Paper No. 11/2004 For discussion on 9 September 2004

# Progress Report from the HEC Sub-committee on South East Kowloon Development Review

# **Reporting Period**

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

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

# 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting – 27.7.2004

2. The Sub-committee held its inaugural meeting on 27 July 2004. Dr W K Chan was elected as the Chairman of the Sub-committee. The proposed Membership and Terms of Reference of the Sub-committee were endorsed.

- 3. The following subjects were discussed:
  - (a) The draft house rules were discussed. A member opined that co-opted members could be open to individuals as well as members of organizations and that such members could be appointed from or nominated by relevant District Councils.
  - (b) A member suggested that the title "South East Kowloon Development" should be reviewed to better reflect the well-established identity of the ex-airport site. A short title "Kai Tak" was proposed.
  - (c) The meeting noted the commencement of the South East Kowloon Development Planning Review and was briefed on the study objectives and approach, key tasks, development opportunities/constraints, major development components and the

broad public participation programme. Members offered preliminary views on various issues in relation to reclamation, Kai Tak Approach Channel, population target, urban design and open space. Members noted that in formulating the new development concept for South East Kowloon Development, the study would start with a "no reclamation" scenario.

- (d) On the public participation programme, members were generally concerned about the tight timeframe. They also raised the importance of adopting a more pro-active approach to engage the public in the planning process through activities such as community out-reaching programmes, workshops and discussion forums with local residents and with the future end-users and operators of the facilities. Other members reflected the need to promulgate to the public the background information of the study effectively. The Sub-Committee's views will be taken into account by the Planning Department in drawing up the public participation strategy.
- 4. A copy of the confirmed minutes of the first meeting is at **Annex 1**.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – 1.9.2004

5. Public participation in the Planning Review was the main subject of discussion in the second meeting. Members discussed the proposed overall framework/approach of public participation, activities for the Stage 1 Public Participation and the related draft Consultation Digest. The following are the key points of discussion:

- (a) Members had no objection to the proposed short study title "Kai Tak Planning Review" to replace the original title "South East Kowloon Development Comprehensive Planning and Engineering Review – Stage 1 Planning Review" as it would better reflect the identity of the study area.
- (b) Members were presented with and had no objection to a 3-stage Public Participation Strategy that would involve the community in developing the long-term vision of Kai Tak, Outline Concept Plan

and Preliminary Outline Development Plan. The proposed Stage 1 Public Participation to engage the community at the very beginning of the Planning Review was considered a pro-active step to help building public consensus on the study proposals. A Member suggested to strengthen the participatory process on the formulation of development concepts. Planning Department would take this into account in fine-tuning the public participation process.

- (c) Members noted that the Stage 1 Public Participation regarding the for *"Community's* Vision Kai Tak" would commence in mid-September 2004 and expected to take about two months. The relevant activities include a community workshop, public forums, briefing sessions for statutory/advisory bodies and the mass media and discussion sessions with stakeholders/key user groups. Relevant background materials would be promulgated through the study website and exhibit at suitable venues.
- (d) Members had offered comments to involve the stakeholder groups in organizing some of the public participation activities, e.g. public forum and community workshop to promote public ownership of the project. Members also emphasized the need to promulgate relevant background information, including the strategic planning context, of the study so as to encourage public participation in the relevant activities.
- (e) Members had also offered preliminary comments on the draft Consultation Digest and were invited to provide detailed comments after the meeting, which would be taken into account in finalizing the Consultation Digest by Planning Department.

6. The next meeting of the Sub-committee will be held on 20 October 2004.

#### Secretary

# HEC Sub-committee on South East Kowloon Development Review September 2004

#### Annex 1

# HEC Sub-committee on South East Kowloon Development Review

# Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

Date:	27 July 2004
Time:	2:00 pm
Venue:	Conference Room, 15/F, North Point Government Offices,
	333 Java Road, North Point

