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Public Engagement on Harbour Planning Principles and Guidelines for Victoria Harbour and Its Harbour-front Areas

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The Review of the HPP

- Background: The Planning Study on the Harbour and its Waterfront Areas completed in 2003 required revision, including the Harbour Planning Principles to reflect changing circumstances and community aspirations in harbour planning

2003 Harbour planning framework

Guided by the following planning principles:

- give tourism/recreation uses which can benefit from waterfront access priority in the Inner Harbour, while balancing the needs of other uses
- group tourist attractions in clusters
- consolidate tourism clusters in and close to the Inner Harbour
- locate secondary tourism nodes and recreation uses around the Outer Harbour
- improve pedestrian accessibility to the waterfront from public transport access points
- provide continuity of waterfront promenades to link tourism clusters
- integrate hinterland areas with the public waterfront, through improved visual, landscape and pedestrian linkages
- minimize physical and visual intrusion into the Harbour and preserve natural coastline



- The Vision Statement for Victoria Harbour is especially concerned with issues of urban and landscape design. The overall aim, "To make Victoria Harbour attractive, vibrant, accessible and symbolic of Hong Kong - a harbour for the people and a harbour of life" is supported by a number of goals as follows:
 - to bring the people to the Harbour and the Harbour to the people
 - to enhance the scenic views of the Harbour and maintain visual access to the harbour-front
 - to enhance the Harbour as a unique attraction for our people and tourists
 - to create a quality harbour-front through encouraging innovative building design and a variety of tourist, retail, leisure and recreational activities, and providing an integrated network of open space and pedestrian links
 - to facilitate the improvement of the water quality of the Harbour
 - to maintain a safe and efficient harbour for the transport of people and goods and for the operation of an international hub port

The Review of the HPP

- Objective: To review and revise the Vision and Mission Statements, and the planning principles which form a basis for establishment of an harbour planning framework

Task Group on Harbour Planning Principles

- A Task Group on Harbour Planning Principles (HPP) was set up to draft the HPPs . Members include representatives from:
- Harbour-front Enhancement Committee
- Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau
- Planning Department
- Civil Engineering and Development Department and
- other Bureaux and Government departments on ad hoc basis

The draft HPPs

- The Task Group in consultation with Member organisations of HEC and Government departments drew up a draft HPPs for agreement of HEC for wider consultation with other relevant stakeholders and District Councils

Consultations with stakeholders:

- The HEC agreed to adopt the draft as HPPs as working paper for public consultation with District Council, Town Planning Board and concerned bodies
- Professional Institutes, organisations and relevant stakeholders were invited to comment on the HPPs

Consultation with Statutory bodies, Advisory Bodies and Public

- Town Planning Board (April 2005)
- LegCo (April 2005)
- Joint District Councils Forum (Aug 2005)
- Uploaded to HEC Web-site (Sept 2005)

Revised HPPs

- The revised HPPs incorporating comments and suggestions received from individuals and organisations were adopted by the HEC in April 2006
- The revised HPPs have been uploaded onto the website and issued to stakeholders and interested parties for promulgation

The Harbour Planning Guidelines (HPGs)

- Objective: to establish more specific guidelines to enable relevant stakeholders and the public to better understand the intentions and requirements of the HPPs

The HPGs

- The draft HPGs, prepared by the Task Group, in consultation with Government departments, was agreed by Sub-Committee on Harbour Plan Review in November 2006
- The HEC agreed in January 2007 that the HPGs be adopted as a working draft for further consultation with relevant stakeholders

Consultations with stakeholders:

- Professional Institutes, organisations and relevant stakeholders were invited to comment on the HPGs
- The draft HPGs was uploaded onto HEC website for public viewing and comment

Consultation with Statutory bodies, Advisory Bodies and Public

- Town Planning Board (March 2007)
- Strategy Sub-Committee of the Council of Sustainable Development (April 2007)



Feedback

- 19 comments were received from individuals and organisations commenting on various aspects of the HPGs
- The HPGs was revised taking into account comments and suggestions received

The Revised HPGs

- The revised HPGs incorporating comments and suggestions received was endorsed by HEC in June 2007
- The revised HPGs would be issued to relevant stakeholders and interested parties and would be uploaded onto HEC website for promulgation



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Thank You

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