

Harbourfront Commission

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Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from January to March 2016.

MEETING(S) HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Twenty Second Meeting – 9 March 2016

2. The Task Force discussed the following issues/items -

**(a) Tsim Sha Tsui East and Tsim Sha Tsui West Action Areas –
Updated Progress – Public Engagement Report and Revision
of the Tsim Sha Tsui Waterfront Revitalisation Plan**

- The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) briefed Members on the final report of the Public Engagement (PE) exercise conducted for the Tsim Sha Tsui (TST) Waterfront Revitalisation Plan (the Plan). The department also updated Members on its decision announced on 17 February 2016 to revise the Plan by adopting a simple design for the Tsim Sha Tsui East Promenade (the Promenade). For the existing Avenue of Stars and Salisbury Garden, in addition to the necessary maintenance works, green features and outdoor seating would be added.
- Members opined that the TST waterfront should be enhanced by bringing in diversified facilities and activities for public enjoyment. Some called for a holistic plan for further enhancing the area from Star Ferry Pier to ex-International Mailing Centre through a comprehensive public engagement process.
- Members also provided specific comments on the revised design of the Plan on pedestrian connectivity from the hinterland, location of the proposed public toilet, provision of food and beverage facilities, design and use of railing, etc. The Task Force invited LCSD to work closely with Members

by organising an informal workshop before presenting the revised design at the next Task Force meeting.

- LCSD responded that the decision of revising the Plan was in response to views collected during the public engagement exercise in which the majority of the respondents supported the Plan but wished to have fewer structures to be built on the Promenade. The department would continue to engage the Task Force on the Plan and enhancing other parts of the TST waterfront including the Hong Kong Museum of Art and the Hong Kong Cultural Centre.

(b) Proposed Short Term Tenancy (STT) for Fee-paying Public Carpark on Government Lands at (i) Wa Shun Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon (to be known as KX2971), and (II) Junction of Bailey Street and Sung Ping Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon (to be known as KX2962)

- The Tourism Commission, the Transport Department (TD) and the Lands Department first sought Task Force's comments on the proposal in October 2014. After taking into account Members' comments, the departments revisited the situation and provided supplementary information to the Task Force for considering the proposal again.
- After deliberation, the Task Force recognised the need to alleviate the illegal parking problem faced by local residents, and considered it acceptable to implement the proposal as an interim solution for a year without extension. The proponent departments were asked to monitor the effectiveness of the proposal and identify a solution for phasing out the proposed car parking areas upon expiry. In addition, the Task Force requested long-term land uses of the sites concerned to be implemented as soon as practicable.
- Separately, the Task Force requested the Transport and Housing Bureau and TD to look into the overall parking provision and requirements along the harbourfront areas with a view to finding a set of long-term solutions to address the issue.

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