

## Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development (KTTF)

### Minutes of Forty-sixth Meeting

Date : 22 February 2023 (Wednesday)  
Time : 4:30 p.m.  
Venue : Room 1303, 13/F, Wing On Kowloon Centre, 345 Nathan Road,  
Kowloon

#### Present (attending in person)

Mr Ivan HO	Acting Chairman, 46 <sup>th</sup> KTTF Meeting Individual Member Chairman, Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island
Mrs Margaret BROOKE	Representing Business Environment Council Limited
Dr Vivian WONG	Representing Friends of the Earth (HK) Charity Limited
Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN	Representing Society for Protection of the Harbour
Ir Victor CHEUNG	Representing The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

#### Present (attending online)

Mr Vincent NG	Chairman
Mr Joel CHAN	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design
Mr Sam CHOW	Representing The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong
Dr Rico WONG	Representing The Conservancy Association
Mr Jacky CHEUNG	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Mr Paul CHAN	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects

Mr Edward LO	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Planners
Mr Mac CHAN	Individual Member
Dr Lawrence LI	Individual Member
Hon Tony TSE	Individual Member

*Official Members (attending in person)*

Ms Leonie LEE	Commissioner for Harbourfront, Development Bureau (DEVB)
Mr Michael CHAN	Chief Assistant Secretary (Works) 3, DEVB
Ms Carrie TENG	Senior Manager (Tourism) 41, Tourism Commission (TC)
Mr CHOW Bing-kay	Assistant Commissioner/Urban, Transport Department (TD)
Mr George MAK	Chief Engineer / East 5, Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)
Mr Henry WONG	Assistant Director (Leisure Services) 1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)
Ms Vivian LAI	District Planning Officer/Kowloon, Planning Department (PlanD)
Ms Ophelia LUI	Secretary

*In Attendance*

Mr NG Shing-kit	Senior Engineer (Harbour)2, DEVB
Ms Phoebe WU	Engineer (Harbour), DEVB

*Absent with Apologies*

Sr Raymond CHAN	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
Mr Jeff TUNG	Representing The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong
Ms Sunnie LAU	Individual Member

Ms Angela SO Individual Member

For Item 3

Mr George MAK	Chief Engineer / East 5, CEDD
Mr Ephes LAU	Senior Architect / 1 (East), CEDD
Mr Leo CHEUNG	Architect / 2 (East), CEDD
Ms. Amy TONG	Acting Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon), LCSD
Ms CHAN Wing-chi	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)14, LCSD
Mr Kelsey CHAN	Director, Hsin Yieh Architects & Engineers Ltd
Ms Grace PANG	Hsin Yieh Architects & Engineers Ltd
Ms Siuman HUNG	Director, H Plus Limited
Ms Yvonne YAU	H Plus Limited

For Item 4

Gabriel ESPINOSA	Researcher, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)
Matthew LETOURNEAU	Researcher, WPI
Maxwell ONFFROY	Researcher, WPI
Sebastian VALLE	Researcher, WPI
Alain CHIARADIA	Associate Professor, University of Hong Kong
Samuel WONG	Project Officer, Designing Hong Kong

**Welcoming Message**

Action

**Mr Ivan HO** informed Members that upon **Mr Vincent Ng's** invitation, he would be the acting Chairman ("the Chairman") of the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development (Task Force) and welcomed all to this meeting.

**The Chairman** informed the meeting that -

- (a) **Ms Leonie LEE**, Commission for Harbourfront of Development Bureau, attends on behalf of Ms Louisa YAN, Acting Deputy Secretary (Planning and Lands) 1 ;
- (b) **Mr Michael CHAN**, Chief Assistant Secretary (Works) 3 of Development Bureau, attends on behalf of Mr Roger WONG, JP, Deputy Secretary for Development (Works) 2 ; and
- (c) **Mr George MAK**, Chief Engineer of East Development Office of Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), attends on behalf of Mr Michael LEUNG, Project Manager (E).

**Item 1            Confirmation of Minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> Meetings**

1.1            The Chairman informed Members that the draft minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> KTTF meetings had been circulated to Members on 17 February 2023. The finalised minutes with Members' comments incorporated were further circulated to Members on 20 February 2023.

1.2            With no further amendments proposed at the meeting, the minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> meetings were taken as confirmed.

## **Item 2        Matters Arising**

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

## **Item 3        Design of Public Open Space in Private Development of Kai Tak Site 4E2 at the former runway (TFKT/01/2023)**

### Briefing by the proponent

3.1            The Chairman informed Members that the CEDD had submitted a design proposal of the Public Open Space in Private Development (POSPD) of Kai Tak Site 4E2 at the former runway, which marks the 10th POSPD on the former runway upon the opening of the first POSPD at Site 4B2 in December 2022. Another 8 POSPDs (i.e. Sites 4A1, 4A2, 4B1, 4B3, 4B4, 4C1, 4C2 and 4C3) will be completed by around mid-2023 to 2024 (paper no. TFKT/01/2023).

