

**26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Harbour-front Enhancement Committee  
held at 2:30 pm on 13 May 2009  
at 15/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, Hong Kong**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Present**

Prof Lee Chack-fan	Chairman
Prof Wong Sze-chun	Representing Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong
Dr Sujata Govada	Representing Citizen Envisioning@Harbour
Dr Alvin Kwok	Representing Conservancy Association
Prof Carlos Lo	Representing Friends of the Earth
Mr Vincent Ng	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Mr Leslie Chen	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects
Mr Kim Chan	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Planners
Mr Yu Kam-hung	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
Ir Dr Greg Wong	Representing Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
Mr Mason Hung	Representing Hong Kong Tourism Board
Mr Louis Loong	Representing Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong
Mr Paul Zimmerman	Representing Society for Protection of the Harbour Ltd (SPH)
Mr Nicholas Brooke	
Dr Anissa Chan	
Mr David Ho	
Mr Jimmy Kwok	
Mr Patrick Lau	
Mr Samuel Mok	
Mr Derrick Pang	
Mr Raymond Young	Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands)
Ms Sharon Ho	Principal Assistant Secretary (Transport)5, Transport and Housing Bureau
Mr C K Hon	Project Manager/Hong Kong Island and Islands, Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)
Mrs Ava Ng	Director of Planning
Mr Herbert Leung	Deputy Director of Lands (General)
Mr Andrew Tsang	Assistant Director(2), Home Affairs Department

Ms Alice Cheung Secretary

**In Attendance**

Ms Gracie Foo	Deputy Secretary (Planning and Lands)1, Development Bureau (DEVB)
Ms Lydia Lam	Assistant Secretary (Harbour)1, DEVB
Miss Cheung Hoi-shan	Assistant Secretary (Harbour)2, DEVB
Mr Raymond Wong	Deputy Director of Planning/Territorial (Acting)

**Absent with Apologies**

Dr Andrew Thomson	Representing Business Environment Council
Mr Michael Hui	

**Action**

**Welcoming message**

**The Chairman** welcomed all attending the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC).

**Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

1.1 **The Meeting** confirmed the revised draft minutes circulated to Members on 11 May.

**Item 2 Progress Reports from the Sub-committee/Task Groups**

**A. Harbour Plan Review Sub-committee (Paper No. 5/2009)**

2.1 **Mr Vincent Ng** presented the progress report.

2.1.1 The Sub-committee had discussed the proposed cycle track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun. While supporting cycling activities along the harbourfront and generally had no in-principle objection to the project, Members of the Sub-committee considered it important to identify the end-users and their needs. In addition, a place-making approach should be adopted to incorporate more activities along the cycle track so as to increase vibrancy.

2.1.2 The Drainage Services Department (DSD) had

briefed the Sub-committee on the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2A - Upgrading of Central and Wan Chai East Preliminary Treatment Works (PTWs). Suggestions put forth by Members included providing a wider waterfront promenade, setting back the boundary walls of the PTWs, reducing the footprint of the developments, and enhancing the streetscape of the surrounding areas. Some members visited the sites on 21 April 2009. The Sub-committee would provide its written comments to DSD in due course.

2.1.3 The Planning Department (PlanD) had briefed the Sub-committee on the draft planning briefs for the “Comprehensive Development Area (CDA) (1)” and “CDA(2)” sites on the draft Hung Hom Outline Zoning Plan (OZP), which set out the planning objectives, development parameters, planning requirements and design guidelines for the two sites. The Sub-committee noted that the planning briefs were generally in line with the Harbour Planning Principles and Guidelines, and suggested setting the non-building areas adjoining the waterfront promenade by introducing mixed uses, stipulating a minimum greening ratio to guide the future developments, and enhancing the interface of the public transport interchange podium with its surroundings.

2.1.4 The Mass Transit Railway Corporation Ltd and Highways Department briefed the Sub-committee on the temporary barging points and construction facilities at the seafront of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD), Nam Cheong and Rambler Channels for construction of the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou–Shenzhen–Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) project and associated seawall modifications at the West Kowloon seafront. Whilst noting the need for disposing of an enormous amount of spoil generated by the XRL project, the Sub-committee had grave concerns over the substantial size of the proposed works area along the seafront. Without a comprehensive picture of the future development and implementation programme of WKCD including its interface with the surrounding developments, the Sub-committee did not indicate support for the proposed project and only took note of the

proposed works area.

