

**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 January to February 2005. The progress of the Stage 1 Public Participation of the Kai Tak Planning Review is illustrated at the Annex.

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

**Working Session – 3 February 2005**

2. A working session was convened to enhance communication among the Sub-committee Members, which would be convened on a need basis for focus discussion on relevant subjects. The following key issues were discussed -

Members noted that in response to their request made at the fourth Sub-committee meeting, concerned bureaux/departments would be invited to brief the Sub-committee at the fifth meeting on the policy context, needs and development programme on the key development components planned for Kai Tak in the current Outline Zoning Plan. The Consultants would provide an overview of the development concepts and proposals received in the Stage 1 Public Participation.

To enhance transparency of the process, Members considered that members of the public should be involved again to examine the public comments and proposals received before concluding the public participation report and the preparation of the Outline Concept Plan options.

To enhance public involvement in the preparation of Outline Concept Plan, the public session could include the translation of the planning vision identified in the Stage 1 Public Participation into more detailed

development themes and proposals.

The Sub-committee would organise the public session with funding support from the HEC.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sub-committee meeting – 23 February 2005**

3. At the Sub-committee's fifth meeting held on 23 February 2005, the following major issues were discussed –

#### Stage 1 Public Participation – Overview of Public Comments

At the fourth meeting, Members discussed the public comments on the development visions, planning principles, reclamation and interface issues and considered that these could be taken forward in the study process. Members continued discussions on the key development components proposed for Kai Tak and the development concepts and proposals received in the Stage 1 Public Participation, with inputs from relevant bureaux/departments.

Members noted the policy context, needs and development programme of key projects including multi-purpose stadium, cruise terminal, cross-boundary heliport, existing marine facilities, refuse transfer station and Central Kowloon Route/Road T2. However, Members generally requested for more background information regarding the choice of locations for these facilities and bureaux/departments were requested to substantiate these aspects prior to further public engagement.

Members also noted the development constraints arising from proposals to introduce an airfield and golf course at Kai Tak, and the positions of relevant bureaux/departments regarding relocation of Central Government headquarters to Kai Tak and reprovisioning of Kwun Tong By-pass, as proposed by the public.

The meeting agreed that the HEC Sub-committee would convene a public session in the morning of 19 March 2005 (Saturday) to discuss the development vision, planning principles and the development concepts/proposals received in the Stage 1 Public Participation, the development components proposed in the current Outline Zoning Plan and possibly the development themes for preparation of Outline Concept

Plan.

Dr W K Chan, as the Sub-committee Chairman would chair this session together with a Convening Panel with other interested Sub-committee Members. An Expert Group of representatives from concerned bureaux/departments and study consultants would be formed to provide technical advice to the session. This public session would provide input to consolidate the Stage 1 Public Participation Report and the preparation of options of Outline Concept Plan for Stage 2 Public Participation. A working session would be arranged with the Sub-committee Members to discuss details of the public engagement event.

Members also agreed to submit the proposed public session to the HEC for endorsement.

4. The next meeting of the Sub-committee is scheduled to be held on 18 April 2005.

**Secretariat,  
HEC Sub-committee on SEKD Review  
March 2005**

# Kai Tak Planning Review: Progress of Stage 1 Public Participation

Annex



**Progress Report from the Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review  
of the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee**

**Reporting Period**

This progress report covers the period from January to February 2005.

**Meeting(s) held and the Major Outcome, findings and Recommendations**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sub-committee meeting – 26 January 2005**

2. At the fourth meeting held on 26 January 2005, the following major issues were discussed -

(a) Harbour Plan District-based Studies

This paper was considered on 24 November 2004 and 26 January 2005. The meeting requested the Task Group on Harbour Planning Principles to further refine the relevant paper for consideration.

(b) Harbour Plan Review—Kowloon Central (Hung Hom) Baseline Report

The meeting noted the report and that the Harbour Planning Principles had been adopted in the baseline assessment. It suggested the Task Group on Harbour Planning Principles to refine the baseline report, work out a strategy and timetable for the next step (i.e. envisioning) Study for consideration.

(c) Living Harbour Review

A special meeting organized by the Sub-committee, to be held on 9 March 2005, will be opened to HEC members, at which PlanD will present the findings of previous planning studies relating to the marine uses and facilities.

(d) Tasks for the Sub-committee

A special working session would be arranged on 7 March 2005 for the Chairman of the Sub-committee, the convenor of the Task Group on Harbour Planning Principles and PlanD to review the programme of the 'List of Tasks to be Attended by the Sub-committee.'

(e) Temporary Waterfront Promenade at West Kowloon Cultural District

The meeting considered the preliminary design and HPLB would circulate the finalized design drawings for information of Members.

(f) Beautification of Hoardings

The meeting noted that works to beautify the hoarding near the Central Ferry Piers were completed in December 2004. A working meeting involving concerned Members and CEDD would be held on 10 March 2005 to consider ways of beautifying hoardings near City Hall and Tamar.

