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 February to March 2007.

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

14th Sub-committee Meeting held on 5 March 2007

- 2. The Sub-committee discussed the following issues -
 - (a) The Sub-committee was briefed on the representations and comments received on the draft Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/K22/1. Members noted that the draft OZP was gazetted on 24 November 2006. A total of 47 representations and 10 comments on the representations had been received by the due dates. The representers and commenters represented a wide spectrum in the community, including political parties, members of Legislative Council and District Councils, concern groups on harbour and local issues, individuals, developers and property owners, railway corporations and utility companies.

These representations and comments covered issues such as harbour reclamation, environmental problems at Kai Tak Approach Channel, development intensity, building height and zoning controls in the OZP, land use proposals including cruise terminal, public observation gallery in tourism node, multi-purpose stadium complex, cross-boundary heliport, open space and government, institution and community facilities, transport issues including Shatin to Central Link facilities, rail-based Environmentally Friendly Transport System, bridge link to Kai Tak, road network and connectivity to surrounding areas, as well as the Kai Tak Town Centre layout.

Members also noted that the hearing of the representations and comments by Town Planning Board (TPB) was scheduled to be held in early May 2007. The draft OZP together with a schedule of the amendments made by the TPB (if any) and a schedule of the representations, comments and further representations (if any) was scheduled for submission to the Chief Executive in Council for approval in October 2007.

Members were also briefed on the statutory planning procedure and process under the Town Planning Ordinance in relation to the Kai Tak OZP.

- (b) Members noted the progress of the Kai Tak Engineering Review commissioned by the Civil Engineering and Development Department in January 2007, including the Study Programme on the Schedule 3 environmental impact assessment under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance and the preparation of the recommended Implementation Programme for Kai Tak Development. Members urged for early release of information on the broad implementation framework of Kai Tak Development.
- (c) The meeting also discussed the need to consider harbour-front enhancement projects so as to enhance public accessibility to the waterfront area.

- (d) Regarding the role of the Sub-committee, Members noted that it was set up to assist the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC) to monitor and give advice on the South East Kowloon Development Review. Sub-committee Members had made contribution to the public participation programme of the Kai Tak Planning Review. As the current term of HEC would expire in end June 2007, the roles of the Sub-committee would be reviewed.
- 3. The next Sub-committee meeting is scheduled to be held in May 2007.

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16th Sub-committee Meeting – 31 January 2007

2. The Sub-committee discussed the following item -

Progress on Hung Hom District Study and the Associated Public Engagement Programme

Planning Department briefed the Sub-committee on the progress of the Hung Hom District Study and the associated Public Engagement Programme. A consultant was appointed in December 2006 to undertake a review study with a view to formulating a comprehensive district plan to guide the planning and design of the Hung Hom harbour-front areas. Concurrently, another consultant was appointed to carry out a Public Engagement Programme to collect public views on enhancement of the Hung Hom harbour-front areas, which would serve as inputs to the Hung Hom District Study. Both the Study and the Public Engagement Programme would be completed in late 2007.

At the meeting, the consultant for the Hung Hom District Study presented the findings of the draft Inception Report to the Sub-committee. Issues on relocation of incompatible land uses and connectivity and integration with adjoining areas were discussed.

The Sub-committee was also informed of the progress of the Public Engagement Programme. A Comprehensive Public Engagement Strategy with a 2-stage public engagement programme (i.e. envisioning stage and district plan formulation stage) was agreed by the Sub-committee in end December 2006. Stage 1 public engagement activities mainly included a visit site and brainstorming session on 3 February 2007 and a questionnaire survey in early February 2007. The Kowloon District Council and Yau Tsim Mong District Council were briefed in mid January and mid February 2007 respectively on the background and approach of the Study and their views on enhancement of the Hung Hom harbour-front were sought. Findings of Stage 1 activities would be reported to the Sub-committee in March 2007.

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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

Sub-committee Meeting

2. No Sub-committee meeting was held during the period and the next meeting will be held when the draft report for the Realization Stage of Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Adjoining Areas is available.

Wan Chai Waterfront Promenade along Hung Hing Road

3. Construction works for the promenade, initiated by the Sub-committee, were substantially completed. The promenade will be opened to public in end March 2007. The main theme of the project is to show care towards animals. An opening ceremony, co-hosted by the Sub-committee, Wan Chai District Council and Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong), will be held on 1 April 2007.

Secretariat, HEC Sub-committee on WDII Review March 2007