2.1.5 PlanD and the public engagement consultants briefed the Sub-committee on the study progress of the Hong Kong Island East Harbour-front Study and its Stage 1 Public Engagement Programme. The Sub-committee appreciated the expansion of the study scope to examine the pedestrian linkage to Heng Fa Chuen and Siu Sai Wan areas and the provision of cycling facilities along the harbourfront.

2.1.6 A Sub-committee working meeting was held to review sites under short term tenancy along the harbourfront with a view to exploring harbourfront enhancement opportunities. Four potential areas for enhancement were identified, namely the Hung Hom waterfront promenade and the adjoining open space, waterfront promenade at the ex-North Point Estate site, temporary enhancement in Kai Tak, and removal of advertising billboards in Wan Chai near the Cross Harbour Tunnel. Two Sub-committee working meetings had been held to discuss the “Inventory on Known (Planned and Proposed) Projects at Harbourfront”. Members had been briefed on the baseline information and updated progress of each harbourfront site. Suggestions raised by Members had been forwarded to relevant departments for consideration/follow up.

2.2 On the proposed cycle track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun, **Mr Paul Zimmerman** said that the Tsuen Wan section was a major development impacting the entire harbourfront in the district and cycle tracks as specified under the Transport Planning and Design Manual may conflict with the Harbour Planning Principles and Guidelines. He proposed that it would be best if the project could be redefined as a harbourfront enhancement initiatives including continuous connectivity for pedestrians and cycling, to extend this to the Tsuen Wan waterfront. **Mr Ng** said that Members’ suggestion of adopting a place-making approach to incorporate more activities along the cycle track had already been reflected to CEDD at the Sub-committee’s meeting on 18 March 2009.

2.3 **Prof Carlos Lo** asked about the possibility of constructing the Tolo Harbour section and the Tsuen Wan - Tuen Mun section at the same time. **Mr C K Hon** undertook to relay this enquiry to the relevant project team of CEDD for explanation.

CEDD

**B. Task Group on Urban Design Study for the New Central Harbourfront (TGUDS) (Paper No. 6/2009)**

2.4 **Ir Dr Greg Wong** presented the progress report. He reported that a Consolidation Forum (the Forum) organized by the TGUDS was held on 28 February 2009. The Forum was attended by about 140 members of the general public, including some members of HEC, Town Planning Board and District Councils (DCs), concern groups and organizations, professional and academic institutes, etc. The Forum report prepared by the consultant was circulated to TGUDS Members in end April 2009. The Task Group held a meeting on 4 May 2009 and was briefed on the results of the review by the Study Team on four outstanding issues emerged from the Forum, namely, a lagoon proposal, old Star Ferry Clock Tower at the original location, a comprehensive review on public transport facilities and additional decks over roads. Development intensities of Sites 1 and 2 were not discussed at that Task Group meeting. TGUDS would prepare a report summarizing the work of the Task Group in the past two and a half years, including the views of TGUDS. The report would be finalized and submitted to the Government before end of the current term of HEC in August 2009.

2.5 **Ir Dr Wong** added that he had received a proposed supplement to the TGUDS progress report from Mr Paul Zimmerman that morning. **Mr Zimmerman** outlined to Members the content of the supplement and said that the supplement had incorporated comments of some Task Group Members. Among the various points in the supplement, he highlighted the need to undertake an overall review of the OZPs for the new Central harbourfront, which was raised at the Forum. **The meeting** noted that the issue was not discussed at TGUDS on 4 May 2009 and referred the issues for discussion by the TGUDS.

2.6 **Mr Raymond Young** said that there was an established mechanism for the TGUDS and the HEC to formulate their views to the Government and the DEVB was looking forward to receiving the collated and considered comments and views of

TGUDS/HEC instead of views from certain individual members. He said the Government had never indicated that OZPs could never be amended.

2.7 As TGUDS had not discussed the supplement to the progress report, **the Chairman** suggested TGUDS to discuss it and report to HEC in its next progress report and final report.

**TGUDS**

(Post-meeting note: Mr Zimmerman emailed the proposed supplement to Members on 13 May 2009.)