# **Present**

Dr Chan Wai-kwan	Chairman
Dr Kwok Ngai-kuen, Alvin	Conservancy Association
Mr Vincent Ng	Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Mr Roger Tang	Hong Kong Institute of Planners
Mr Mason Hung	Hong Kong Tourism Board
Mr Hardy Lok	Society for Protection of Harbour Limited
Professor Jim Chi-yung	
Professor Lam Kin-che	
Ms Lee Wai-king, Starry	
Mr Wu Man-keung, John	
Mr Thomas Tso	Deputy Secretary (Planning & Lands)1,
	Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau
Mr Raymond Ho	Principal Assistant Secretary (Transport)7,
	Environment, Transport & Works Bureau
Mr Anthony Kwan	Assistant Director of Planning/Metro,
	Planning Department
Mr Talis Wong	Chief Engineer/Kowloon, Civil Engineering
	and Development Department
Mr K B To	Chief Engineer/Transport Planning, Transport
	Department
Mr Kevin Yeung	District Officer (Kowloon City), Home
	Affairs Department
Mr Kelvin Chan	Secretary

#### In Attendance

Miss Christine Chow	Principal Assistant Secretary (Planning &
	Lands)2, Housing, Planning and Lands
	Bureau
Ms Portia Yiu	Assistant Secretary (Planning)4, Housing,
	Planning and Lands Bureau
Mr Eddie Poon	Principal Assistant Secretary (Recreation &
	Sport), Home Affairs Bureau
Mr Edmond Ho	Principal Environmental Protection Officer
	(Waste Policy & Services), Environmental
	Protection Department

#### **Consultants**

Ms Iris Tam	City Planning – Maunsell Joint Venture
Ms Evelyn Lee	- " -
Mr Eric Ma	_ ** _
Mr Tim Cramp	_ " _

#### **Absent with Apologies**

Dr Ng Mee-kam Mr Nicholas C BROOKE Citizen Envisioning @ Harbour

# Item 1 <u>Election of Chairman, Membership and Terms of</u> <u>Reference</u>

#### **Action**

#### A. <u>Election of Chairman</u>

- 1.1 **The Secretary** welcomed all Members, representatives from bureaux/departments and the Consultants to attend the first meeting of the Sub-committee on South East Kowloon Development Review (the Sub-committee) of the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC).
- 1.2 As the meeting was open to members of the public, Members agreed that the election of chairman would be conducted in open session. Mr Vincent Ng nominated Dr Chan Wai-kwan to be the Chairman of the Sub-committee, and Mr Mason Hung, Mr Roger Tang and Mr Hardy Lok

seconded the nomination. As there was no other nomination, **Dr Chan Wai-kwan** was elected Chairman of the Sub-committee ipso facto.

1.3 **The Chairman** thanked Members' support. He said that the Kai Tak site was probably the last piece of virgin land in the harbour-front area. Given the opportunity to revisit the development scheme, he appealed to Members to work together to replan the area professionally in order to meet the aspiration of the community.

# B. <u>Membership List and Terms of Reference</u>

1.4 **The Chairman** pointed out that Terms of Reference and Membership list were discussed at the HEC meeting held on 8.7.2004. Since there was no further comment, the meeting confirmed the Membership and Terms of Reference for the Sub-committee.

# Item 2 House Rules for Sub-committees

- 2.1 **The Chairman** said that the HEC Secretariat had circulated the draft House Rules for the Sub-committees to Members for comments. Subject to Members' comments, these would be submitted to HEC for endorsement.
- 2.2 **The Secretary** briefly introduced the draft House Rules, which covered the chairmanship, alternate member for non-official member organization, co-opted membership in sub-committees, quorum requirement, voting power, request for submission, declaration of interests as well as mode of meetings. **The Chairman** invited Members to give their views on each part of the House Rules.
- 2.3 **Mr John Wu** said that co-opted membership could be open to individuals as well as members of organizations. Such members could be appointed from or nominated by the relevant District Councils (DCs). **The Chairman** said that from the comments received through recent emails there were different views on co-opted membership. He said that views of Members should be submitted to HEC for

resolution.

- 2.4 In response to **the Chairman's** enquiry on the requests for submissions to the Sub-committees, **the Secretary** clarified that the draft Rules aimed to prevent the Sub-committees from becoming a forum to solicit support for private/commercial projects as well as to avoid delay to committed projects.
- 2.5 As there were no further comments from Members, **the Chairman** concluded that the draft House Rules appeared reasonable and members' comments would be submitted to the HEC for further consideration.

