

**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 mid February 2006 to April 2006.

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

11th Sub-committee Meeting – 7 April 2006

2. At the 11th Sub-committee meeting held on 7 April 2006, the following major items were discussed –
 - (a) The Sub-committee discussed the draft Report on the Second Kai Tak Forum. Members noted that the concerned bureaux/departments should further substantiate their responses to the issues raised in the Forum. Members also noted that there was general support to the initial ideas discussed in the workshop in the preparation of the Preliminary Outline Development Plan (PODP) and more effort should be made in enhancing the connectivity between Kai Tak and the surrounding districts, in particular Kwun Tong.
 - (b) In response to Members' request, Planning Department would provide Members with a list of the development components proposed for Kai Tak for information. Members' further

questions on the outstanding issues would be passed onto the concerned bureaux/departments for responses. Working session with Members would be arranged in due course to further discuss the preparation of the PODP. The Report of the Second Kai Tak Forum would be uploaded to the HEC and Planning Department websites and its content would be reflected in the Report of Stage 2 Public Participation: Outline Concept Plans.

- (c) Members also noted that the PODP was expected to be ready by mid 2006 for further public engagement activities under the Stage 3 Public Participation programme.

Second Kai Tak Forum – 25 March 2006

3. The Second Kai Tak Forum was convened by the Sub-committee on 25 March 2006. The Forum was a half-day event including forum discussion on the comments and responses in the Stage 2 Public Participation programme and group discussion workshops to consolidate the planning concepts as inputs to the preparation of the PODP for Kai Tak.

4. The Forum was moderated by the Chairman of the Sub-committee and supported by a panel of Sub-committee Members. The Consultants of the Kai Tak Planning Review and representatives of Government bureaux/departments also supported the Forum in the presentation of public comments/proposals and elaboration of Governments' responses to the issues of Kai Tak Approach Channel, land use/transport planning, cruise terminal, multi-purpose terminal complex, heliport and aviation uses, refuse transfer station, connectivity and interface with surrounding districts and marine-related facilities.

5. In the workshop discussion session of the Forum, the participants discussed extensively the key planning issues raised in the Stage 2 Public Participation, regarding open space system, connectivity with the surrounding districts, heritage proposals and design concepts for the Runway Precinct with a view to consolidating the planning concepts for the preparation of the PODP, with inputs from the public.

6. The Forum was well attended with over 200 participants from different sectors of the community/organisations, District Councils, stakeholder groups, professional institutes, etc. The audio/video records of the event, background information, PowerPoint presentations, and exhibition materials have all been uploaded to the HEC and Planning Department websites.

7. Prior to the Forum, a site visit to Kai Tak was arranged on 18 March 2006 to enable members of the public to familiarise themselves with the development opportunities and constraints of Kai Tak. A total of 160 participants joined the site visit covering the ex-airport terminal area, Kai Tak Approach Channel, runway area and Kai Tak Point. Some visitors took the opportunity to express their concerns on the site and their views for future development.

8. Members maintained their concerns on the temporary uses in the Kai Tak site and considered that the extensive waterfront areas should be opened up for public usage. The meeting undertook to bring this issue to the attention of the HEC.

9. The next Sub-committee meeting is scheduled to be held on 15 June 2006.

**Secretariat,
HEC Sub-committee on SEKD Review
April 2006**

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

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

11th Sub-committee Meeting – 8 March 2006

2. The Sub-committee discussed the following issues -

(a) ***Harbour Planning Principles***

The Task Group has revised the Harbour Planning Principles in the light of the comments received. The Sub-committee agreed that, subject to some minor revisions, the revised Principles be submitted to HEC for consideration. Subject to HEC's endorsement, the revised set of Principles, in both English and Chinese, would be uploaded to the HEC website. The Task Group would proceed to the next stage of formulating specific harbour planning guidelines and enhancement initiatives.

(b) ***Central Harbourfront and Me (CHarM)***

The Sub-committee endorsed the draft Final Report and Design Brief for submission to the HEC. Subject to HEC's endorsement, the Final Report and Design Brief would be uploaded to the website. The Task Group would consider the arrangement for

formal submission of the Design Brief to the Government.

(c) ***Hoarding Beautification Drawing Competition***

To encourage public participation in the enhancement of the harbour-front, the Sub-committee proposed to hold a drawing competition and the successful entries of which would be reproduced and mounted on the hoardings along the Central waterfront for beautification purpose. Agreement was obtained from the Central and Western District Council (DC) to co-organize the drawing competition with HEC by sponsoring the prizes and trophies. The Sub-committee agreed that the Task Group on CHarM would continue to oversee the organization of the competition. Members noted that Planning Department (PlanD) had already obtained the required funding from Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau to undertake the event as an HEC project. A public relations firm would be hired to administer the drawing competition and undertake all the related logistics of the event.