### **C. Task Group on Management Model for the Harbourfront (TGMMH) (Paper No. 7/2009)**

2.8 In his capacity as Chairman of TGMMH, **Prof Lee Chack-fan** presented the progress report.

2.8.1 A TGMMH delegation visited Singapore and Sydney on 16-21 February 2009. At the TGMMH meeting on 19 March 2009, Dr Sujata Govada presented the visit report. Members generally considered the experience invaluable and emphasized the importance of leadership, public participation and integration of planning and implementation in formulating a management model for the Hong Kong harbourfront. Another TGMMH delegation visited San Francisco and Vancouver from 11 to 17 April 2009. A report on the visit was being prepared for discussion at the next TGMMH meeting scheduled for 27 May 2009.

2.8.2 Hutchison Whampoa Properties Ltd briefed TGMMH on the development and management model of Whampoa Garden. The Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Whampoa Garden Owners' Committee also shared their views and experience from owners' perspective.

2.8.3 With regard to preparing the final report to be submitted to HEC, TGMMH was considering to hold a one-day retreat session in mid-June 2009 to consolidate the findings of TGMMH and to brainstorm on critical issues as well as the way forward.

2.8.4 TGMMH also discussed enhancing the

communication between CEDD and HEC on Kai Tak Development. It was agreed that CEDD would brief Members periodically as required.

2.9 **Prof Lee** updated Members that Mr Nicholas Brooke and Mr Zimmerman attended a meeting with the Secretariat of WKCD Authority on 26 February 2009 to discuss the preparatory work for Stage 1 Public Engagement of the Development Plan for WKCD. **Mr Brooke** reported that he and Mr Zimmerman had attended a briefing session arranged by WKCD Authority on 11 May 2009, in which the Transport Department (TD) presented the latest improvement measures for West Kowloon particularly the area in the waterfront. He suggested establishing a regular half-yearly briefing to HEC by the WKCD Authority on WKCD. **Prof Lee** believed that if Members considered necessary, the WKCD Authority could be invited to brief HEC as appropriate and asked the Secretariat to follow up.

**HEC Secretariat**

### **Item 3 Matters Arising**

#### **Enhancing communication between CEDD and HEC on Kai Tak Development (paragraph 5.12 of the revised draft minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting)**

3.1 This was reported in paragraph 2.8.4 above.

### **Item 4 Harbourfront Planning, Enhancement and Management (Paper No. 8/2009)**

4.1 **Ms Alice Cheung** presented the paper with a PowerPoint (Annex).

4.2 **Ir Dr Greg Wong** enquired whether reviews on relevant ordinances and departmental guidelines would be conducted with a view to removing existing public utilities like pump houses and sewage treatment plants along the harbourfront to facilitate provision of continuous waterfront promenades. **Mr Patrick Lau** appreciated the efforts of the Harbour Unit and departments concerned in putting forward the temporary waterfront promenade at Hoi Yu Street.

4.3 **Mr Paul Zimmerman** said that the 1999 Policy Address had mentioned an active waterfront including pursuit of marinas

but Paper No. 8/2009 had not touched upon the use of water. He considered that there was a need for designing the harbourfront for marine uses. He agreed that signage would help direct people to the waterfront, but it would be equally if not more important, to formulate a strategy to make the harbourfront vibrant with provision of toilets, places for food and beverage, and shaded seating. He suggested removing fences along the waterfront to enhance temporary connectivity, providing restaurants in the Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront and temporary promenades in Kai Tak and West Kowloon during construction of works.

4.4 **Dr Sujata Govada** asked about the harbour vision. She opined that the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter, the Western Wholesale Food Market, Kai Tak and West Kowloon were other possible sites for enhancement. In addition to signage, she suggested providing maps for harbour walks with participation of the private sector. Fishing in the harbour could be encouraged and consideration could be given to water taxis and landing steps. **Mr Kim Chan** hoped that more harbourfront proposals on Government land could be implemented in line with the Harbour Planning Principles and Guidelines. He reiterated the need for a holistic approach for harbourfront planning and enhancement and stressed the importance of hinterland connectivity.