# Item 3 <u>Introduction of South East Kowloon Development</u> <u>Planning Review</u>

# A. Background

- 3.1 Upon the Chairman's invitation, Mr Anthony Kwan said that the planning of South East Kowloon commenced in the The Feasibility Study for South East Kowloon early 1990s. Development (SEKD) completed in 1997 had recommended a development area of over 600 ha, with a reclamation area of about 300 ha, for an overall population of 320,000. The development scheme was incorporated in the statutory Outline Zoning Plans (OZPs) in September 1998. Over 800 valid objections were received, which were mainly related to the extent of reclamation. In order to address the concerns of the objectors, the development scheme was subsequently revised after going through extensive public consultation and comprehensive technical investigations. As a result, the proposed development area and reclamation area were reduced to 460 ha and 133 ha respectively. The revised development scheme was published in August 2001, and the number of objections received had reduced to 40, with concerns mainly related to ways to further improve the development scheme. After completion of the objection procedure, the statutory OZPs were approved by Chief Executive in Council (CE in C) in June 2002.
- 3.2 **Mr Anthony Kwan** continued to explain that according to the Judgment of the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) handed

down on 9.1.2004, the presumption against reclamation enshrined in the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance (PHO) could only be rebutted by establishing an overriding public need for reclamation, i.e., "the overriding public need test". Since the proposed reclamation projects in SEKD covered about one-third of the total development area and the whole development scheme had been planned in an integrated manner, it would be impractical merely to exclude the proposed reclamation areas from the comprehensive An overall review of the SEKD, development scheme. rather than a piecemeal approach, was therefore necessary. He said that for complying with the CFA Judgment, the Planning Review would begin with a "no reclamation" scenario to formulate conceptual development options. If the planning proposal would involve reclamation, it had to be fully justified according to the overriding public need test. The consultants were commissioned on 20.7.2004 to carry out the Planning Review.

# B. <u>Consultants' Presentation</u>

- 3.3 **Ms Iris Tam** thanked Members for the opportunity to present and discuss various issues of the SEKD at the very outset of the study. With the aid of a Powerpoint presentation, she highlighted that the study would formulate a new development concept for the Kai Tak site starting from a "no reclamation" scenario, and it would encourage public participation throughout the study process. The main objective was to bring people to the Harbour and the Harbour to the people, to enhance connectivity of the Harbour to its hinterland, and to create a coherent community supported by a variety of educational, social and recreational facilities. The Study would pursue an environmentally friendly design, where practicable.
- 3.4 **Ms Iris Tam** continued to say that the Comprehensive Review of SEKD included three stages of work, namely, Stage 1 Planning Review, Stage 2 Engineering Review and Stage 3 Statutory Planning Process. The consultancy pertained to the Planning Review, which was expected to complete in November 2005. Their key tasks would include a review of the current proposals for SEKD to establish the essential development and infrastructure

components, the engagement of the public in the study process, the formulation of alternative Outline Concept Plans as options for public consultation, the preparation of a draft Preliminary Outline Development Plan setting out detailed land use proposals, and the undertaking of preliminary technical assessments to confirm broad feasibility.

- 3.5 Ms Iris Tam pointed out that there were a number of inherent development constraints in the SEKD that needed to be tackled, including the heavily trafficked circumferential roads - Prince Edward Road East and Kwun Tong Bypass, the polluted Kai Tak Approach Channel, the existing marine activities in the Kwun Tong and Cha Kwo Ling Public Cargo Working Areas and Kwun Tong and To Kwa Wan Typhoon She also noted the key development components Shelters. that had been identified for incorporation in the SEKD through previous studies, including a multi-purpose stadium, a cruise terminal, a heliport, the Shatin to Central Link depot and stations, Route 6 (part) - Central Kowloon Route and Trunk Road T2, as well as road/pedestrian connections between SEKD and adjacent areas.
- 3.6 **Ms Iris Tam** informed members that the study process included a three-stage public participation programme to discuss the community's vision of the study area, development options as presented in Outline Concept Plans and detailed land use proposals set out in a Preliminary Outline Development Plan.

#### C. <u>Study Approach</u>

#### Reclamation

3.7 **Mr Roger Tang** enquired whether the "overriding public need" test for the key development components had been established. **Ms Iris Tam** said that they would undertake a baseline review on the key development components. One issue that would need to be examined was whether these components could be accommodated in a "no reclamation" scenario. **Mr Roger Tang** commented that there should be a development scenario without reclamation so as to comply with the legal requirement.

