Progress Report from Task Group on Management Model for the Harbourfront (TGMMH) 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^{nd} Task Group Meeting – 5 February 2008

2. The Task Group discussed the following items -

(a) Development of a piazza in Tsim Sha Tsui

The Task Group discussed with the Tourism Commission (TC) the management issues of the proposed piazza in Tsim Sha Tsui. It noted that the TC had briefed the HEC Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review and that the Sub-committee had considered and given advice on the uses and design of the piazza. The Task Group generally considered that the piazza should be considered in a holistic manner with the surrounding facilities and its management could be integrated with the open space in front of the Cultural Centre.

(b) Discussion/Brainstorming session

The Task Group discussed Prof Carlos Lo's suggestion of possible steps for developing a management model for the harbourfront. Prof Lo also briefed Members on five articles on integrated coastal arrangement. The Task Group noted that Planning Department (PlanD) conducted a Planning Study on The Harbour and Its Waterfront Areas in 2003. The meeting considered that

PlanD's Study had provided very useful reference and agreed to use it as the starting point for the work of the Task Group.

(c) Revised work plan

The Task Group discussed its revised work plan. Members agreed that PlanD, Mr Nicholas Brooke, the Harbour Business Forum (HBF) and the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) would be invited to brief the Task Group on their respective work at the next meeting. PlanD and Mr Brooke would brief Members on their research on overseas experiences, the HBF its study on organizational structures and harbourfront management, and HAB the proposed statutory body for the West Kowloon Cultural District Development.

Secretariat, HEC TGMMH February 2008