4.5 **Mr Nicholas Brooke** said that the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance had imposed a constraint to remodeling and reshaping the waterfront. He wondered whether it was time to look at a model in which flexibility could be introduced into the design and planning of the waterfront with reclamation under stringent conditions. **Prof Carlos Lo** said that it was important for the Harbour Unit to lead relevant departments to implement harbourfront initiatives in a coherent manner. He considered it a priority mission for the harbourfront to be fully accessible. On vibrancy, there were concerns in terms of social, economical and environmental requirements. He enquired about the Harbour Unit's priorities among the various short, medium and long-term harbourfront initiatives, and the position of the Harbour Unit in the institutional setting. **Dr Alvin Kwok** suggested that the public be engaged in the design of the harbourfront signage scheme, and said that the public might be invited to participate in the proposal to remove the fencing along the harbourfront. He

also highlighted the merits of educating the public in harbourfront protection and preservation.

4.6 **Ms Cheung** thanked and welcomed Members' views and suggestions and said that the Harbour Unit, which was only established on 1 April 2009, was following up with departments concerned on a number of possible enhancement initiatives, some of which were not yet included in the paper and the PowerPoint presentation. On the proposed signage scheme, the Harbour Unit, together with CEDD as the works agent, would consult HEC from the early planning stage. In response to Dr Kwok's suggestion, **Ms Cheung** told Members that an open design competition on a harbourfront logo would be organized to encourage public participation. HEC would be consulted on further details of the proposal at the next meeting. Since its set-up, the Harbour Unit had attended a number of DC meetings on harbourfront initiatives and would continue to strengthen engagement of the public, HEC and DCs.

4.7 **Mr Zimmerman** reiterated SPH's interest in improving the harbourfront for public enjoyment. On the proposed signage scheme, he opined that instead of erecting more signage posts and signs, the Government should improve/enhance the existing ones. If a logo was required, it should be simple and capable of directing people to the harbourfront. He also suggested the Harbour Unit to look into issues like monitoring implementation according to the plans; getting TD involved in improving access; and balancing the views of LegCo, DCs and HEC. **Dr Govada** suggested working with relevant districts for better coordination and varieties.

4.8 On the suggestion for Harbour Unit to balance the views of LegCo, DCs and HEC, **Mr Raymond Young** encouraged Members to exchange views with DCs direct and the Secretariat would provide liaison as and when required. **Mr Patrick Lau** said that various DCs might have their own priorities and supported Members to have a direct dialogue with DCs. **The Chairman** thanked Ms Cheung for her presentation.

## **Item 5 Any Other Business**

### **A. Presentation on “The state of design of Golden Bauhinia Square (GBS), a key tourist destination, and the need for an upgrade” by Mr Paul Zimmerman**

5.1 **Mr Zimmerman** presented his PowerPoint.

5.2 **Mr Zimmerman** suggested, and **the meeting** agreed that the Harbour Unit should relay Members’ views on the improvement of the environment of GBS to the management of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

**DEVB**

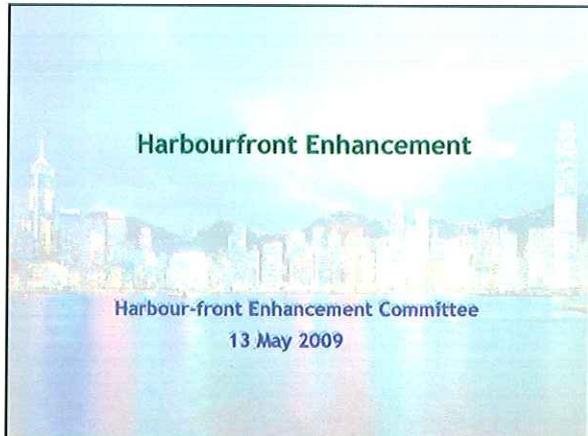
### **B. Date of next meeting**

5.3 **The Chairman** said that the next meeting originally scheduled for 15 June 2009 would be postponed in view of his schedule. The Secretariat would inform Members of the date of next meeting as soon as practicable.

(Post-meeting note: The next meeting has been rescheduled for 22 June 2009 (Monday) at 2:30 pm at Conference Room, 15/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, Hong Kong.)

