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Proposed Short Term Tenancies for Government Land at Central Harbourfront for Staging The ABB FIA Formula E Championship 2019 Hong Kong E-Prix

PURPOSE

This paper aims to seek the views of the Members of the Task Force ("the Members") on the proposed Short Term Tenancies ("STT") of five Government sites in the new Central Harbourfront area for the staging of The ABB FIA Formula E Championship, 2019 Hong Kong E-Prix in March 2019.

BACKGROUND

- 2. The ABB FIA Formula E Championship is the first international racing series competing between electric-powered single-seater racing cars sanctioned by the FIA, which is the international governing body of motorsports. The Championship comprises a series of races staged in different cities around the globe. The series was inaugurated in season 2014/15 and debuted in Hong Kong in its third season in 2016/17.
- 3. Following the success of 2016 event and with the support from the Government and supporting parties, the organizer of The Championship, the Formula E Operations Limited ("FEO"), and Formula Electric Racing (Hong Kong) Limited ("FERHK"), the license holder for operating The Championship in Hong Kong, staged the races again in Hong Kong at the Central Harbourfront on 2-3 December 2017. The event successfully attracted more than 27 000 spectators to watch the race and participate in various related activities, which increased by 35% as compared with the 2016 event. On the other hand, onsite media attendance increased by 89% to 474. Media outlets from across the world broadcasted the event to over 25.4 million spectators globally and the event aroused media attention by generating more than 7 000 global

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print and more than 6 000 online coverages, producing an overall readership of 3.5 billion.

4. FEO and FERHK are committed to staging the car race in Hong Kong again. The proposed 2019 Hong Kong E-Prix is scheduled for 9-10 March 2019 (Saturday to Sunday). It will be the first stop in Asia for the fifth season of The Championship in 2018/19.

2019 HONG KONG E-PRIX

- 5. The Championship races typically take place on "street circuits". Last two years, the Hong Kong E-Prix was staged in the new Central Harbourfront area, mainly along Lung Wo Road, with the magnificent view of Victoria Harbour and Central as backdrop. With the endorsement from FIA, the proposed racetrack for Hong Kong E-Prix 2019 will be the same as that in the previous years. It is a track of 1.86 kilometers with 10 turns (2 hairpin turns) and 555 meters straight road. The design of racetrack alignment is at **Annex I**.
- 6. The overall layout of 2019 Hong Kong E-Prix will be similar to that of 2017. The pitlane, main grandstands and Emotion Club, which is a giant marquee for VIP, will be erected in the existing Central Harbourfront Event Space. Spectator stands will be erected in the nearby area, including the five Government sites. In order to ensure the safety of both racing car drivers and spectators, temporary safety barriers will be installed along the racetrack. The safety barriers will be set up during night time to minimize disruption to the traffic and public.
- 7. The 2019 Hong Kong E-Prix will be back to a single-header race format (i.e. there will only be one main race on Sunday in 2019 instead of two races on two event days in 2017) with 22 world-class drivers from 11 international teams weaving their way through one of the most technically challenging circuits on the innovative street racing series. In season five, more big-name manufacturers have committed to race in Formula E including BMW and Nissan in tandem with the new-look car and battery,

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along with Mercedes-Benz and Porsche which also plan to join the following year.

- 8. Another new feature will be the Gen2 Formula E cars. The all-new Gen2 Formula E car promises to be the biggest star of season five, with its increased power and energy storage capacity creating room for a host of innovative rules changes, like increased power available to the drivers and, most notably, the elimination of car swaps next season, for the first time in Formula E history, as one car will be able to complete a full E-Prix on a single battery charge. The Gen2 car could accelerate from 0 km/h to 100km/h in 2.8 seconds and go on to a top speed of 280km/h which add more excitement to car-racing lovers.
- 9. Formula E car races aside, FERHK is planning to host some supporting events and entertainment activities to enhance the overall carnival ambience and encourage participation from the community and visitors. To share the excitement and innovation of Formula E with the community, a certain proportion of E-village tickets will be distributed to the under-privileged groups free-of-charge for public participation.
- 10. From double-header race format back to single-header, it is expected that the road closure period of 2019 Hong Kong E-Prix will be shortened. Same as previous years, FERHK will consult different Government Departments, District Councils, stakeholders including public and private transport operators, transport trades and the buildings in the vicinity of the event site to garner their support in staging the race.
- 11. Pedestrian route accessibility will be designed to ensure that the Harbourfront will stay open to the general public. Members of the public who are not participants of the event can continue to enjoy the Harbourfront during the STT rental period.
- 12. Environmental protection is always a top priority of FERHK. The Championship will help spread the message of environmental protection, as it features racing cars fully powered by electric energy which generates no tailpipe emission during operation. Meanwhile, it will help arouse public awareness and interest in

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electric vehicles as well as promote the use of clean and sustainable energy. FERHK will also observe the sustainability requirements to minimize the amount of materials used for setting up the event and recycle those materials as far as possible. For instance, recycling bins will be set up at the E-village; caterer will be invited to recycle glass bottles; and sustainable materials will be used for building temporary structures like reusing the marquee.

13. Information on the proposed STT including the required area, proposed land usage and rental periods as well as the preliminary plan of the events is provided at **Annex II**. The Government land involved in the proposed STT is shown as Zones 1 to 5 on pages 14-22 of **Annex II**.

