

Annex IIa –  
Workshop 1 – Arts, Culture & Heritage  
(21.10.06)

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**Harbour-front Enhancement Review –  
Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Adjoining Areas (HER)  
Realization Stage**

**Notes of Community Workshop 1  
Focus Theme: Arts, Culture & Heritage**

Date: 21 October 2006

Time: 2:00pm – 5:30pm

Venue: YMCA College of Careers (HK Centre), Rm 202 & 204, 2/F, 4 Harbour Road,  
Wan Chai

**Introduction**

1. Ms. Betty Ho (何小芳女士), MC of the Community Workshop 1, briefed the meeting agenda
  - Welcoming remarks by Mr. K Y Leung (梁剛銳先生), Chairman of Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC) sub-committee on Wan Chai Development Phase II Review (WDII)
  - Presentation on the Proposed Concept Plan by Mr. Eric Ma (馬紹祥先生), Maunsell
  - Presentation on the Sustainable Development (“SD”) assessment framework by Dr. Winnie Law (羅惠儀博士), Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management (CUPEM)
  - Floor discussion about the Proposed Concept Plan
  - Presentation on Wan Chai Waterfront Heritage by Dr. Wai-kwan Chan (陳偉群博士), The Conservancy Association (CA) (長春社):
  - Break-out session
  - Group Presentation
  - Closing remarks by Mr. K Y Leung (梁剛銳先生), HEC
  
2. Welcoming remarks by Mr. K Y Leung (梁剛銳先生), HEC
  - Mr. K Y Leung (梁剛銳先生) briefed the current progress of Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Adjoining Areas (HER); and the objectives of the realization stage:
    - a) There will be 3 stages in the study of HER.
    - b) Stage I, Envisioning Stage, was carried out to engage the public for their opinions and visions on harbour-front enhancement and completed by

November of 2005

- c) Various comments were received on the need for the construction of Central - Wan Chai Bypass (CWB).
- d) To deal with this discrepancy, an Expert Panel Forum on Sustainable Transport Planning and Central – Wan Chai Bypass has been organized and the Expert Panel confirmed the need for the construction of the CWB.
- e) The public engagement report of the Envisioning Stage was issued in early 2006.
- f) After the consultants analyzing the ideas or comments received from the Public Forums and Community Charrettes and reviewing the technical feasibilities of different tunnel road options, HEC endorsed the adoption of Tunnel Option Variation 1 as the basis for preparing the Concept Plan in June 2006.
- g) 5 precincts are proposed in the Concept Plan, with an intention to enhancing the harbour-front. Details will be presented by the consultant in the next session.
- h) The current Realization Stage targets to build consensus with the public on the Proposed Concept Plan.
- i) It is noted that the elements as shown on the Proposed Concept Plan are indicative subject to detailed design in view of opinions collected in the Realization Stage.
- j) 2 Community Workshops will be held on 21 Oct 2006 and 28 Oct 2006 respectively; in addition, there will be a Consensus Building Town Hall Meeting held on 16 Dec 2006 to sum up all received public comments and build consensus.
- k) The next stage, Detailed Planning Stage, will be targeted to commence early 2007. The public consensus on critical issues to be achieved at the Realization Stage, will form the foundation for the preparation of the draft Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) and draft Recommended Outline Development Plan (RODP) by that time.

### Presentation and Floor Discussion of Proposed Concept Plan

3. Mr. Eric Ma (馬紹祥先生), Maunsell, presented the Proposed Concept Plan:
  - Discussion on the Proposed Concept Plan has been held since briefing to Town Planning Board in April 2006
    - a) Consult with Transport Advisory Committee, District Councils,

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- Preparation of the Concept Plan
  - a) Tunnel Option Variation 1 adopted as the basis for preparing Concept Plan
  - b) Develop different themes of land use proposals and harbour-front enhancement ideas
- Concept Plan land uses and character precincts
  - a) Arts & Culture Precinct
  - b) Water Park Precinct
  - c) Water Recreation Precinct
  - d) Heritage Precinct
  - e) Leisure and Recreation Precinct
- Harbour-front access
- Way forward
  - a) Public engagement on the draft Concept Plan in October to December 2006
  - b) Assessment to confirm technical feasibility of the ideas in draft Concept Plan
  - c) Preparation of Recommended Outline Development Plan and amendments to relevant Outline Zoning Plans

#### Presentation of Sustainable Development Framework

4. Dr. Winnie Law (羅惠儀博士), CUPEM, presented the Sustainable Development (“SD”) framework
  - Explain that the SD principles are important guidelines for planning the harbour-front.
  - Such principles are the yardsticks for measuring or monitoring how well the concept plan meet the visions of the public.
  - Report the design of SD principles developed in the Envisioning Stage – 7 principles and 81 indicators.
  - Brief on the SD framework and the methodology of assessing the Proposed Concept Plan based on the SD principles.
  - Report the evaluation of developed SD principles in the Collaborators’ meeting – all principles and indicators are satisfied, particular in environmental indicators.
  - The Proposed Concept Plan, which was prepared by the consultant, has incorporated the public wishes and proposals gathered from the Envisioning

Stage, taking account of the sustainability development principles.