5.4 There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

**Harbour-front Enhancement Committee Secretariat  
June 2009**



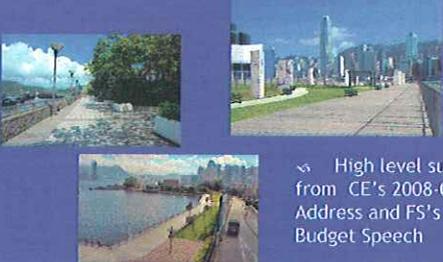
### Policy

- ↻ The Government is committed to protecting, preserving and beautifying the harbourfront for public enjoyment



### Vision

- ↻ To create a vibrant, green, accessible and sustainable harbourfront through effective and balanced planning and utilization of land resources.



- ↻ High level support from CE's 2008-09 Policy Address and FS's 2009-10 Budget Speech

### Strategies

- ↻ On 1 April 2009, DEVB set up a dedicated Harbour Unit to:
  - + co-ordinate inter-departmental efforts on harbourfront planning
  - + identify/implement short, medium and long term enhancement projects
  - + Strengthen public engagement in identifying and implementing harbourfront enhancement projects.

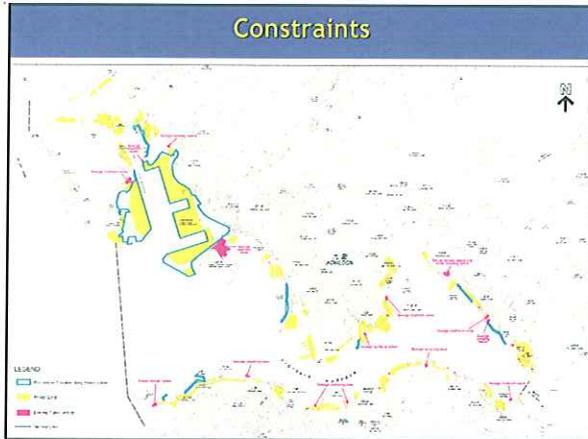


- ↻ We will -
  - + Have due regard to TPB's Vision and Goals for Victoria Harbour and HEC's Harbour Planning Principles and Guidelines
  - + Adopt a proactive and flexible approach in the use of land resources
  - + Actively study the feasibility of public private partnership or other forms of private sector involvement
  - + Strengthen public engagement from early planning, development to implementation stages

### Constraints

- ↻ Existing land uses/facilities (port-related facilities, public utilities, private land, roads) create constraints to harbourfront enhancement



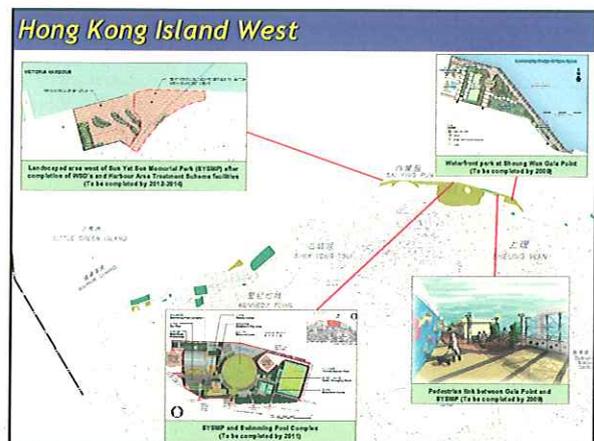


### Constraints

- Strategies:
- + rationalize cargo handling facilities
- + relocate or set back existing Government facilities not requiring waterfront location
- + introduce façade or landscape treatment to facilities along the Harbour
- + better utilize space underneath elevated waterfront roads

### Enhancement Projects

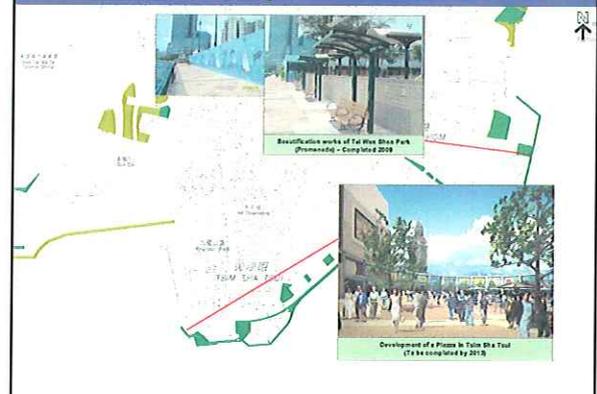
- 15 projects to be completed within next 5 years
- + 7 on HK Island
- + 7 in Kowloon
- + 1 in NT (Tsing Yi)



