

BACKGROUND

1. In the light of the Court of Final Appeal's ("CFA") judgment of 9 January 2004 on reclamation, the Government has undertaken to conduct the comprehensive planning and engineering review of the Wan Chai Development Phase II ("WDII Review") to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance ("PHO") and the CFA judgment.
2. The Harbour-front Enhancement Committee ("HEC") was established in May 2004 to advise the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands on the planning, land uses and developments along the existing and new harbour-front of the Victoria Harbour. The HEC has set up a Sub-committee, namely the Sub-committee on WDII Review, to advise on the WDII Review.
3. The Government has accepted the recommendation by the Sub-committee on WDII Review that an enhanced participation should be adopted in the course of the Review. To achieve this, a public engagement exercise, namely the "Harbour-front Enhancement Review ("HER") – Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Adjoining Areas", is being carried out under the steer of the Sub-committee on WDII Review in parallel with the WDII Review. Results of the HER project will provide input to the WDII Review.