3. The next meeting of the Sub-committee is scheduled to be held on 30 March 2005.

***Central Ferry Piers Participatory Programme***

4. Invitation for tender for the Programme was issued on 25 January 2005. A briefing session was held on 1 February 2005. One submission was received when the invitation was closed on 22 February 2005. The Assessment Panel will meet shortly to assess the submission, and then report to the Task Group on Central Ferry Piers on 17 March 2005.

***Task Group Meetings***

5. The Task Groups on Harbour Planning Principles and Central Ferry Piers will meet on 17 March 2005.

***Other Matters***

6. The meeting noted the Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade Beautification Project and the "List of Known (Planned and Proposed) Projects at Harbourfront"

prepared by Planning Department.

7. A workshop was arranged on 24 February 2005 for Members and LCSD to exchange views on the management of harbourfront public open spaces.

8. The Task Group on Harbour Planning Principles will consult the Town Planning Board on the draft Harbour Planning Principles on 11 March 2005.

**Secretariat, Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review  
March 2005**

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

**Reporting period**

This progress report covers the period from January to February 2004.

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Meeting – 7 February 2005**

2. The Sub-committee held its fourth meeting on 7 February 2005. The following issues were discussed –

(a) Submission from Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC)

RHKYC presented their ideas for development of the harbour-front at Wan Chai. RHKYC proposed to redevelop the ex-Wan Chai Public Cargo Working Area into a marina and to connect Victoria Park to the harbour-front. RHKYC supported HEC's eight harbour planning principles and the tunnel concepts for building the Trunk Road through Causeway Bay.

The Sub-committee noted that feasibility of the proposal has to be further considered with details to be provided.

(b) Progress report on Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai and Adjoining Areas (“HER”)

The Sub-committee considered in detail the progress report on HER submitted by the secretariat that covered the period between the two Sub-committee meetings. The Task Force on HER would follow up on the discussions, mainly in the following areas:



- (i) Communications between official and unofficial Members, among the Sub-committee Members and between the Task Force on HER and the Sub-committee itself had to be improved. Brief progress reports on the HER project would be sent to the Sub-committee Members periodically by e-mails for their information.
  - (ii) Liaison with the District Councils should be enhanced and the relevant District Councils, especially the Eastern District Council, should be briefed on the HER project before the public forums and charrettes commence. To allow for this, the programme of HER would be extended and an updated programme was being formulated.
  - (iii) The Sub-committee considered that the original objective of the public engagement and envisioning process was not fully comprehended by the media and the public upon release of the “Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai and Adjoining Areas: Public Engagement Kit”. The Sub-committee decided that it would issue another self-contained Kit as soon as possible to replace the original Kit to better facilitate the public engagement and envisioning process.
  - (iv) The collaborators could be invited to play a more active role in participation of HER. The Task Force members and secretariat would participate in the activities organized by the collaborators to explain the HER objectives as far as practicable.
- (c) Fostering genuine partnership from within

Reflecting on their participation in the Sub-committee, Dr. Alvin Kwok and Dr. M K Ng prepared the captioned paper to suggest a mode of ‘governance beyond government’. They suggested more dialogue within the HEC, reinforcing working relationship between the HEC, government and the consultants, increasing transparency and openness, improving secretariat services, enhancing assistance for public participation and capacity and institutional building.

The Sub-committee agreed to the suggestions in the paper generally and suggested that Dr. Kwok and Dr. Ng submit it to the HEC for further

consideration.

### **Task Force Meeting**

3. The Task Force on HER met on 15 February 2005 and reviewed in detail the content of the new public engagement kit, questionnaires for opinion survey of the Envisioning Stage, role of and communication with collaborators and the new time frame for HER. The major discussions are set out as follows:

- (a) Besides being concise and self-contained, it was agreed that the new public engagement kit should foster envisioning by members of the public. It would set out the vision for development along the northern shore of the Hong Kong Island, the priority action area under the HER project (i.e. Wan Chai and Causeway Bay Waterfront), the existing situation along the waterfront and the opportunity available as catalyzed by the need to resolve traffic congestions, the public engagement process under HER, the PHO and the CFA judgment, the sustainability principles and indicators and the preliminary wish and constraint lists. Ideas from the public on the wish and constraint lists and visions would be invited alongside the setting out of the key issues with reference to the transport, connectivity and harbour-front vibrancy perspectives. Different scenarios can be mapped out as necessary.
- (b) As part of the enhanced participation, the collaborators would be requested to comment on the draft new public engagement kit before finalization.
- (c) The Specialist, City Planning, was requested to review the survey questionnaires to better reflect the public engagement process to be included in the new public engagement kit.
- (d) The updated work plan would be further considered when the time table on reaching out to the District Councils and the key stakeholders was finalised.
- (e) The Task Force will meet again on 4 March 2005 to review the progress of work in the above aspects.

4. The next meeting of the Sub-committee will be held on 12 April 2005.

**Secretariat, HEC Sub-committee on WDII Review  
March 2005**