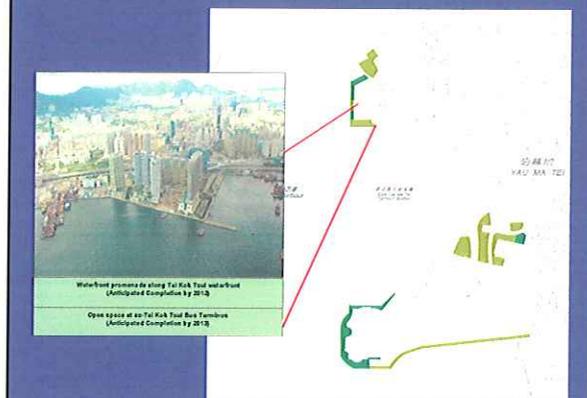
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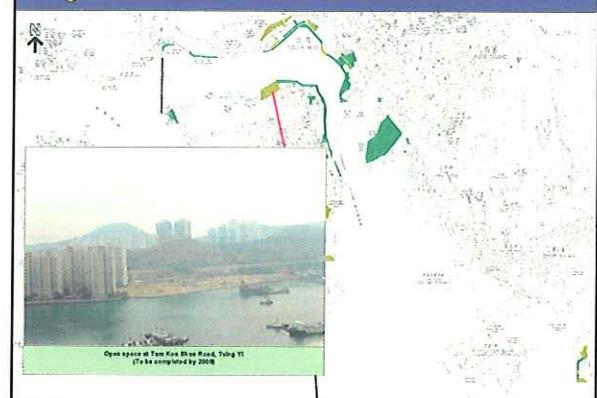
### Tsim Sha Tsui and Hung Hom



### West Kowloon



### Tsing Yi



### New Initiatives

- ↻ Harbourfront Signage
- ↻ Temporary Waterfront Promenade at Hoi Yu Street, Quarry Bay

### Harbourfront Signage Scheme

#### Objective :

- ↻ Improve accessibility
- ↻ Promoting our Harbour thereby attracting more members of the public and tourists to visit the harbourfront



### Harbourfront Signage Scheme

- Enhance existing harbourfront-related signages
- Erect new harbourfront signage poles / mapboards

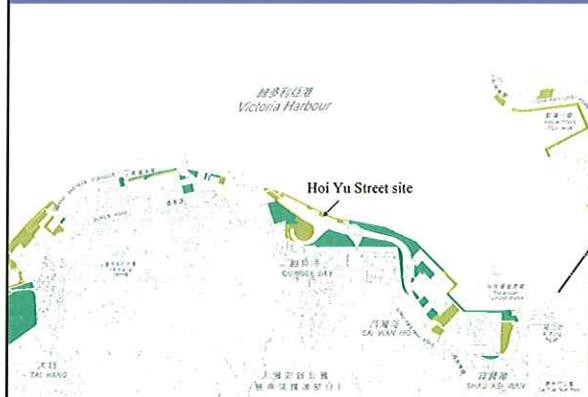


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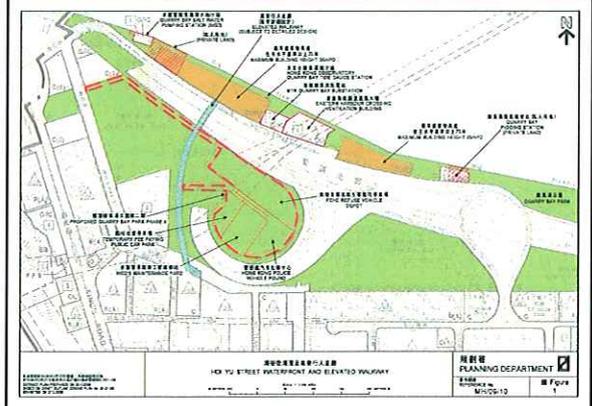


➡ A Harbourfront Logo ?

### Hong Kong Island East



### Hoi Yu Street, Quarry Bay



Thank You