HEC Sub-committee on Wan Chai Development Phase II Review

Progress Report on Harbour-front Enhancement Review -Wan Chai and Adjoining Areas (HER)

- 1. This progress report covers the period between the fourth and the fifth meetings of the Sub-committee on Wan Chai Development Phase II Review (Sub-committee), that is, from 7 February to 11 April 2005.
- 2. The main task of the HER Task Force during the reporting period was to prepare a new kit pursuant to the decision of the last Sub-committee meeting. Four meetings, i.e. the fourth, the fifth and the sixth HER Task Force meetings and an expanded HER Task Force meeting were held.
- 3. The fourth HER Task Force meeting was held 15 February 2005 in which the flow of the new kit, survey questionnaires for Envisioning Stage of HER, roles of and communication with collaborators and the new time frame for HER were discussed. The Task Force agreed that comments of the collaborators on the draft new kit would be sought and the Town Planning Board (TPB), various District Councils (DCs) concerned and the Planning, Lands and Works (PLW) Panel of LegCo would be briefed on HER and the new kit.
- 4. The fifth HER Task Force meeting held on 4 March 2005 (and continued on 7 March 2005) discussed in details the preliminary draft of the new kit and the draft survey questionnaires prepared by City Planning. City Planning also briefed the meeting on the proposed arrangements for the public forums and charrettes.
- 5. The updated preliminary draft of the new kit prepared by City Planning was discussed by the HER Task Force at its meeting of 22 March 2005 (and continued on 24 March 2005). The basic content of

the draft new kit was agreed. The meeting also agreed the following schedule for briefing the various parties concerned on HER and the new kit:

- (a) Collaborators 2 April 2005;
- (b) TPB 8 April 2005;
- (c) Wan Chai DC an ad hoc meeting in the morning of 12 April 2005;
- (d) Eastern DC 14 April 2005 (p.m.) Joint meeting of the Works
 & Development Committee and the Traffic & Transport Committee;
- (e) Southern DC 21 April 2005 (p.m.) main DC Meeting;
- (f) LegCo PLW Panel 26 April 2005; and
- (g) Central & Western DC 19 May 2005(p.m.)¹ main DC meeting.
- 6. The HER Task Force met the Hon. Wong Yung-kan, Mr. Chung Shu-kun of the Eastern DC and some fishermen representatives on 22 March 2005. They expressed concern on possible impacts to the anchorage area at the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter. To address their concern, the HER Task Force will strengthen communication and cooperation with the fishermen.
- 7. The HEC members and their alternates were invited on 29 March 2005 to attend the meeting with collaborators on 2 April 2005. They were also informed about the schedule for briefing TPB, various DCs and LegCo on 7 April 2005.
- 8. City Planning produced the first draft of the new kit on 31 March 2005. A link for downloading the draft was passed to Sub-committee members and the alternates on that date. The members were informed that the first draft would be discussed at a meeting with the collaborators on 2 April 2005.
- 9. The collaborators discussed the first draft of the new kit actively and made some constructive comments at the meeting on 2 April 2005. The HER Task Force held a "round-up" discussion immediately after the collaborators' meeting and decided on the amendments to be made.
- 10. City Planning produced the second draft of the new kit on 7 April

¹ Date as revised according to subsequent discussion with Central & Western DC.

2005. A link for downloading the second draft was passed to the Sub-committee members on the same date.

- 11. An expanded HER Task Force meeting was held on 8 April 2005 for endorsing the draft new kit before it was presented to the DCs. Those Sub-committee members who were not serving in the HER Task Force were invited to attend the meeting. The meeting agreed the further amendments to be made, endorsed the draft new kit and agreed to submit the kit to the DCs and LegCo labelled as "Draft".
- 12. The TPB was briefed on HER and the draft new kit on 8 April 2005. The Board requested to be kept informed and be briefed regularly during the review process. Regarding the draft new kit, those sustainability indicators under the headings of 'built environment' and 'natural environment' would be combined into one group.
- 13. The Sub-committee on WDII Review scheduled for the afternoon of 12 April 2005 will discuss and endorse the proposed arrangements for the public forums and charrettes and the draft questionnaires for opinion surveys.

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