

“Transformation of Public Play Spaces”

PURPOSE

This paper provides an overview on the five-year plan on Transformation of Public Play Spaces (PPS) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

BACKGROUND

2. LCSD manages over 650 venues with outdoor children’s playgrounds. To make the public play spaces more innovative and fun as well as to meet the aspirations of local residents at the same time, the Government announced in the Chief Executive’s 2019 Policy Address the launching of a five-year plan to transform more than 170 PPS under LCSD. The total estimated expenditure for the entire project is about \$686 million.

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3. A consultancy study on “Design of Play Space in LCSD Venues” had been conducted by ArchSD which aimed at reviewing current practices and developing design guidelines to make the PPS more attractive, user-inclusive and fun to play in a safe manner. Following the recommendation of the consultant, different degrees of challenges and fun, introduction of more natural elements in order to provide innovative, challenging and interesting play spaces shall be included in future design of play spaces. With the positive feedback from the community on the transformation works of the children’s play space in Tuen Mun Park into an innovative inclusive playground, the Government is committed to transform more of the existing play spaces.

4. In 2020-21 and 2021-22, 17 and 26 transformation projects have been rolled out respectively in various districts including Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park, Tung Lo Wan Garden, King's Road Playground, Quarry Bay Park, Tai Wan Shan Park, Tsing Yi Promenade, which fall within harbourfront areas. LCSD expedites the implementation of the projects so that children and their families living in the vicinity can enjoy the more challenging

and fun play equipment sooner. The first five transformation works for PPS are expected to be completed in late 2022 while the remaining projects will commence gradually. LCSD has prepared a list of 44 projects to be launched in 2022-23 in which Tsuen Wan Park (Phase II) and Sam Ka Tsuen Recreation Ground are within harbourfront areas and is planning for projects for the subsequent years. A list of the venues undergoing transformation is at **Annex**.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND PROMOTION

5. In the course of transforming PPS, LCSD will encourage and promote community participation and engagement through engaging professional firms in organising workshops, opinion surveys, questionnaires or other means to invite different stakeholders (including children and their parents/caretakers in the district) to offer opinions on their needs. For example, the theme of “Mountain Exploration” (山中探索) has been developed for the design of the PPS at Tai Wan Shan Park after adopting innovative ideas from a series of public engagement activities in the surrounding communities. The major play experiences include climbing in different heights, crawling, swinging, rotating and sensory play. The new PPS will encourage children to challenge themselves physically and mentally as well as to play with other children dynamically and interactively developing their physical, social and sensory abilities while playing. An open design competition will be launched in the second half of 2022 to collect innovative design ideas from professionals on PPS.

WAY FORWARD

6. LCSD will continue to provide more innovative, challenging and interesting play spaces meeting the aspirations of public and the needs of children of different ages and abilities.

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**Annex – List of Venues where Public Play Spaces will be
Transformed**

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Annex

List of Venues where Public Play Spaces will be Transformed

District	Year of Launching of Transformation	
	2020-21	2021-22
Hong Kong Island		
Central and Western District	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	(i) Third Street Playground (ii) Kwong Hon Terrace Garden
Southern District	Aberdeen Promenade	Shek Pai Wan Road Playground
Eastern District	King's Road Playground	(i) Quarry Bay Park (ii) Yee Tai Street Sitting-out Area
Wan Chai District	Tung Lo Wan Garden	Kwai Fong Street Playground
Kowloon		
Sham Shui Po District	Sham Shui Po Park	Shun Ning Road Recreation Ground
Kwun Tong District	Jordan Valley Park	Ngau Tau Kok Road Sports Centre
Yau Tsim Mong District	Tong Mei Road Children's Playground	(i) Saigon Street Playground (ii) Haiphong Road Children's Playground
Wong Tai Sin District	Shung Ling Street Playground	(i) Morse Park (Park No. 4) (ii) Ngau Chi Wan Park (Children's Play Area on Upper Platform)
Kowloon City District	Tai Wan Shan Park	Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1

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District	Year of Launching of Transformation	
	2020-21	2021-22
New Territories		
Islands District	Cheung Chau Park	Yung Shue Wan Playground
Kwai Tsing District	Tsing Yi Promenade	(i) Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park (ii) Mei King Playground
Tsuen Wan District	Pak Lam Road Garden	Jockey Club Tak Wah Park
Sai Kung District	Po Tsui Park	(i) Sai Kung Waterfront Park (ii) Mau Tai Road Garden
Sha Tin District	Che Kung Miu Road Playground	(i) Sha Tin Park (ii) Ma On Shan Promenade (Children's Playgrounds No. 3 and No. 4)
Tai Po District	Yuen Shin Park	Chung Nga Road Children's Playground
North District	Hung Leng Children's Playground	Wo Hing Playground
Yuen Long District	Fung Cheung Road Garden	(i) Tin Shui Wai Park (ii) Yuen Long Park
Tuen Mun District#	-	Tsing Shan Children's Playground

Transformation works of the children play space in Tuen Mun Park were completed in **2018**.

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	2022-23		
Hong Kong Island			
Central and Western District	Caine Road Garden	Hollywood Road Park	
Southern District	Ap Lei Chau Park	Ap Lei Chau Bridge (North) Children's Playground	Hong Fu Playground
Eastern District	Heng Fa Chuen Playground	Healthy Village Playground	
Wan Chai District	Morrison Hill Road Playground	Tak Yan Street Children's Playground	
Kowloon			
Sham Shui Po District	Maple Street Playground	Cheung Sha Wan Playground	
Kwun Tong District	Sam Ka Tsuen Recreation Ground	Lam Tin Park	Lok Wah Playground
Yau Tsim Mong District	Lok Kwan Street Park	Ferry Street Playground	
Wong Tai Sin District	Tsz Wan Shan Estate Central Playground	Fung Tak Park	
Kowloon City District	To Kwa Wan Recreation Ground	Moray Road Children's Playground	Carmel Village Street Garden
New Territories			
Islands District	Peng Chau Playground	Tai O Recreation Ground, Lantau	

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District	Year of Launching of Transformation		
	2022-23		
Kwai Tsing District	Shek Pai Street Park	Hing Shing Road Playground	Tai Wong Ha Playground
Tsuen Wan District	Tsuen Wan Park (Phase II)	Tsuen Wan Tin Hau Temple Garden	Tsuen King Circuit Children's Playground
Sai Kung District	Man Yee Playground	Pui Shing Garden	
Sha Tin District	Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	Ngau Pei Sha Street Playground	Yuen Chau Kok Park
Tai Po District	Yuen Chau Tsai Park	Senses Children's Playground, Tai Po Waterfront Park	
North District	Po Wing Road Playground	Luen Wo Hui Playground	Shek Wu Hui Jockey Club Playground
Yuen Long District	Tin Ho Road Playground	Yuen Long Jockey Club Town Square	Shek Po Tsuen Playground
Tuen Mun District#	Butterfly Beach Park	Yeung Siu Hang Garden	