3.2            Upon the Chairman's invitation, **Ms Ophelia LUI** briefed Members on the background of the item. The POSPD at Site 4E2 will be about 150 metres long and 34 metres wide. Upon its completion in 2024/25, it will connect with the POSPD at Site 4A2 (to be opened in 2024) to its east and the promenade of Metro Park (to be opened in 2024/25) to its west. The design proposal adopted the coherent design features of the whole Kai Tak development, and will comprise four main zones, namely open plaza; centre island and maze city (both with play equipment); and wave garden.

3.3            With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, **Mr Ephes LAU** from CEDD and **Ms Siuman HUNG** from H Plus Limited briefed Members on the proposal.

### Discussion

3.4 **Dr Vivian WONG, Mr Jacky CHEUNG and Mr Joel CHAN** appreciated the proposed children facilities. **Mr Jacky CHEUNG** asked if the project team had already liaised with LCSD on the setting and maintenance of such equipment. **Dr Vivian WONG** also suggested the project team to include facilities for the elderly and different age groups.

3.5 **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN, Mr Joel CHAN and Mr Rico WONG** considered that sufficient shading and ventilation features should be provided by adding more trees and shelters to enhance public enjoyment of the promenade in all seasons.

3.6 **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN** also stressed the importance of not only having pedestrian connectivity, but also visual and waterbody connectivity along the whole POSPD, such as inclusion of landing steps. He also raised concern about the connectivity for cycling in the area.

3.7 **Mr Vincent NG, the Chairman and Mr Jacky CHAN** asked for the details on the interface between the harbourfront promenade and the ground-floor development fronting the promenade, as well as the hardware installations to cater for organising events at the site. The Chairman further requested the CEDD to take up the monitoring role of such interface. Mr Vincent NG and the Chairman also asked the project team to provide more tables with chairs and benches for better visitors' experience.

3.8 **Ms Siuman HUNG** noted Members' comments and responded that cycling and other leisure facilities would be provided in the adjacent promenade and the Metro Park nearby, and a number of bicycle parking spaces were included in the current proposal. They would further explore the possibility of increasing the number of bicycle parking spaces.

3.9 **Mr Kelsey CHAN** supplemented that the design intention for the ground-floor development facing the waterfront would be the provision of food and beverage and retail facilities. There would also be water and electricity provisions in the POSPD to support organisation of events.

3.10 In response to the Chairman's comments on the proposed platanation at the POSPD, **Ms Siuman HUNG** advised that the project team had intended to include tree types with large tree crown at the venue, such as *Elaeocarpus sylvestris* (山杜英) and *Terminalia catappa* (欖仁樹), with a view to providing sufficient shading; and the suitable type of *Osmanthus fragrans* (桂花). In view of Members' comments on shading, she advised that the project team would review and improve the shading proposal as appropriate.

3.11 Regarding Members' comments on water connectivity, **Ms Siuman HUNG** responded that existing landing steps were located at the promenade between Site 4A2 and 4C1. In addition, opportunity of providing more tables with chairs with upcycling material would be explored to enhance sustainability.

#### *Way Forward*

3.12 In conclusion, the project team was invited to take into account Members' comments in taking forward the project. The Task Force also urged CEDD to closely monitor the implementation of the project.

### **Item 4 Enabling Social Connections through Waterfront by Students of Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)**

#### Briefing by the WPI students

4.1 Upon the request of Mr Paul Zimmerman, a group of overseas

students from WPI gave a presentation regarding “ Enabling Social Connections through Waterfront” to Members for reference.

4.2 Upon the Chairman’s invitation, **Ms Ophelia LUI** briefed Members on the background of the item. Based on the Secretariat’s records, WPI students gave presentation to the Harbourfront Commission (HC) on harbourfront-related topics (e.g. harbourfront dining, water taxis, uses and design for waterfront) in 2014, 2015, 2018 and 2019. In view of the HC meeting schedule (with the next meeting scheduled for 9 March, which would be after the students have departed Hong Kong), the presentation was arranged at this KTF meeting instead. Under the theme of “Enabling Social Connections through Waterfront”, the WPI students will report their study findings of waterfronts at Ma On Shan, Shatin, Tai Po, Kwun Tong, Sheung Wan and Quarry Bay based on data gathered in July 2022 and January/February 2023. With an aid of the Powerpoint Presentation, Mr Gabriel ESPINOSA, Mr Matthew LETOURNEAU, Mr Maxwell ONFFROY and Mr Sebastian VALLE briefed members of their study findings and insights.

4.3 The Chairman thanked the WPI students for the presentation, which could serve as reference for future harbourfront projects.

## **Item 5 Any Other Business**

5.1 There being no other comments, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm.

**Secretariat**

**Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development**

**June 2023**