5. Floor discussion about the Proposed Concept Plan

A. Comments from Ms. Cheng (鄭小姐):

a) Inquire about the feasibility of providing bay and berths at the shoreline of the study area. To achieve a more consistent design at the harbour-front, the layout of the bay should be as similar as the existing bay of Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter.

• Mr. Eric Ma (馬紹祥先生), Maunsell, explained the technical concerns of the construction of CWB:

a) After several technical deliberations with MTR, the CWB has to cross over the existing MTR Tsuen Wan Line to the west of the HKCEC, so part of the tunnel structure will appear above the water level. The CWB will only begin to drop below the seabed at the ex-cargo handling area.

b) The exposure of the tunnel structure is considered not safe for navigation purpose. The resulting shallow water will not only be dead water causing environmental problem, but also not be suitable for any recreational purpose.

c) The most proper way is to reclaim this portion of the area. In fact, the shallow water, approximately 0.5-1m in depth, is not appropriate for recreational purpose, particularly yachting, as the minimum requirement of water depth for yachting is 4-5m. Hence, it is not feasible for such provision.

B. Comments from Ms. Cheng (鄭小姐):

a) Inquire about the possibility of the further extension of the promenade to Quarry Bay.

• Responses from Mr. Eric Ma (馬紹祥先生), Maunsell:

a) The existing Island East Corridor (IEC) is elevated over the water to the east of Oil Street. In accordance with the Protection of Harbour Ordinance (PHO), the proposed option has to take the minimum reclamation approach. As there is no land for extending the promenade, it is not possible for such provision at the moment.

• Responses from Mr. L T Ma (馬利德先生), Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD):

a) There is a strong view from the Society for having a continuous promenade from Hong Kong Island east to Island west, for providing quality open spaces along the Victoria Harbour. This will have to be

implemented in phases and to provide a continuous promenade, a number of engineering and planning considerations have to be addressed. For the extension of the waterfront promenade beyond Oil Street, it was taken up as a separate study by Planning Department (PlanD).

- C. Comments from Ms. Christine Chiu, Jardine Matheson:
- a) Brief the history of Noon Day Gun that it was a custom to give a gun salute to the head of Jardines whenever he arrived in Hong Kong, but the salute annoyed a senior Naval Officer, who was new to Hong Kong and had not heard of the practice. It is said that as a penalty Jardines was ordered to fire a Noon Day Gun as a time signal for Hong Kong.
  - b) There are a number of celebrities and many visitors/guests around the world come to admire the Noon Day Gun fire every year. However, the only access to the Noon Day Gun is via the subway from Excelsior Hotel where the condition is not desirable.
  - c) Suggest to provide an elevated walkway from 2/F or 3/F of World Trade Centre shopping arcade to the Noon Day Gun to facilitate the pedestrians to enjoy the beautiful sea view .
- D. Comment from Mr. Chan (陳永沖先生), 金舫大廈業主立案法團:
- a) Eastern District Council has conducted 2 workshops in Jan 2005 and Oct 2004 respectively, which discussed the harbour-front issues in the similar study area under the people-oriented approach. It is appeared that the nature of the present workshop is more infrastructure-oriented in comparing with the workshops conducted by Eastern District Council. It would be great if all received comments from both workshops can be integrated.
- Responses from Mr. K Y Leung (梁剛銳先生), HEC:
    - a) One of the long term visions of HEC is to provide a continuous promenade from Kennedy Town at the Island West to Siu Sai Wan at the Island East.
    - b) It is not possible to enhance the entire shoreline of Island North in one time, thus the projects will be carried out by phases. Some particular projects, which will be contributed to the regional strategic planning, should be prioritized.
    - c) There is a need to complete the long-planned strategic road link along the north shore of Hong Kong Island. The construction of the CWB

will offer opportunities for transforming the existing Wan Chai harbour-front into an attractive and vibrant harbour-front promenade.