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- 3.8 **The Secretary** clarified that among the key development components, only the proposed Central Kowloon Route/Road T2 and the cruise terminal would involve reclamation. The Planning Review would produce alternative Outline Concept Plans (at least three) to incorporate the developments and infrastructures projects identified in the study process. The process would help to identify whether reclamation was necessary to accommodate
- 3.9 **Mr Vincent Ng** enquired how the "overriding public need" test was to be undertaken and who would determine whether there was an overriding public need for reclamation. **Mr Thomas Tso** said that taking experience from the Central Reclamation Phase III project, any proposal involving reclamation would be subject to the CFA Judgment stipulating the requirement of "overriding public need" in terms of economic, environmental and social needs of the community. The factors in support of reclamation would have to be cogent and convincing, and in the process, legal advice would be sought.

#### Urban Design and Open Space

these projects.

- 3.10 **Professor Jim Chi-yung** said that good urban design and landscaping should be one of the goals to be achieved for the study area, which was highlighted in the previous studies. **Mr Roger Tang** agreed and suggested that this be incorporated in the study visions and objectives. **Mr Anthony Kwan** agreed.
- 3.11 **The Chairman** pointed out that the previous development schemes had included a metropolitan park as a key feature and asked whether this would be examined as a key development component in the current study. **Ms Iris Tam** said that provision of open space would be an important aspect of the study. Without reclamation the study area would be open to an extensive harbour area. The future open space could also take the form of a promenade along the waterfront area. **The Chairman** remarked that some of the good planning concepts in previous development

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3.12	<b>Professor Jim Chi-yung</b> said that without the reclamation a series of linear park, as experienced in overseas cities, could also be very attractive features and enhance the accessibility to the general public. <b>Mr Vincent Ng</b> added that the water bodies along the waterfront area, e.g. the typhoon shelters, could be developed for recreational uses and contributed to the provision of open space in the study area.	Consultants
3.13	<b>Mr Vincent Ng</b> said that the Kwun Tong Bypass currently separating Kwun Tong from the waterfront area was an unsightly structure in the area. He suggested the study to explore improvement measures to address this issue.	Consultants
3.14	<b>Professor Lam Kin-che</b> said that the environmentally friendly initiatives, e.g. environmentally friendly transport system, water-cooling system, etc. mooted in the previous studies should be examined further in this study.	Consultants
3.15	<b>Professor Jim Che-yung</b> said that the current title of the study area, "SEKD", should be changed as it did not convey clearly to the public the location, identify and character of the area. He considered names like "Kai Tak" would be more proper. <b>The Chairman</b> agreed and considered that this could be pursued in forthcoming public participation exercises.	Consultants

#### **Population**

- 3.16 **Professor Lam Kin-che** asked whether there was a target population in the Planning Review as compared to the approach adopted in the previous studies. **Mr Anthony Kwan** said that relevant strategic plans and housing policy had recommended population target for investigation in the previous studies. As currently there was no set population target for the Kai Tak site, the Planning Review would start with the development concept, taking into account the community's aspiration to formulate proposals for housing development through bottom-up approach.
- 3.17 **The Chairman** said that the target population for the study area should be considered in the context of the current population projection and strategic planning framework.

schemes should be applied to the current study.

The projected population level had reduced over the years. These data would help appreciation of the planning context of the current exercise. These data should be taken into account in the planning of the strategic transport and infrastructure networks. **Mr Anthony Kwan** said that the information would be provided in the study process.

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#### Kai Tak Approach Channel

