

**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 March to April 2008.

Meetings held and the Major Points Raised

Working Meetings – 26 and 31 March 2008

2. The Task Group held two working meetings on 26 and 31 March 2008 before the launch of the Stage 2 Public Engagement. The study team briefed Members on the work plan for the Stage 2 Public Engagement, the public engagement materials, the public opinion collection exercise including qualitative and quantitative data analysis using comment cards and interview questionnaires, etc., and the study proposals.
3. Members had provided comments and suggestions on the work plan, the draft comment cards and interview questionnaires, the draft Consultation Digest, and the study proposals. Their comments and suggestions where appropriate had been taken into account in revising and finalizing the public engagement materials.
4. As suggested by a Member, a site visit to the Central Reclamation Phase III area was arranged by CEDD and attended by some Members on 8 April 2008.

Third Meeting – 23 April 2008

5. The Task Group was briefed on the launch of the Stage 2 Public Engagement of the Study on 11 April and details of the Study, including the refined urban design framework, the proposed reduction of development intensities for several key sites, different design concepts for

the key sites in the new Central harbourfront, and the proposed design concepts at different locations for re-assembling Queen's Pier and reconstructing the old Star Ferry Clock Tower.

6. Members had given comments and suggestions on various aspects of the study proposals. Major comments and questions included, inter alia, integration of the existing and the new Central harbourfront, how to enhance vibrancy of the new harbourfront, the proposed office/hotel use in front of IFC II, the need of the bus terminus at Site 2, and the implications of re-assembling Queen's Pier at the original location on the programme of Road P2.
7. The study team would take into consideration the comments and suggestions raised at the meeting as part of the Stage 2 Public Engagement exercise.

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