- d) Apart from HER, there are other harbour-front enhancement projects undertaken by HEC, such as Kai Tak and Central projects. Planning Department has currently been working on the preliminary investigation on further extension of promenade.

E. Comments from Mr. Tong (湯啓康先生), Resident of Tai Koo Shing:

- a) Opine that a beautiful harbour represents the image of world class city.
- b) Re provisioning of Floating Tin Hau Temple onshore is not essential.
- c) Suggest the provision of theme park at the harbour-front, which lacks in Hong Kong, in manifesting Hong Kong's unique characteristics and contributing towards Wan Chai's heritage conservation.

F. Comments from Mr. Lau (劉國霖先生), Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC):

- a) Sea water should be drawn into the water park to create various water features.
- b) Suggest for not fencing off the promenade and even providing water steps along the shoreline to allowing citizens/visitors to approach the waterfront.
- c) Suggest to provide various aquatic activities at the harbour-front area, such as in fishing precinct.

G. Comments from Ms. Cheng (鄭小姐):

- a) Appreciate if there are provisions of continuous promenade and various recreational facilities at the harbour-front area, if not involving additional reclamation.
- b) Doubt on the effectiveness of the CWB in resolving traffic congestion in Hennessy Road, perhaps the CWB may create some new traffic congestion spots.
- Responses from Mr. Lawrence Kwan (關志偉先生), Transport Department (TD):
  - a) The CWB enables smooth traffic flow between the western and eastern parts of Hong Kong along the north shore without unnecessarily adding pressure to traffic in Central. It will alleviate congestion on the existing Connaught Road Central/Harcourt Road/Gloucester Road Corridor.
  - b) It is expected that the capacity of Gloucester Road will be relaxed in

- alleviating congestion on Hennessy Road.
- c) Regarding traffic performance of the slip roads of CWB at connections to the local traffic networks, it will be subject to assessment based on the detailed design.
- Responses from Mr. L T Ma (馬利德先生), CEDD:
    - a) Refer to Page 19 and 20 of the Public Engagement Digest, there are paragraphs about the considerations and needs for the CWB.
    - b) The Expert Panel has confirmed the need for the construction of the CWB. The Members of the Expert Panel are coming from various professions and background that include experts from universities, experts of road pricing and traffic experts from overseas.
- H. Comments from Mr. Chan (陳永冲先生), 金舫大廈業主立案法團:
- a) Believe the traffic condition will be alleviated with the CWB.
  - a) Question on the statistics of the actual traffic improvement.
- Responses from Mr. Lawrence Kwan (關志偉先生), TD:
    - a) The CWB will reduce the current driving time of 15 minutes between Central and Causeway Bay to 7 minutes. If the CWB were not ready in the near future, the driving time would raise to 45 minutes.
- I. Comment from Mr. Kenneth To (杜立基先生), KTA:
- a) Presentation of their planning application at Ex-A King shipyard site that was recently submitted to the Town Planning Board.
- J. Comments from Mr. Wong (黃伯康先生):
- a) Appreciate that the public engagement and planning process associated with the current project is a great improvement in Hong Kong planning process.
  - b) All public comments are very valuable and constructive.
- K. Presentation by Dr. Wai-kwan Chan (陳偉群博士), CA, Panel of the workshop 1:
- a) Present Wan Chai Waterfront Heritage including Noon Day Gun, Typhoon Shelter, Floating Tin Hau Temple, Kellet Island and Victoria Park.
  - b) Present the history of waterfront heritage including:
    - Waterfront: HK Mint, Causeway Bay 1866
    - Wanchai waterfront, 1880

- Wanchai 1900
  - Wanchai 1930
  - Causeway Bay 1920
  - Waterfront: Spring Garden Lane 1846
- c) Present reclamation background/ history including
- d) Discuss on the relationship between Heritage, Wan Chai's waterfront and Hong Kong people's waterfront

#### Break-out session and Group Presentation

[Please refer to the group reporting notes]

#### Wrap Up Session

6. Closing Remarks by Mr. K Y Leung (梁剛銳先生), HEC
- Thanks every participant for participating into the activity.
  - All comments received are very valuable.
  - Note that there are views that reprovisioning of Floating Tin Hau Temple onshore is not considered essential.
  - Additional comments submitted to us by mail/fax/email are welcome.
  - Welcome all to join the next Community Workshop on 28 Oct 2006; in addition, there will be a Consensus Building Town Hall Meeting on 16 Dec 2006 to sum up all received public comments.

