

## Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development

### Minutes of Forty-fourth Meeting

Date : 30 August 2022 (Tuesday)  
Time : 3 p.m.  
Venue : Room 1303, 13/F, Wing On Kowloon Centre, 345 Nathan Road,  
Kowloon

#### Present (attending in person)

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| Mr Vincent NG      | Chairman   |
| Dr Vivian WONG     | Representing Friends of the Earth (HK) Charity Limited                                     |
| Mr Sam CHOW        | Representing The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong               |
| Dr CHUNG Shan-shan | Representing The Conservancy Association   |
| Ir Victor CHEUNG   | Representing The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers  |
| Mr Ivan HO         | Individual Member<br>Chairman, Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island |
| Hon Tony TSE       | Individual Member  |

#### Present (attending online)

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| Mr Benny CHAN  | Representing Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design             |
| Mr Winston CHU | Representing Society for Protection of the Harbour           |
| Dr Rico WONG   | Representing The Conservancy Association                     |
| Ms Iris HOI    | Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects |
| Mr Paul CHAN   | Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects |

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| Mr Edward LO     | Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Planners                 |
| Ir Victor CHEUNG | Representing The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers              |
| Mr Jeff TUNG     | Representing The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong |
| Mr Mac CHAN      | Individual Member  |
| Ms Sunnie LAU    | Individual Member  |
| Ms Angela SO     | Individual Member  |

**Official Members (attending in person)**

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| Mr Vic YAU      | Deputy Secretary (Planning & Lands) 1, Development Bureau (DEVB)                         |
| Mr Johnny CHAN  | Principle Assistant Secretary (Works) 2, DEVB  |
| Ms Stephenie HO | Senior Manager (Tourism) 41, Tourism Commission (TC)                                     |
| Mr Gary WONG    | Chief Traffic Engineer/Kowloon /Urban, Transport Department (TD)                         |
| Mr Henry CHU    | Head (Kai Tak Office), Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)               |
| Mr Horman CHAN  | Assistant Director (Leisure Services) 1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) |
| Ms Ophelia LUI  | Secretary  |

**Official Members (attending online)**

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| Ms Vivian LAI | District Planning Officer/Kowloon, Planning Department (PlanD) |
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**In Attendance**

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| Ms Leonie LEE   | Commissioner for Harbourfront, DEVB |
| Mr NG Shing-kit | Senior Engineer (Harbour)2, DEVB    |

Ms Phoebe WU Engineer (Harbour), DEVB

Absent with Apologies

Mrs Margaret BROOKE Representing Business Environment Council Limited  
Dr Lawrence LI Individual Member

For Item 3

Mr Roy LAM Chief Engineer 1/Major Works, Highways  
Department (HyD)

Mr CHAN Man-kin Senior Engineer 3/Central Kowloon Route, HyD

Mr Arthur WONG Engineer 15/Central Kowloon Route, HyD

Mr Bernie WONG Assistant Engineer 21/Central Kowloon Route, HyD

Ms Agnes HO Consultant, SRE (Arup-Mott MacDonald JV)

Ms Joanna CHAN RE (Arup-Mott MacDonald JV)

Mr Arnold WONG ARTA Architects

Ms Wendy NGAN ARTA Architects

For Item 4

Mr KING Kwok-cheung Deputy Head of Energizing Kowloon East Office  
(EKEO)

Mr Nathan CHO Place Making Manager (Design) 1, EKEO

Mr Lawrence LO Project Manager 385, Architectural Services  
Department (ArchSD)

Mr David CHEUNG Design Director, Ho & Partners Architects Engineers  
& Development Consultants Ltd (HPA)

Mr Sebastian FU Assistant Design Manager, HPA

**The Chairman** welcomed all to the 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development (Task Force).

**The Chairman** informed the meeting that -

- (a) **Mr Henry CHU**, Head (Kai Tak Office) of the Civil Engineering and Development Bureau (CEDD), attended on behalf of Mr Michael LEUNG, Project Manager (E);
- (b) **Ms Stephenie HO**, Senior Manager (Tourism) 41 of TC, attended on behalf of Mr Henry LAI, Assistant Commissioner for Tourism 4;and
- (c) **Mr Gary WONG**, Chief Traffic Engineer/Kowloon, Transport Department (TD), attends on behalf of Mr Patrick HO, Assistant Commissioner/Urban.

**Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 43<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

1.1 **The Chairman** informed Members that the draft minutes of the 43<sup>th</sup> KTTF meeting had been circulated to Members on 18 August 2022. The finalised minutes with Members' comments incorporated were further circulated to Members on 26 August 2022.

1.2 With no further amendments proposed at the meeting, the minutes of the 43<sup>th</sup> meeting were taken as confirmed.

**Item 2 Matters Arising**

2.1 There was no follow-up matter arising from the last meeting.

**Item 3 Kai Tak Promenade and Landscape Deck near Metro Park (TFKT/03/2022)**

Briefing by the proponent

3.1 The Chairman informed Members that Highways Department (HyD) had submitted a proposal on the conceptual design for reinstating the works area of Kai Tak Metro Park (paper no. TFKT/03/2022), and welcomed representatives from HyD and its consultants to the meeting.

3.2 Upon the Chairman's invitation, Ms Ophelia LUI briefed Members on the background of the item. The subject site was mainly occupied by the Central Kowloon Route (CKR) project as the works area. In view of high public aspiration for opening more waterfront areas, HyD proposed to release the works area concerned from the CKR project to enable early construction of the promenade and landscape deck for public enjoyment. The site would link up the Kai Tak Sports Park and the public open space (POS) adjoining to Road D3 (Metro Park Section) and head of Kai Tak Approach Channel to be provided by the Government, as well as the POS by private developers. The design proposal comprised three phases of works, namely

- Phase 1: to build a 315 metre (m)-long promenade fronting the Victoria Harbour and a 400m-long corridor connecting such promenade and Road D3 fronting the Kai Tak Approach Channel. Target completion of this portion was end 2023/first half of 2024;
- Phase 2A: to build a 280m-long promenade fronting the Victoria Harbour to connect the promenade built in Phase 1 and the POS by private developers in Site 4E2. Target completion of this portion was end 2024; and

- Phase 2B: to provide a landscape deck connecting the future Kai Tak Metro Park and the POS of Road D3. Target completion of this portion was end 2024.

3.3 With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Ms Agnes HO from Arup-Mott MacDonald JV and Mr Arnold WONG from ARTA Architects briefed Members on the latest proposal.

3.4 **Mr Paul CHAN** declared that his office was engaged in the CKR Project with the Project Proponent. The Chairman decided that Mr Paul CHAN could remain in the meeting as an observer but should refrain from commenting on this item.

#### Discussion

3.5 **Hon Tony TSE** enquired the timing of the opening of each phase of this project and D3 Road, and when the two sites could be connected.

3.6 **Hon Tony TSE, Dr CHUNG Shan-shan, Mr Ivan HO, Mr Paul CHAN, Mr Jeff TUNG, Mr Benny CHAN** considered that sufficient shading and ventilation features should be provided. They suggested adding more trees and cooling devices such as water mist, MiC shelter, solar energy and wind energy facilities etc. to enhance public enjoyment of the promenade in all seasons.

3.7 **Mr Ivan HO and Mr Benny CHAN** supported the provision of harbour steps along the promenade, which would bring people closer to water and enhance vibrancy of the waterfront. **Mr Ivan HO** expressed that, even though it took more time to extend the harbour steps along the full length of

promenade which might slightly postpone the completion date of Phase 1 to 2024, he supported the initiative.

3.8 **Dr CHUNG Shan-shan and Mr Jeff TUNG** recommended greater use of renewable energy and environmentally friendly materials, which would help educate the public about sustainability.

3.9 **The Chairman and Mr Jeff TUNG** raised that water and electricity provision should be arranged to facilitate events to be held at the promenade in future.

3.10 **Mr Arthur WONG** thanked Members for their comments. Regarding connectivity, Phase 1 of the project, which would connect the Kai Tak Sports Park and D3 Road, targeted to open in late 2023 or early 2024. For Phase 2A of the project, the sites concerned were being used as barging points for removing construction debris, and would subsequently be released for construction of Phase 2A with target completion in end 2024.

