

**Progress Report from**  
**Task Group on Urban Design Study**  
**for the New Central Harbourfront (TGUDS)**  
**of Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC)**

**Reporting Period**

This progress report covers the period from January to February 2008.

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Task Group Meeting – 31 January 2008**

2. The Task Group discussed the following items -

**(a) Findings of the Stage 1 Public Engagement of the Study**

The Task Group was briefed on the findings of the Stage 1 Public Engagement of the Study and a draft Stage 1 Public Engagement Report.

**(b) Aspects of design in responses to public views**

The Task Group was briefed on the design responses from the study consultant to the public views relating to the new Central harbourfront received from various channels. The public views included those previously expressed by stakeholders before the commencement of the Study and those collected in the Stage 1 Public Engagement. The winning and other entries of the “International Planning and Urban Design Competition on the Central Waterfront of Hong Kong” organized by Designing Hong Kong were also reviewed.

The Task Group noted that the major design responses, including enhancing vibrancy and diversity of the new Central harbourfront, providing extensive open space, enhancing pedestrian accessibility, preserving visual corridor, reducing development massing and footprints, ensuring design compatibility with the surroundings, maximizing greenery and sustainable design, and preparing alternative concepts of re-assembling Queen's Pier and reconstructing the old Star Ferry Clock Tower, etc., would be incorporated into the refined urban design framework plan, Master Layout Plans, and design concepts for key sites for public discussion in the Stage 2 Public Engagement. The design proposals would be presented for discussion with the Task Group at a separate working session before launching the Stage 2 Public Engagement.

**Secretariat, HEC TGUDS**  
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