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**Group No: 1**

**Facilitator:** Sujata Govada **Helper:** -

**Group members:**

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Prakash Regmi	Student, CUPEM, HKU
Kishan Datta Bhatta	Student, CUPEM, HKU
Mark Wilson	RHKYC
Kenneth To	KTA Ltd.
Phyllis Li	PlanD
Sam McBride	RHKYC
Alan Lau	RHKYC
LT Ma	CEDD
Peter Cheek	MCAL

- 1) Opinion on the Concept Plan (Whether it can reflect members' vision for the harbourfront)
  - The Concept Plan is generally an improvement at harbourfront enhancement. It will be more vibrant if more marine based uses are introduced and the coastline shaped to a more interesting form;
  - All five precincts should not be taken as having distinct physical boundaries. They should blend in seamlessly and be linked with the water heritage and development history of reclamation in Wanchai;
  - Further promote pedestrian accessibility along the waterfront and to the harbourfront from the hinterland and celebrate the harbour and water heritage;
  - Celebrate the water heritage, allow opportunities for fishing, landing steps to touch and feel the water, Dragon Boat racing, organized harbour events and celebrations, international racing and yachting competitions etc such as the one recently held in Shanghai and other cities nearby;
  - Improving water quality being a top priority; even if it needs a certain amount of reclamation, especially near the Typhoon Shelter embayment areas where water quality is huge concern. The limitation laid down by the PHO is however noted. There was concern expressed that it might result in a less interesting waterfront with insufficient marine based activities; and
  - Design, implementation, maintenance and management of the harbourfront areas key to the success of harbourfront enhancement promoted in the Concept Plan.
  
- 2) Opinion on the two themes on “Arts, Culture & Heritage” “藝術、文化和歷史” and “Leisure and Recreation” “休閒和康樂”(Whether it can reflect members' vision for harbour-front enhancement)

Any other suggestions for themes of harbour-front enhancement

  - To connect the hinterland to the harbourfront, linking to historical events, the development of Wanchai and different stages of reclamation history can be introduced to reinforce the Arts, Culture & Heritage theme;
  - There should be dynamic marine water interface to truly make the harbourfront

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vibrant for example the Water Park uses should allow for more marine based activities, e.g. providing an opportunity for larger yachts to be moored at the water park edge and opportunities for marine use and more interaction with the harbour;

- 3) Opinion on whether the proposed uses could facilitate the promotion of proposed focused theme for the Workshop 1 (“Arts, Culture & Heritage” “藝術、文化和歷史”). Other suggested uses to incorporate in each precinct of the harbourfront:
- Arts & Culture Precinct (藝術及文化區)
    - This could be reinforced more and the theme imbedded in every precinct all along the waterfront as well along various connections from the hinterland to the harbourfront;
    - Noon Day Gun, Typhoon Shelter, and reclamation history, Wan Chai’s water heritage, along with art and cultural should be reinforced all through the precincts and along the pedestrian links from the hinterland.
  - Water Park Precinct (以「水」為主題的公園區)
    - It could be more green, and opportunity should be grasped allowing larger ships to be moored at the edge so that there will be more activities to enhance the vibrancy of the precinct;
    - The design is very important perhaps a little reclamation to create a more interesting waterfront edge rather than just a straight line. The PHO implication is noted;
    - A diversity of activities to be introduced to make it more interesting otherwise it will be too dull, boring and sterile.
  - Water Recreation Precinct (水上康樂區)
    - It is good in allowing for much needed marine water interface, although need more attention to details;
    - Integrated with organization of harbour and yachting events in coordination with the Yacht Club.
  - Heritage Precinct (文化歷史區)
    - Some members suggested that a floating Tin Hau Temple be retained so that its uniqueness can be kept, but with better pedestrian access;
    - Along Victoria Park Road a row of kiosks to promote local art and culture could be introduced to shield the traffic and noise and provide a more interesting edge along the waterfront;
    - Boatyard site is the only private site in the area although one member felt that the hotel development with marine access should be incorporated, others are not sure commercial development would be good but felt the site could be developed as youth hostels;
    - Reinstate the Dragon Boat racing within the Typhoon Shelter and provide more water access through water taxis and steps should be taken to improve the water quality which is a big concern;
    - There should be more area near the Noon Day Gun, consider reclamation also to address the poor water quality problem;

