

**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 March to April 2009.

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

7th Task Group Meeting – 19 March 2009

2. The Task Group discussed the following items -

(a) Report on TGMMH overseas visit to Singapore and Sydney

Mr Vincent Ng, Mr Nicholas Brooke, Prof Carlos Lo, Dr Sujata Govada, Mr Paul Zimmerman and representatives from Development Bureau and Transport Development visited Singapore and Sydney on 16-21 February 2009. Dr Govada presented a report on the visit. Members generally considered the experience valuable and emphasized the importance of leadership, public participation and integration of planning and implementation in formulating a management model for the Hong Kong harbourfront.

(b) Development and management model of Whampoa Garden by Mr Johnnie Chan, Chief Estate Manager of Hutchison Whampoa Properties Ltd

At Mr Zimmerman's suggestion, Mr Johnnie Chan of Hutchison Whampoa Properties Ltd briefed the meeting on the development and management model of Whampoa Garden. Messrs Leung Fuk-chak and Chan Kam-ying, Chairman and Vice-chairman of

the Whampoa Garden Owners' Committee also shared with the Task Group their views and experience from owners' perspective. Members discussed the management and financing of public facilities, such as roads open space in Whampoa Garden, as well as the applicability of the Whampoa Garden management model to the new Central harbourfront.

(c) Any Other Business

(i) TGMMH overseas visit to San Francisco and Vancouver

With the experience of the TGMMH visits to Liverpool and London, and Singapore and Sydney, Members agreed to conduct a visit to San Francisco and Vancouver in April 2009. The Secretariat would arrange the logistics and meetings with the relevant authorities and organizations.

(ii) Enhancing communication between CEDD and HEC on Kai Tak Development

At the HEC meeting on 23 February 2009, it was suggested that a communication link between the Kai Tak project team of CEDD and TGMMH be established, so that Members could be informed of the progress of Kai Tak Development. Members agreed that CEDD would be invited to attend TGMMH meetings and brief Members periodically as required.

(iii) Mr Zimmerman's suggestion to discuss 'The Planning Study of the Harbour and the Waterfront Areas' (the Study)

Since the Study has already been presented and discussed twice at the first and third TGMMH meetings on 5 December 2007 and 8 April 2008, Members agreed that it was not necessary to reopen the discussion.

(iv) Informal discussion with the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCDA)

Mr Brooke and Mr Zimmerman had represented HEC to attend a meeting with the Secretariat of WKCDA on 26 February 2009 to discuss the preparatory work for Stage 1

Public Engagement of the Development Plan for WKCD.

Visit to San Francisco and Vancouver from 11 to 17 April 2009

3. The Task Group visited San Francisco and Vancouver from 11 to 17 April 2009. Prof Lee Chack-fan, Mr Nicholas Brooke, Prof Carlos Lo, Dr Ng Mee-kam, Dr Sujata Govada, Mr Paul Zimmerman, Mr Raymond Lee of Planning Department, Mr David Chaiong of Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Mr Luk Wing-cheong of Transport Department and Miss Cheung Hoi-shan of Development Bureau joined the visit. Prof Lee led the delegation as Chairman of HEC as well as TGMMH. Same as the visits to Liverpool and London in November 2008 and Singapore and Sydney in February 2009, DEVB covered non-official members' air tickets, insurance, hotel accommodation and group transport expenses. A report on the visit is being prepared for submission to the 8th TGMMH meeting to be held on 27 May 2009.

4. With regard to preparing the final report to be submitted to the HEC, the Task Group is considering a one-day retreat session in early June to consolidate the findings of the Task Group and to brainstorm on critical issues as well as the way forward.

**Secretariat, HEC TGMMH
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