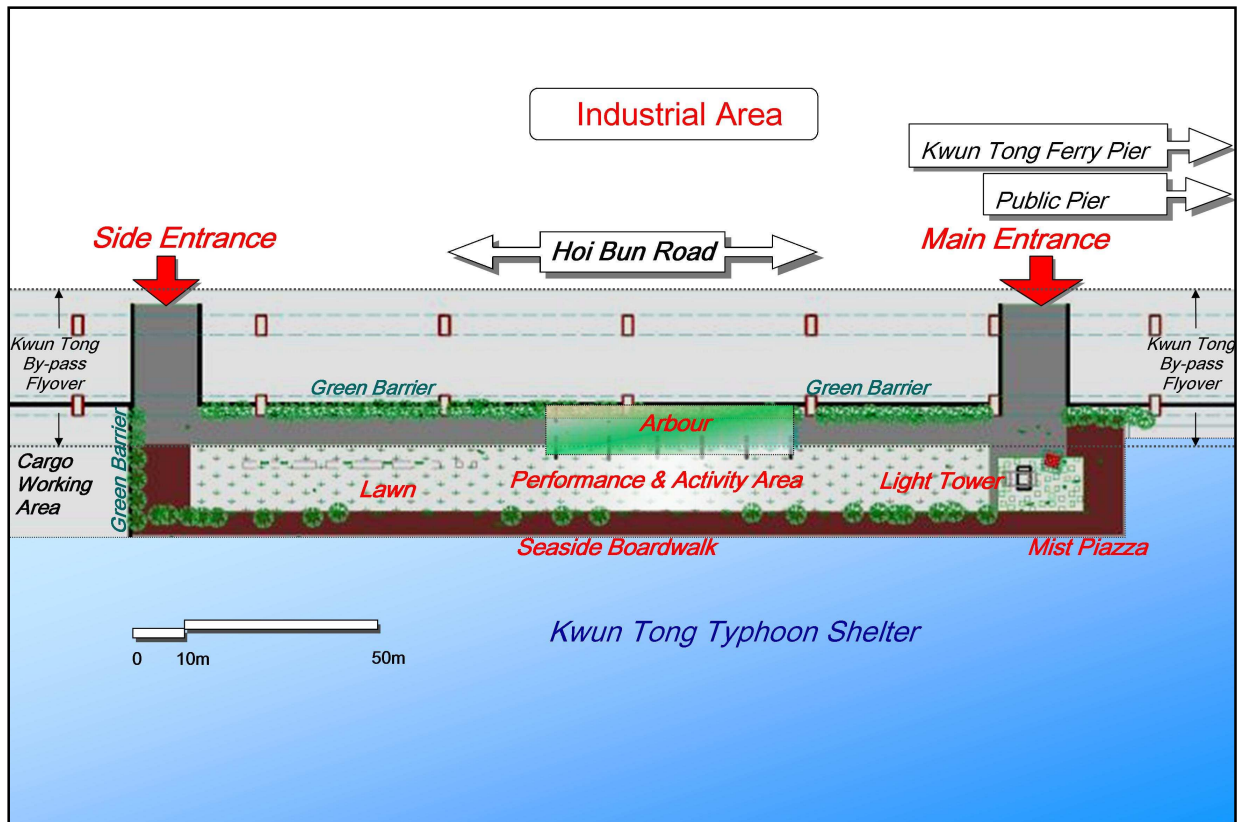
Annex 1 – *Site Location & Context*

Annex 2 – *Preliminary Design Sketches*

Annex 1 – Site Location & Context



Annex 2 – Preliminary Design Sketches



Site Layout Plan



Overview from southeast with the entrance mist piazza and the feature light tower in the foreground.

Annex 2 – Preliminary Design Sketches (Continued)



Overview from northwest with the lawn area and the seaside boardwalk in the foreground and Kwun Tong By-pass in the background.



A nighttime attraction – Special lighting and mist effects adding vibrancy and interest.