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- The breakwater at the typhoon shelter should be more user friendly with a boardwalk, connected by a bridge from land and perhaps with cantilevered boardwalks to allow for fishing and other marine activities;
  - Water taxis etc should be promoted to increase the access along the harbourfront to different precincts;
- Leisure & Recreation Precinct (休閒及活動區)
- Needs to have more identity and to be more closely associated with the adjoining areas;
  - Some suggested cycling track would be welcome.
- 4) Opinion on the proposed accessibility of the harbour-front.  
Other suggested routes to further improved pedestrian connections (at grade access, flyover or subway):
- Pedestrian landscaped link to connect Victoria Park welcome, but could be made more interesting by terracing down to the harbourfront;
  - Softer waterfront edge with ample shade and amenities for the pedestrians;
  - Development on Boatyard site to provide the much needed pedestrian access to Victoria Park and towards North Point;
  - Access from the hinterland to the Noon Day Gun perhaps with an elevated connection from the Excelsior Hotel;
  - Breakwater also connected by bridge across the water to landside to provide pedestrian access to the waterfront;
  - Pedestrian links from hinterland should be studied further to reconnect the hinterland to the harbourfront, for example Wan Chai traditional urban core; and
  - Facilitate easier movement of people from the hinterland, and make existing areas along waterfront more pedestrian friendly at ground level.
- 5) Name of the new promenade:
- Some suggested “Victoria Harbour-front Park”, no unanimous view.
- 6) Other Discussion:
- Achieving a balance between different interest groups and the community is important;
  - Bypass should be designed to ease congestion within the districts especially alongside Harbour and along Gloucester Road Corridor.

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**Group No: 2**

**Facilitator:** Winnie Law **Helper:** -

**Group members:**

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鄭惠貞	Resident of Southern District
陳珮文	Resident of Eastern District
Kenneth Wong	CUPEM (planning student)
Christina Kwong	CEDD
Veronica Luk	nil
David Fok	Planning consultant
Christine Chiu	Jardine Matheson Limited
Michelle Wong	Urbis

- 1) Opinion on the Concept Plan (Whether it can reflect members' vision for the harbourfront)
  - Fair/good effort in general
  - All five zones should be linked up with the development history of reclamation in Wanchai. In addition to the Harbour Education Centre, the concept of "open museum" should be adopted, i.e. walking trails should be suggested and signage with information and photos should be placed on spots where historical events, the development of Wanchai and different stages of reclamation history can be introduced
  - Need of an overall linkage to the other parts of the harbour-front (in terms of both the themes and physical connection). Spots that carry historical significance should be joined up in the whole area – Hong Kong History Walk is suggested
  - Some members suggested that the activity linkage need reinforcement, for example, a stronger theme is needed on the Eastern side of the harbour-front
  - Since the promenade contains many new green areas/open space, it can be seen as an extension of the Victoria Park
  
- 2) Opinion on the two themes on "Arts, Culture & Heritage" "藝術、文化和歷史" and "Leisure and Recreation" "休閒和康樂"(Whether it can reflect members' vision for harbour-front enhancement)  
Any other suggestions for themes of harbour-front enhancement
  - Appropriate
  
- 3) Opinion on whether the proposed uses could facilitate the promotion of proposed focused theme for the Workshop 1 ("Arts, Culture & Heritage" "藝術、文化和歷史"). Other suggested uses to incorporate in each precinct of the harbourfront:
  - Arts & Culture Precinct (藝術及文化區)

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- Adequate
  - It was observed that the Art aspect is quite strong
- Water Park Precinct (以「水」為主題的公園區)
- A rethink is needed – not too ideal
  - The design is very important to make this theme outstanding – avoid similar design as the LCSD parks
  - A permanent Pet Park is needed close to SPCA (may be at spot 10) – however, the Pet Park should be made separated since some public may have fear of animals
- Water Recreation Precinct (水上康樂區)
- No comment
- Heritage Precinct (文化歷史區)
- The existing floating Tin Hau Temple should be retained so that its uniqueness can be kept. A “branch” of it should be built on land to allow easy access
  - Water quality (and its odour) of the embayment areas of the Typhoon Shelter is a big concern. Water quality improvement work should be included. Group members suggested that reclamation should be considered to ease the embayment problem
  - The Typhoon Shelter was once used for Dragon Boat practice but was stopped due to the bad water quality. Group members suggested that this activity should be resumed if water quality improves
- Leisure & Recreation Precinct (休閒及活動區)
- Fishing zone is not necessary as the fishing activities are usually very ad hoc
  - Cycling track is considered too dangerous (conflict with pedestrian)
- 4) Opinion on the proposed accessibility of the harbour-front.  
Other suggested routes to further improved pedestrian connections (at grade access, flyover or subway):
- The existing bridges (11 of them) should be linked up, similar to the arrangement in Central. The bridge network should also link up the Noon Day Gun. However, some group members also raised that Wanchai has many ground-level retail activities and the shop operators may object to the bridge network
  - The proposed landscape deck near the Victoria Park is too far from the Noon Day Gun attraction – there should be a bridge between World Trade Centre and Excelsior (at level 2/3) leading to the Noon Day Gun. If allowed, part of the footbridge should extend over the harbour giving a nice view for people walking on the bridge. Lift should also be provided
  - At-grade accessibility is sufficient but safety is a concern
  - Accessibility for elderly may not be appropriate – but the elderly from the inner Wanchai district may not use the harbour-front area anyway – it is too far away from their neighbourhoods

