

**Progress Report from
the Sub-committee on South East Kowloon Development Review
of the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee**

Reporting period

This progress report covers the period from September to October 2004.

Meeting(s) held and the Major Outcome, Findings and Recommendations

3rd Meeting – 20 October 2004

2. The Sub-committee held its third meeting on 20 October 2004. The following major issues were discussed –

(a) Progress report on Stage One Public Participation in Kai Tak Planning Review

The Sub-committee noted the public participation activities arranged, including three public forums and a community workshop, and a series of briefings/discussions with relevant statutory/advisory bodies and other stake-holder/user groups.

The Sub-committee gave full support to the public participation activities. Many local, professional and concerned groups also participated as collaborators. The Chairman of the Sub-committee kindly agreed to act as a panel member in the public forums. Public views collected were reported in the public forums and uploaded onto the study website for general viewing. In brief, the public appreciated the need for a more in-depth participatory planning process. On the specific developments for Kai Tak, the views were diverse, ranging from developing the site for tourism, recreation, aviation, marine education to international multi-media/digital developments. There were also calls for preserving

the Kai Tak air traffic control tower. These views would be taken into account in formulating the next step.

(b) Planning history of Kai Tak

The Sub-committee was briefed on the planning concepts, development parameters and master plans prepared in the previous studies on Kai Tak. Members noted the changes in the planning context, including population projections and housing demand aspects, the evolution of the planning schemes and the design approach. The Sub-committee suggested that the master plan in the current study should place emphasis on the importance of harbour amenity, environmental protection, sustainable development and public involvement.

(c) Site Visit to Kai Tak

The Sub-committee paid a visit to the Kai Tak site, including the ex-air traffic control tower, Kai Tak Approach Channel and Kai Tak Point. Members were briefed on the constraints of the peripheral highways, interface with surrounding districts, environmental issues related to the approach channel and the possible mitigation measures. Members also discussed the visual corridors and development opportunities at Kai Tak Point.

3. The next meeting of the Sub-committee will be held on 13 December 2004.

**Secretariat, Sub-committee on South East Kowloon Development Review
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2nd Meeting – 6 October 2004

2. The Sub-committee held its second meeting on 6 October 2004. The following issues were discussed –

(a) Membership size of Sub-committees

The Sub-committee welcomed Mr Steve Chan as a new member. Given the need to keep the membership size at a manageable level, the Sub-committee agreed to invite the HEC to give further thoughts to the need of capping the number of members at Sub-committees at the coming HEC meeting.

(b) Approach on Overall Harbour Plan Review

The Sub-committee agreed the general approach for the review of the Harbour Planning Framework, and noted Planning Department's preliminary proposal to divide the harbour-front areas into roughly six sub-areas, instead of the 14 areas as proposed by the Business Environment Council.

The Sub-committee decided that the details of the review of the Harbour Plan should be deliberated by the Task Group on Harbour Planning Principles. A paper on the details of the review and priority of study will be prepared for discussion at the next Sub-committee

meeting.

(c) Harbour-front Enhancement

The Sub-committee noted that CEDD would commence beautification works for the hoardings outside the Central Post Office shortly.

On the proposed enhancement works for West Kowloon, the Sub-committee noted that the Government would proceed with the building of a waterfront promenade. The Government would provide Members with more information on the project, including the time-table, at the next Sub-committee meeting.

(d) Harbour Planning Issues

The Sub-committee decided that the Secretary would compile a checklist on the issues related to harbour planning as a reference/reminder for the Sub-committee in its work programme.

Task Group meetings

3. The Task Group on Central Outlying Islands Ferry Piers, convened by Dr Alvin Kwok, met on 2 September, 4 and 14 October respectively. The Task Group agreed to engage the public in the planning process with a view to producing a design brief for enhancing the ferry piers and the adjoining areas. To facilitate public participation in the process, the Sub-committee would commission a consultant to take forward the programme.

4. The Task Group on Review of Harbour Planning Principles, convened by Dr Andrew Thomson, met on 7 and 20 October 2004 respectively. The Task Group agreed the draft harbour planning principles for submission to the Sub-committee for consideration at its next meeting.

5. The next meeting of the Sub-committee will be held on 24 November 2004.

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**Progress Report from
the Sub-committee on Wan Chai Development Phase II Review
of the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee**

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Meeting(s) held and the Major Outcome, Findings and Recommendations

2nd Meeting – 13 October 2004

2. The Sub-committee held its second meeting on 13 October 2004. The following issues were discussed –

- (a) To facilitate a quick follow-up on discussions/decisions of the previous meetings, and to relieve the workload of the secretariat, the Sub-committee agreed that instead of preparing detailed minutes of meetings, action minutes would be compiled to capture the follow-up actions required and the gist of discussions on issues of substance. In parallel, arrangements would be made to upload the audio record of the proceedings of the meetings onto the HEC website.

The Sub-committee recommended this arrangement for adoption by the HEC and its other Sub-committees.

- (b) The Sub-committee decided not to appoint any co-opt member at this stage.
- (c) Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai and Adjoining Areas
Following the endorsement of the HEC at its meeting on 9 September of the proposal to commence the WDII public participation programme as quickly as possible, and the delegation to the Sub-committee on WDII Review to supervise the programme, the Sub-committee discussed and

endorsed the proposed arrangements and the brief for the programme, which is now named “Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai and Adjoining Areas (“HER project”)”. Invitation of quotations for selecting a specialist for conducting the HER project commenced on 15 October. The project was expected to start in November 2004.

The Sub-committee agreed that the on-going engineering works of Central Reclamation Phase III were outside the purview of the HER project and the Sub-committee.

The Sub-committee also decided to set up a Task Force to monitor the progress of the HER project. Mr K Y Leung (the Sub-committee Chairman) had kindly agreed to be the convener of the Task Force.

(d) Report on submission of views to the Sub-committee

The Trade Development Council (“TDC”) had submitted a request to brief the HEC Members on the expansion proposal at the Atrium Bridge connecting Phases I and II of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The request was referred to the Sub-committee for consideration. The Sub-committee deliberated on whether a presentation by the TDC to the Sub-committee should be arranged. As the HEC would further discuss how to handle submissions and requests for presentation made by members of the public, the Sub-committee decided to defer discussion of the matter until after the next HEC meeting on 4 November.

(e) The Sub-committee considered the suggestion to build a baseline physical model on WDII, and noted that CEDD was preparing a 3-D animation model to facilitate the WDII Review. As such, the Sub-committee agreed to defer discussion on the matter until after viewing the model produced by CEDD.

3. The next meeting of the Sub-committee will be held on 14 December 2004.

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