- 3.18 Professor Lam Kin-che enquired about the progress of the decontamination work at the former Kai Tak Airport site and the pollution situation of the Kai Tak Approach Channel. Mr Talis Wong said that the decontamination work at the then accessible portion of the north apron area of the ex-airport site had been completed and a soil quality report on the affected area was submitted to the Advisory Council on the Environment in mid-2003. In the demolition works on the ex-passenger terminal building commenced in April 2004, there would be further ground investigation to ensure the remaining portion in the north apron area was cleared from contamination problem. Mr Eric Ma said that there was polluted organic sediment in the Approach Channel that gave rise to odour and water quality problems. The study would examine how the organic pollutants could be dealt with if there was no reclamation.
- 3.19 **Mr Thomas Tso** pointed that it had been suggested before to deal with the pollution problem of the Kai Tak Approach Channel by reclaiming the channel. However, this might conflict with the intention of "no reclamation" in the area. He invited Members' initial views on the option of reclaiming the channel to tackle the environmental problem so as to help the Consultants to take the subject forward.
- 3.20 **Professor Lam Kin-che** said that the then Territory Development Department (now Civil Engineering and Development Department) had presented a proposal to treat the polluted sediments ex-situ and so there was a technical solution to the problem, even though the proposal involved very high cost. Besides, to maintain the water quality in the long channel could be problematic.
- 3.21 Mr Talis Wong said that the previous proposal was

undertaken under a reclamation scenario of the Approach Channel. If there were no reclamation, the polluted effluent from illegal discharge upstream would still enter the channel, and a continuous decontamination process would be required to maintain the water quality to an acceptable level.

- 3.22 **Mr John Wu** said that the Approach Channel was now an enclosed body of "dead" water. He suggested to cut open the runway to introduce water flow to the area in order to improve the water quality.
- 3.23 **Mr Vincent Ng** said that the Approach Channel was like a "hole" in a clothe and for good urban planning purpose, it needed to be mended. Provided that it would result in a good development scheme, he considered reclaiming the channel acceptable. However, to facilitate the community to make the choice, relevant information should be provided.
- 3.24 **Professor Jim Chi-yung** noted that if the Approach Channel remained as it was, the long and linear strip of the ex-runway would be difficult for devising a comprehensive development scheme. He said that for better urban planning, he would agree to reclaiming the channel.
- 3.25 **Ms Starry Lee** said that the local community had mixed views on the Approach Channel. She opined that the channel could be cleaned up and developed into an attractive cultural/recreational area, such as to accommodate a maritime museum of junks. She said that development cost would be an important factor for consideration and that the information should be provided in the study process.
- 3.26 **The Chairman** noted that these were only initial views of Members and the Sub-committee had not reached a consensus on the issue of Approach Channel. In upholding the principle of protecting the harbour, any reclamation proposal for the area would need to go through the "overriding public need" test.

#### D. <u>Public Participation</u>

3.27 **The Chairman** pointed out that the Planning Department was one of the Government departments that had a lot of

experience in public consultation. The challenge ahead was to further raise the quality of these exercises. He noted that in the Consultants' presentation, the term "public consultation" had been replaced by "public participation" to encourage more public involvement in this study.

- 3.28 **Dr Alvin Kwok** enquired what the arrangement of public participation was currently conceived for the Planning Review. **Mr Anthony Kwan** said the study team was expected to consult the relevant district councils, to hold community-wide public forum and to solicit views from professional groups.
- 3.29 **Dr Alvin Kwok** said that this was the conventional approach that might not be conducive to an effective public participation process. There should be more out-reaching to the community by discussions with the local residents and with the future end-users and operators of facilities, etc.
- 3.30 In terms of timeframe, he said that the public participation was planned to run on a very tight schedule, with the three-stage process starting in August/September 2004 and ending in May 2005. **Ms Iris Tam** agreed that the timeframe was very tight, and the Consultants would strive to obtain views throughout the study process.
- 3.31 **Mr Mason Hung** said that the public participation should be undertaken in two phases. To encourage participation, the public's awareness of the study should be enhanced. This could be achieved through promulgation of the relevant background data, e.g. a short documentary on SEKD in the first phase, followed by relevant study proposals to gauge public feedback. This might facilitate a more effective public participation process.
- 3.32 **Professor Lam Kin-che** said that for public participation to succeed the support of the community was very important. He suggested that three aspects should be included : (i) determining how to deal with critical issues such as the Approach Channel and key development components such as stadium and cruise terminal; (ii) preparing options and discussing with key stakeholders on the options; and (iii) community-wide public participation process. He said that

the timeframe as outlined was indeed very tight and he stressed that there should not be room for error on this as this was probably the last chance to achieve good planning for SEKD.