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- 5) Name of the new promenade:
- Victoria Harbour-front (to see the promenade as an extension of the Victoria Park)
  - Historical Promenade
- 6) Other Discussion:
- More open piazza should be provided instead of just green space
  - There should be more destinations provided to attract more visitors/users

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**Group No: 3**

**Facilitator: Betty Ho**

**Group members:**

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Chan Tse Sang	Resident
Tong Kai Hong	Eastern District Resident
Betty Cheng Mo Ching	Eastern District Resident
黃伯康先生	Resident
韋曉君女士	CUPEM, HKU
Andy Yau	Transport Department
S. K. Lam	CEDD

- 1) Opinion on the Concept Plan (Whether it can reflect members' vision for the harbourfront)
  - Members generally supported the concept plan and agreed that it could reflect their visions for the harbourfront.
  
- 2) Opinion on the two themes on “Arts, Culture & Heritage” “藝術、文化和歷史” and “Leisure and Recreation” “休閒和康樂”(Whether it can reflect members' vision for harbour-front enhancement)  
Any other suggestions for themes of harbour-front enhancement
  - They supported the two themes.
  
- 3) Opinion on whether the proposed uses could facilitate the promotion of proposed focused theme for the Workshop 1 (“Arts, Culture & Heritage” “藝術、文化和歷史”). Other suggested uses to incorporate in each precinct of the harbourfront:
  - Arts & Culture Precinct (藝術及文化區)
    - Suggested APA should provide and coordinate outdoor performance in the precinct during weekends.
    - While a member considered the helipad should be used by commercial purpose to strengthen the role of the HKCEC, others proposed that it should only be used by Government for emergency purpose in order to minimize nuisance to the harbourfront leisure and recreational uses.
  
  - Water Park Precinct (以「水」為主題的公園區)
    - The water park precinct should be improved with more natural linkages with the harbour/ seawater, and provide more space for people to gather/ walk about. The pools of water were less welcomed.

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- Water Recreation Precinct (水上康樂區)
  - Members stressed that the water recreation centre should be opened to the general public (like LCSD facilities, not private club)
  
- Heritage Precinct (文化歷史區)
  - Floating temple should preferably be retained floating because this is the heritage and the only floating temple in HK. It was proposed to be anchored near the boardwalk/ shore in the typhoon shelter for easy access both from land and water.
  - Catering and singing-on -the -boats should be restored.
  - The breakwater should be decked with boardwalk feature to allow fishing with small boats/ traditional boats providing the shuttle service from the shore.
  - Small shops and supplies stores should be provided along the boardwalk to sustain the boating operation and liveliness.
  - Suitable public hygienic facilities should be provided near the A King Shipyard.
  
- 4) Leisure & Recreation Precinct (休閒及活動區)
  - Jogging trail with exercise spots should be provided along the whole harbourfront promenade.
  
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- 5) Opinion on the proposed accessibility of the harbour-front.  
Other suggested routes to further improved pedestrian connections (at grade access, flyover or subway):
  - Pedestrian connection from World Trade Centre to the Noonday Gun should be improved. There were diverse views on the footbridge vs. subway. However, more members inclined to improving the existing condition of the subway and make it part of the adventure to the Noonday Gun.
  - Pedestrian connection to the eastern side of promenade (A King Shipyard) to Causeway Bay / North Point should be improved.
  - Lay-bys should be provided along the promenade for the elderly and those with special needs.
  
- 6) Name of the new promenade:
  - Not discussed
  
- 7) Other Discussion:
  - The Government should minimize the extent of reclamation especially that in the water park precinct. A more interesting shoreline should be provided.
  - Members were concerned about water quality especially at the 'dead ends' of the typhoon shelter. Stringent control on sewerage/ discharge should be imposed.
  - Some sections/ dead-ends along the harbourfront should be re-aligned to facilitate smooth water flow.
  - Some members were also concerned about the impact of traffic noise along the trunk road onto the users along the harbourfront and urged the Government to reduce the noise levels, by e.g. improving road surface, erecting noise barriers, etc.

