

Harbourfront Commission

For discussion
on 3 April 2024

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Progress Report from Task Force on Water-land Interface and Harbourfront Activation

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from March 2023 to March 2024, during which two Task Force meetings, one workshop and two visits were conducted.

MEETING HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

26th Meeting – 17 October 2023

2. The Task Force discussed the following items –

(a) **To Promote HK Comics & Sport by Establishing Comics Park on Wan Chai Harbour Front Promenade**

- The Hong Kong Comics and Animation Federation (HKCAF) proposed to install comics-related decorations with sports theme along the Connector in Wan Chai to promote Hong Kong comics as well as to show support to Hong Kong athletes participating in the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris (2024 Olympic Games). This project received sponsorship from CreateHK and support from LCSD.
- Members generally supported the HKCAF's proposal. Some Members made suggestions on the set-up arrangement of the installations and the use of advanced technologies to enhance public engagement with more vibrant and innovative elements. Some raised questions on the location of the installations and the materials used, and expressed views on visitors' safety and enjoyment of the harbour view.

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- In conclusion, the project team was invited to take into account Members' comments in refining the implementation plan, with a view to bringing more vibrancy to the harbourfront.

(b) Progress Updates - Celebration for the 20th Anniversary of promoting Harbourfront development

- The Harbour Office (HO) briefed Members on the plan for the activities to celebrate the 20th anniversary of taking forward harbourfront development (the 20A Campaign) since the establishment of the former Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC) in 2004 and its succession by the Harbourfront Commission (HC) in 2010. The 20A Campaign included an anniversary publication, a Victoria Harbourfront photo and video Competition (the Competition), public engagement activities, etc., to be taken place from Q2 2023 to Q4 2024.
- Members were supportive of the campaign and considered it to be a good opportunity to promote the HC to the public. Members suggested that the 20A Campaign should serve the purpose of passing on the experience of the harbourfront development over these 20 years for future reference.
- The project team was invited to consider Members' comments.

27th Meeting – 21 February 2024

3. The Task Force discussed the following items –

(a) Waterfront analyses by students of Worcester Polytechnic Institute

- A group of Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) students gave a presentation under the theme of “Cool and Covered” to report their study findings on whether structures that

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provide cover on the Hong Kong waterfronts affect waterfront usage during the winter season.

- Members thanked WPI students for the presentation, which could serve as a reference for future harbourfront projects. Some raised suggestions on the study focus and data collection methodologies for the students to enrich their study in the future.

(b) Introduction on the visit to the AIA Carnival and the Hong Kong Observation Wheel

- Upon the invitation of the Great Entertainment Group Limited (GEG), Members were invited to visit the AIA Carnival and the Hong Kong Observation Wheel following discussion at the meeting.
- The GEG team introduced to Members on how they, through organising the Carnival and operating the Hong Kong Observation Wheel, engaged community partners, provided education experiences, as well as offered arts and sports opportunities for public enjoyment, and exchanged views on harbourfront connection and development.
- Members generally expressed their appreciation towards GEG on their efforts, including in setting up the AIA vitality hub, Circus and community stage, and in engaging the community and bring vibrancy to the harbourfront.

WORKSHOP & VISITS

4. The Task Force conducted one workshop and two visits during the period, including (1) eco-shoreline Workshop for Tsuen Wan Promenade on 24 May 2023 (jointly with Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing); (2) visit to To Kwa Wan Treatment Works Promenade on 5 December 2023 (jointly with Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing); and (3) visit

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to the AIA Carnival and the Hong Kong Observation Wheel on 21 February 2024 (jointly with Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island).

Secretariat

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