3.11 In response to Members' comments, **Mr Arnold WONG** indicated that the project team would consider Members' ideas of adding more sustainability elements into the design. **Ms Agnes HO** supplemented that the project team would review and consider refining the designs of harbour step. Regarding the provision of water and electricity at the promenade, the project team has already been exploring the feasibility with relevant department.

3.12 **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN** informed the meeting that he had sent an email to the Task Force Secretariat before the meeting regarding his enquiry on the interface of the promenade and landscape deck with adjacent waterfront projects and his suggestion of adding a large canopy over the grand staircase at the landscape deck and promenade to provide shelter.

3.13 In response to Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN's enquiry and suggestion, **Mr Arthur WONG** supplemented that efforts had been made to ensure design coherence among the proposed promenade and adjacent waterfront projects, such as consistency in pavement blocks pattern and colour, seating and wall design. The project team had made reference to relevant design guidelines, such as Kai Tak Brand Identity Manual; and had been arranging meetings with the project teams of interfacing projects to review their designs regularly. As regards Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN's suggestion of building a large canopy at the site, the project team explained that the proposed large canopy structure at the promenade would impose additional loads to existing seawall structure, thus it is more suitable to adopt modular shelter structures. In addition, the large canopy might block the views of the harbour from the grand staircase or the promenade, and was therefore not preferred. Instead, ample of trees would be provided at the stepped terrace portion of the grand staircase and along the promenade as natural shading. .

#### *Way Forward*

3.14 The Chairman expressed appreciation to HyD for their efforts on this project. He concluded that Members supported the project to proceed and look forward to the early opening of the promenade in phases in 2023 - 24.

#### **Item 4 Kwun Tong Action Area Public Open Space (Waterfront Promenade) - Quick-win Portion (TFKT/04/2022)**

##### Briefing by the proponent

4.1 The Chairman informed Members that the Energizing Kowloon East Office (EKEO) had submitted a proposal to develop the quick-win portion of the POS near the Kwun Tong Ferry Pier at the Kwun Tong Action Area



(TFKT/04/2022), and welcomed the representatives of EKEO and its consultant to the meeting.

4.2 Upon the Chairman's invitation, **Ms Ophelia LUI** briefed Members on the background of the item. In summary, EKEO had earlier briefed the Task Force on 28 September 2021 regarding their proposed quick-win portion of the POS near the Kwun Tong Ferry Pier at the Kwun Tong Action Area, and would like to consult the Task Force again on the detailed development programme and design proposal of the project. Subject to Members' views, works of the project would commence in December 2022, with target completion in March 2023 to tie in with the completion of adjacent Tsui Ping River footbridge and a portion of Cha Kwo Ling Promenade being constructed by Drainage Services Department.

4.3 **Mr Ivan HO and Mr Edward LO** suggested that the project team should consider how the identity of Kwun Tong could be better promoted through the design of the proposed works.

4.4 **Mr Edward LO and Mr Ivan HO** appreciated the theme of "Low-carbon and Healthy Living" and the use of vibrant colours in the design of this project. **Dr CHUNG Shan-shan, Mr Sam CHOW and Mr Benny CHAN** further commented on the use of wording and word font to better align with the said theme.

4.5 **Dr Vivian WONG, Mr Ivan HO and the Chairman** suggested the project team to consider using more environmentally friendly materials or adding more sustainability elements to better illustrate the theme. **Dr Vivian WONG** further suggested the project team to make reference to the features adopted in K-Farm at the Belcher Bay Promenade when enhancing the project design.

4.6 **Mr KING Kwok-cheung** appreciated all the Members' comments, and indicated that the project team would consider how to further promote the identity of Kwun Tong and enhance the theme of "Low-carbon and Healthy Living" in the project.

*Way Forward*

4.7 The Chairman thanked the project proponent for their efforts and concluded that the Task Force supported the project, which would enhance the connectivity with adjacent areas, and looked forward to the early completion of the project.

**Item 5 Any Other Business**

5.1 There being no other comments, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

**Secretariat**

**Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development**

**February 2023**