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**Group No: 4**

**Facilitator: Derek SUN    Helper: William CHAN**

**Group members:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Carmen AU	MCAL
Vincent WONG	Nil
Logo TSANG	Chartered Institute of Housing
LEE Ping Kuen	Association of Engineering Professionals in Society
Bosco CHAN	Civil Engineering and Development Department
Lawrence KWAN	Transport Department
MAN Chi Wah	Central and Western Development Concern Association

- 1) Opinion on the Concept Plan (Whether it can reflect members' vision for the harbourfront)
  - The members had no specific opinion on this issue
  
- 2) Opinion on the two themes on “Arts, Culture & Heritage” “藝術、文化和歷史” and “Leisure and Recreation” “休閒和康樂”(Whether it can reflect members' vision for harbour-front enhancement)  
Any other suggestions for themes of harbour-front enhancement
  - The members had no specific opinion on this issue
  
- 3) Opinion on whether the proposed uses could facilitate the promotion of proposed focused theme for the Workshop 1 (“Arts, Culture & Heritage” “藝術、文化和歷史”). Other suggested uses to incorporate in each precinct of the harbourfront:
  - The whole waterfront
    - The members preferred having wave sound along the waterfront by using special seawall design.
    - The waterfront design should allow the public to touch the seawater like those in foreign countries.
  
  - Arts & Culture Precinct (藝術及文化區)
    - The members were concerned about the management of cultural facilities in this precinct.
  
  - Water Park Precinct (以「水」為主題的公園區)
    - Mr. TSANG thought that the protruding form of the new Wan Chai Pier is quite odd along the smooth coastline. Most of the members thought that the new pier is a bit too east and not easily accessible.
    - The members were concerned about the public access to the roof of the pier. They proposed integrating the activities along the promenade with that on the

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roof and top levels of the pier. Some facilities like swimming pool, open space and coffee shops can be provided at the pier to attract the public. They quoted the new piers in Central as a good example.

- Water Recreation Precinct (水上康樂區)
    - Mr. MAN were concerned about the water quality of Victoria Harbour
  
  - Heritage Precinct (文化歷史區)
    - The members suggested enhancing the “Typhoon Shelter Culture” including the dining culture (e.g. “Fried Crab” and “Fried Shrimp”) and art culture (e.g. singing on the boat). The ancillary facilities, such as the landing point along the typhoon shelter, should be enhanced.
    - The members were concerned about the water quality of the typhoon shelter. Mr. MAN thought if no reclamation is allowed, pollution in the harbour will not be easily dealt. Mr. LEUNG Kong Yui further added that someone proposed reclaiming the typhoon shelter temporarily and clearing the pollutants and reclamation materials on the seabed afterwards. Derek then added that reclamation is necessary only when there is overriding public needs.
    - The members were concerned about how to maintain the water quality of typhoon shelter even when “boat-dining” culture is promoted in this vicinity.
    - Mr. Bosco CHAN stated that appropriate physical measures and institutional arrangements would have to be explored for improving the water quality of typhoon shelter.
    - The members preferred preserving the Tin Hau Temple on the boat instead of migrating it on land. The nature of the Tin Hau Temple has been changed if it is migrated on land.
  
  - Leisure & Recreation Precinct (休閒及活動區)
    - The members had no specific opinion on this precinct.
- 4) Opinion on the proposed accessibility of the harbour-front.  
Other suggested routes to further improved pedestrian connections (at grade access, flyover or subway):
- The members were concerned about the linkages between the new attractions and the existing urban area. They hoped to have more but not too close pedestrian linkages. Mr. MAN proposed to provide the visitors an information leaflet which introduces new attractions and possible visiting routes, in order to guide the people to this waterfront.
- 5) Name of the new promenade:
- 維港海旁徑
- 6) Other Discussion:
- nil

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**Group No: 5**

**Facilitator: Flora LAI    Helper: Julian WONG**

**Group members:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Mr. Andy WU	MCAL
Mr. C K LAM	CEDD
邱松鶴先生 (Mr. Yau)	TDC
Mr. Danny TANG	Jardines
馮穎君小姐	APCO Worldwide
Mr. Joseph LAW	Nil (Working in Wan Chai)
Mr. Mary POON	Nil

- 1) Opinion on the Concept Plan (Whether it can reflect members' vision for the harbourfront)
  - The members had no specific opinion on this issue.
  