- 3.33 **Ms Starry Lee** agreed and said that critical issues such as the Approach Channel should be discussed at the beginning of the study process so that the community could offer more meaningful comments through out the study process.
- 3.34 **Mr Vincent Ng** said that in "public participation", he would expect the public to be given opportunity to work hand-in-hand with the government and the consultants in such tasks as the inception of the study. Workshops and public hearings should be arranged.
- 3.35 **Mr Anthony Kwan** agreed with Members' views and said that for success in the public participation process, support from Members of the Sub-committee would be crucial. The study team would be prepared to participate in workshops in the community to discuss the issues and proposals of SEKD.
- 3.36 **The Secretary** said that the approach of public participation would be one of the key topics for discussion in the next meeting, including the proposals for the Stage 1 Public Participation. Consultants

# E. <u>Conclusion</u>

- 3.37 In concluding the discussion, **the Chairman** said that given the background of SEKD, the Sub-committee should aim at getting the revised development scheme right and the relevant issues should be tackled professionally. The relevant background information of SEKD should be passed onto Members for their reference.
- 3.38 To help shaping the new plan for the Kai Tak site, **the Chairman** continued to invite Members to think about what dreams they would have for the SEKD, as the community would be asked the same question.
- 3.39 **Mr Thomas Tso** added that Members might also wish to think about determining the positioning of SEK, e.g., as an

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### Item 4 Any Other Business

- 4.1 The Secretary said that the meeting schedule would be revised to avoid clashing with major and regular commitments of some of the Members and the schedule would be circulated to Members in due course.
- 4.2 There being no other business, the meeting closed at 3:45 pm. The next meeting would be held in the afternoon of 1.9.2004.

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#### **Reporting Period**

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

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

2. The Sub-committee held its inaugural meeting on 4 August 2004. Mr Vincent Ng was elected as the Chairman of the Sub-committee. The proposed Membership and Terms of Reference of the Sub-committee were confirmed subject to minor amendments.

- 3. The following subjects were discussed:
- (a) The house rules were discussed in detail. Members had divergent views on the appointment, voting right, alternate representation of co-opted members and how to handle the requests for submissions to the HEC. Members' comments would be submitted to the HEC for further consideration.
- (b) The meeting discussed the harbour planning principles. A dedicated Task Group, with Dr Andrew Thomson as the Convenor, was formed to further discuss and consolidate the harbour planning principles.
- (c) The proposed enhancement works at a few areas along the existing harbour-front were discussed. Another Task Group, with Dr Alvin Kwok as the Convenor, was formed to take forward the enhancement

project on the Central ferry piers and the waterfront promenade.

(d) The Sub-committee supported the short-term harbour-front improvement initiatives proposed by the Government at the site of the future West Kowloon Cultural District and on the hoardings at the works sites of Central Reclamation Phase III.

4. The next meeting of the Sub-committee will be held on 6 October 2004.

Secretary HEC Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review August 2004

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# **Progress Report from the HEC Sub-committee on Wan Chai Development Phase II ("WDII") Review**

### **Reporting Period**

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

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

2. The Sub-committee held its inaugural meeting on 11 August 2004. Mr Leung Kong-yui was elected as the Chairman of the Sub-committee. The proposed Membership was confirmed. The proposed Terms of Reference ("ToR") were discussed at the meeting and there was a proposed amendment to slightly widen the ToR to take into account implications of the WDII project on associated areas along the waterfront adjacent to WDII.

- 3. The following subjects were discussed:
- (a) The meeting discussed a submission from the Society for Protection of the Harbour Limited and the focus of discussion was whether the starting point for the WDII Review should be the assessment of the need of the Central – Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link Trunk Road. The meeting concluded that the overriding public need of the above Trunk Road had been established and there was no need to reopen the issue.
- (b) Members expressed their aspirations for enhancement of the harbour-front and suggested that this should be a principal objective of the Sub-committee. Other objectives of the Sub-committee should be

providing the Trunk Road and the connecting roads and compliance with the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance.

(c) The meeting and subsequent discussions among some members discussed the guiding principles and approach for enhancing public participation. Government representatives advised members that possible conceptual schemes, including different Trunk Road alignment options, at-grade road alignment options and land-use proposal options, would be formulated for consideration in the course of public participation. The Sub-committee would follow up on the time-table and work plan for the enhanced public participation programme.

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

Secretary HEC Sub-committee on WDII August 2004