(d) ***Sheung Wan Public Filling Barging Point Site***

The public filling barging point at Sheung Wan waterfront had ceased operation. The site is planned for development of a waterfront promenade to link up with the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park. Pending permanent development of the waterfront promenade, the site is being considered for letting out as a temporary public car park for a fixed term of one year. The meeting agreed to invite Lands Department (LandsD) to provide more information and present the case to Members for further consideration. On 31 March 2006, LandsD submitted a paper detailing the short term tenancy (STT) proposal, which was sent to Members of the Sub-committee for comment. An ad hoc meeting was held on 13 April 2006 to discuss the STT proposal. Whilst no objection in-principle, Members suggested LandsD to include in the tender document requirement for provision of taller potted trees along the waterfront to provide effective greening both to and from the harbour.

3. The next meeting of the Sub-committee is scheduled for 10 May 2006.

Task Group Meetings

Central Harbourfront and Me (CHarM)

4. The fifth meeting of the Task Group on CHarM was held on 22 February 2006 to consider the reports on Workshop, Exhibition and Forum, draft Final Report and Executive Summary, and Design Brief submitted by the Consultants. The Task Group endorsed the reports and agreed that the Final Report and Design Brief be submitted to the Sub-committee for consideration on 8 March 2006.

Hoarding Beautification Drawing Competition

5. The Task Group on CharM, with representation from the Central and Western DC and a local organisation, held a meeting on 6 April 2006 to discuss the arrangements and work programme of the drawing competition. PlanD is preparing the tender document for hiring a public relations firm to administer the competition.

Other Issue

Temporary Land Use for Tamar Site

6. LandsD submitted to the Sub-committee on 27 March 2006 a proposal to let out the Tamar site on a temporary basis for recreation, entertainment, amusement, exhibition, advertising, retail or a fee-paying public car park uses, pending permanent development of the site. LandsD intends to invite tender in April and to commence the STT in late May 2006. The proposal was circulated to the Sub-committee's Members for comment. Whilst no objection in principle, Members generally considered that the proposal should concur with the Harbour Planning Principles, in particular the design of the site should enhance the visual and physical access to the harbour and the harbour-front areas. Members' comments on the proposal have been conveyed to LandsD.

**Secretariat,
HEC Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review
April 2006**

**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

10th Sub-committee Meeting – 9 March 2006

2. The Sub-committee discussed and endorsed the report of the Envisioning Stage of Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Adjoining Areas (HER). Adopting the suggestion of the HER Task Force, the report included a “Foreword” and an “Appendix” summarizing those matters beyond the ambit of the Wan Chai Development Phase II Review but considered appropriate for further consideration by Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC).

3. The Sub-committee discussed the approach and time schedule of the Realization Stage. To keep Town Planning Board (TPB), District Councils (DCs) and other stakeholders up-to-date on the progress of HER, it was agreed that the Sub-committee would, based on the Consultants’ presentations at the Consolidation Forum with appropriate refinements to reflect the subsequent discussions at the Sub-committee, commence the engagement of TPB, DCs, Legislative Council, HER collaborators, professional institutions and other stakeholders. Briefing to TPB was scheduled for 21 April 2006 and briefings to DCs and other parties would start in early May 2006.

4. Four papers prepared by the Consultants respectively on Deep Tunnel Option, Inland Alignments for the Trunk Road, two sets of slip roads at Wan Chai North and at Causeway Bay and “No-reclamation” Alignments for the Trunk Road were submitted for consideration at the meeting. Members asked for further information on the overall Trunk Road design including horizontal and vertical alignments and harbour-front enhancement ideas. The Consultants subsequently prepared a comprehensive report to address such comments for discussion by the Sub-committee at its meeting on 20 April 2006.

11th Sub-committee Meeting – 20 April 2006

5. The meeting focused on the comprehensive report prepared by the Consultants. Outcome of the discussion will be reported verbally at HEC meeting on 27 April 2006.

Extended HER Task Force Meeting – 14 February 2006

6. The Task Force discussed the fourth draft of the report for the Envisioning Stage of HER and suggested including a “Foreword” and an “Appendix” in the report.

7. The Consultants presented three discussion papers respectively on Deep Tunnel Option, Inland Alignments for the Trunk Road and the two sets of slip roads at Wan Chai North and at Causeway Bay. The meeting discussed the first paper thoroughly and requested that all the papers be considered further at the Sub-committee meeting on 9 March 2006.

8. The next meeting of the Sub-committee would be held on 13 June 2006.

**Secretariat,
HEC Sub-committee on WDII Review
April 2006**