- 2) Opinion on the two themes on “Arts, Culture & Heritage” “藝術、文化和歷史” and “Leisure and Recreation” “休閒和康樂”(Whether it can reflect members' vision for harbour-front enhancement)  
Any other suggestions for themes of harbour-front enhancement
  - The members agreed with both themes. No further themes were raised.
  
- 3) Opinion on whether the proposed uses could facilitate the promotion of proposed focused theme for the Workshop 1 (“Arts, Culture & Heritage” “藝術、文化和歷史”). Other suggested uses to incorporate in each precinct of the harbour-front:
  - Arts & Culture Precinct (藝術及文化區)
    - Mr. Yau suggested to open up pedestrian walkways within the HKCEC for easy public access to its eastern and western promenade. Ancillary facilities, such as retail shops and washrooms should also be provided along the walkways in order to facilitate the visitors.
    - Other members agreed to the proposal.
    - Mr. Yau commented that as the helipad may create excessive noise and cause incompatibility on the existing land use pattern of the adjoining pier plaza, it should be relocated elsewhere.
    - Mr. C K Lam informed that the helipad is currently temporarily located at the tip of the Ex-cargo handling area (point 16) and targeted to be re-located to the proposed location (point 5). The helipad is necessary for the provision of emergency services by the Government Flying Service.
    - Ms. Flora Lai stated that the noise issue concerning the helipad will be further investigated.

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- The members agreed that the helipad noise is an important issue to be concerned.
- Water Park Precinct (以「水」為主題的公園區)
  - Mr. Yau opined that pure fresh water, rather than sea water should be designed for water feature in the water park to avoid arousing hygienic and odour problems.
  - Mr. Yau suggested to incorporate more commercial and community facilities, such as viewing deck, cafe, etc in the ferry pier for public enjoyment. Other members agreed.
  - Ms. Fung suggested that Wan Chai heritage's elements, such as street market culture at Tai Yuen Street should be introduced in the Water Park Precinct
  - Mr. Andy Wu informed that the division of 5 planning precincts are to meet concerns of different interest groups. The street markets and small kiosks will be provided in the "Arts & Culture Precinct"
- Water Recreation Precinct (水上康樂區)
  - Mr. Yau suggested that to create a continuous promenade with the co-operation with RHKYC. The public should also be allowed to enjoy some facilities with the RHKYC
  - Ms. Fung suggested that the RHKYC should also take its corporate social responsibility to provide some water recreation courses in the proposed Harbour Education Centre and Water Sports Centre. Heritage culture of the RHKYC should also be introduced to the public.
  - Other members agreed to the above proposals.
- Heritage Precinct (文化歷史區)
  - Mr. Yau suggested to provide a connection between the RHKYC and the breakwater.
  - Ms. Flora Lai informed that any kinds of connections above the seabed would involve reclamation.
  - Ms. Fung opined that the floating restaurants and cafes should be re-instated in the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter in order to manifest its typhoon shelter culture. Other members agreed.
  - Ms. Mary Poon suggested to erect a series of graphic signages with images to reflect Wan Chai's history along the boardwalk promenade. Other members agreed.
- Leisure & Recreation Precinct (休閒及活動區)
  - Some members suggested to provide a cycle track to link the whole harbour-front area,
  - Mr. Eric Ma responded that the proposed promenade would not be wide enough to accommodate a continuous cycle track. In the present standard, a cycle track, with a minimum width of about 4 m has to be provided separated from the pedestrian walkway. Further reclamation to achieve a wider promenade to cater for the cycle track is considered not acceptable under the present Protection of the Harbour Ordinance.

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- 4) Opinion on the proposed accessibility of the harbour-front.  
Other suggested routes to further improved pedestrian connections (at grade access, flyover or subway):
- Some members suggested to provide shuttle bus service linking between the hinterland and the waterfront around HKCEC. Other members agreed.
  - Ms. Mary Poon suggested that the proposed new linkages should also be designed to cater for the senior citizens and the disabled. Other members agreed.
  - All members agreed to the suggestion from the other participants during floor discussion: a pedestrian walkway on 2/F or 3/F of World Trade Centre linking to the Noonday Gun area should be provided.
- 5) Name of the new promenade:
- 維港海濱
- 6) Other Discussion:
- Mr. Joseph Law enquired about the time and the cost required for the construction of the CWB.
  - Mr. C K Lam responded that the construction would be completed by around 2015/16 and it would cost approximately HK\$20 billions.