

## **VICTORIA HARBOUR AND ITS WATERFRONT AREAS** **VISION, MISSION & PLANNING PRINCIPLES**

### **Victoria Harbour : Vision**

To enhance Victoria Harbour and its harbour-front areas to become an attractive, vibrant, accessible and sustainable world-class asset: a harbour for the people, a harbour of life.

### **Victoria Harbour : Mission**

To realise the vision of Victoria Harbour through effective and balanced utilization of land and marine resources having regard to the Harbour Planning Principles and subject to an open and transparent public engagement process.

### **Harbour Planning Principles**

The Harbour Planning Principles were developed and are monitored by the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee as a set of guidelines for all individuals and organisations to facilitate the sustainable planning, preservation, development and management of Victoria Harbour and the harbour-front areas.

#### ***Preserving Victoria Harbour***

***Principle 1:*** Victoria Harbour must be protected and preserved for Hong Kong people and visitors as a special public asset, a natural and cultural heritage asset, and a driver for the creation of economic and social values.

#### ***Stakeholder Engagement***

***Principle 2:*** All sectors of the community must be engaged at an early stage and on an on-going basis in the planning, development and management of Victoria Harbour and its harbour-front areas through transparent and inclusive consensus building processes.

#### ***Sustainable Development***

***Principle 3:*** The planning, development and management of Victoria Harbour and its harbour-front areas should embrace the principles of sustainable development to balance and cater for the economic, social and environmental needs of all sectors of the present generation, without compromising the needs of future generations.

### ***Integrated Planning***

***Principle 4:*** Integrated and long-term planning, development and management of infrastructure, land and marine uses, and water quality is essential to ensure that Victoria Harbour and its harbour-front areas support and enhance the economic, environmental and social aspirations of Hong Kong.

### ***Proactive Harbour Enhancement***

***Principle 5:*** The planning, development and management of Victoria Harbour must proactively enhance the harbour and its harbour-front areas as Hong Kong's symbol of urban design excellence and Hong Kong's brand identity to the international community.

### ***Vibrant Harbour***

***Principle 6:*** It is essential to balance the use of the harbour to provide both a maritime and logistics hub for the safe and efficient passage of people and goods, and as a cultural and leisure facility. Both marine and land-side activities must cater to and balance with the aspirations of all sectors of the community.

### ***Accessible Harbour***

***Principle 7:*** Victoria Harbour must integrate with the hinterland in a comprehensive manner, including ample unrestricted and convenient visual and physical access for pedestrians, preferably at grade, to and along the Harbour as well as the harbour-front areas.

### ***Public Enjoyment***

***Principle 8:*** The planning, development and management of Victoria Harbour and its harbour-front areas should maximize opportunities for public enjoyment. Land required for and the impact from infrastructure developments, utility installations and land uses incompatible with the harbour planning principles should be minimized.

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