BENEFITS OF THE RACE TO CENTRAL HARBOURFRONT

14. From the Harbourfront enhancement's point of view, Hong Kong E-Prix will make use of the existing roads in the new Central Harbourfront area to create an exciting and challenging temporary street circuit, thereby adding vibrancy to the Harbourfront by attracting a broad demographic of local residents and non-local visitors to visit and enjoy this prominent waterfront location. At the same time, staging the race with the backdrop of our iconic city centre skyline and Victoria Harbour will showcase some of the best scenic features of Hong Kong to worldwide audience through TV broadcast of the race. It will further reinforce the profile of Victoria Harbour as a world-class asset. The event will help enhance our city's image as a metropolis and reinforce the status of Hong Kong as a premier and diverse tourist destination.

VIEWS SOUGHT

15. Members' views are invited on the STT proposal for the staging of 2019 Hong Kong E-Prix in the new Central Harbourfront area in March 2019.

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Annex I

2019 Hong Kong E-Prix

Event date: 9 - 10 March, 2019

Urban track of approimately 2km

10 turns (2 hairspin turns)

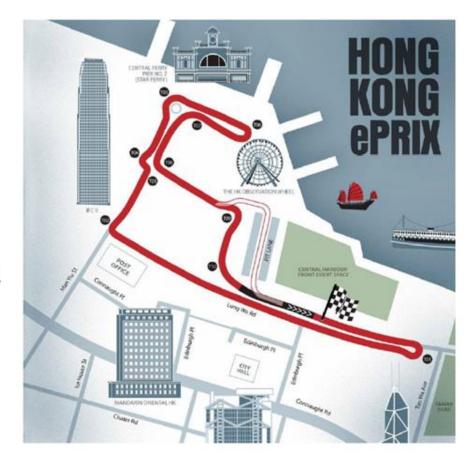
Main Straight: 555m on Long Wo Road

Major Landmarks: IFC, HK Observation Wheel,

Star Ferry Pier, City Hall

Backdrop: Victoria Harbour

11 teams, 22 racers







2017 ACHIEVEMENT



- Race Format Asia's First and Only double-header event with two full days international racing
- Guests Hospitality Largest Scale of any Formula E race with 7 Corporate Suite and 2,500 pax EMOTION Club
- Overall Capacity Doubled from 21K to 41K people from 2016
- Media Center Doubled the size from 2016 and Largest in capacity of any Formula E race to cater up to 500 international and local press
- Participation Soaring numbers of more than 1,000 international and local staff members including 500 on-site staff, 300 volunteers from public and corporate recruitment, 250 on-site securities, global and local partners, etc.

Achievements in Season 4

- ✓ Worldwide Viewership Increased by 40% (from 18.1M in 2016 to 25.4M in 2017); 48% increase in Hong Kong and China TV audience (from 3.3m in 2016 to 5.1m in 2017)
- ✓ Overall Readership Significant increased by 192% (from 1.2bn in 2016 to 3.5bn in 2017). Overall print media coverage up to 7000+ with social media coverage over 6,000+
- ✓ PR Value Significant increased by 115% (from 27M in 2016 to 58M in 2017)
- ✓ Live Attendance Increased by 35% (from 20K in 2016 to 27K in 2017) and media attendance by 89% (from 250 in 2016 to 474 in 2017) of which 60% is overseas media
- ✓ International Visitors' Attendance Increased by 5% (from 25% in 2016 to 30% in 2017)
- ✓ Regional Media Partnership Successful launched with influential regional media outlets i.e. CNBC, SCMP, Sina Weibo, Sina Sports etc.

Global Exposure

Live Interview at CNBC

- Alan Fang, CEO of Formula Electric Racing HK
- James Barclay, Team Director of Jaguar









Overseas and Local Media Attendance 474

(89.6% increment)







































2017/18 FORMULA E CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

ROUND			ROUND					
1	Hong Kong	**	December 2, 2017	8	Paris		April 28, 2018	
2	Hong Kong	*	December 3, 2017	9	Berlin		May 19, 2018	
3	Marrakesh	*	January 13, 2018	10	Zurich	+	June 10, 2018	
4	Santiago	*	February 3, 2018	11	New York City		July 14, 2018	
5	Mexico City		March 4, 2018	12	New York City		July 15, 2018	
6	Punta Del Este	*	March 17, 2018					
7	Rome		April 14, 2018					

















Panasonic Jaguar Racing



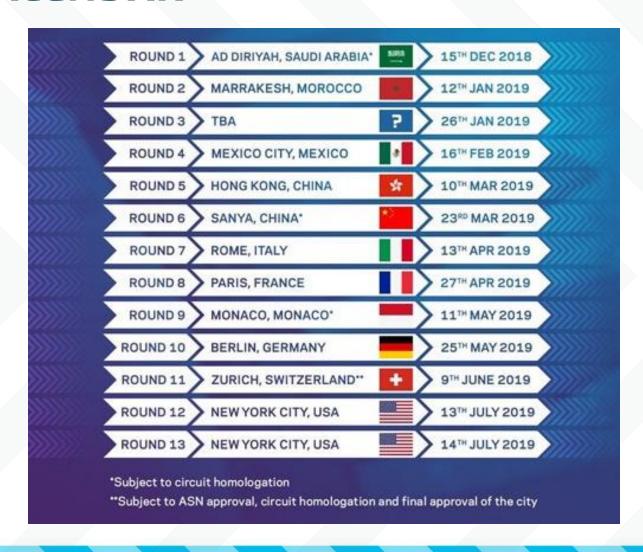






MOVING AHEAD... 2018/19

SEASON 5 - CALENDAR

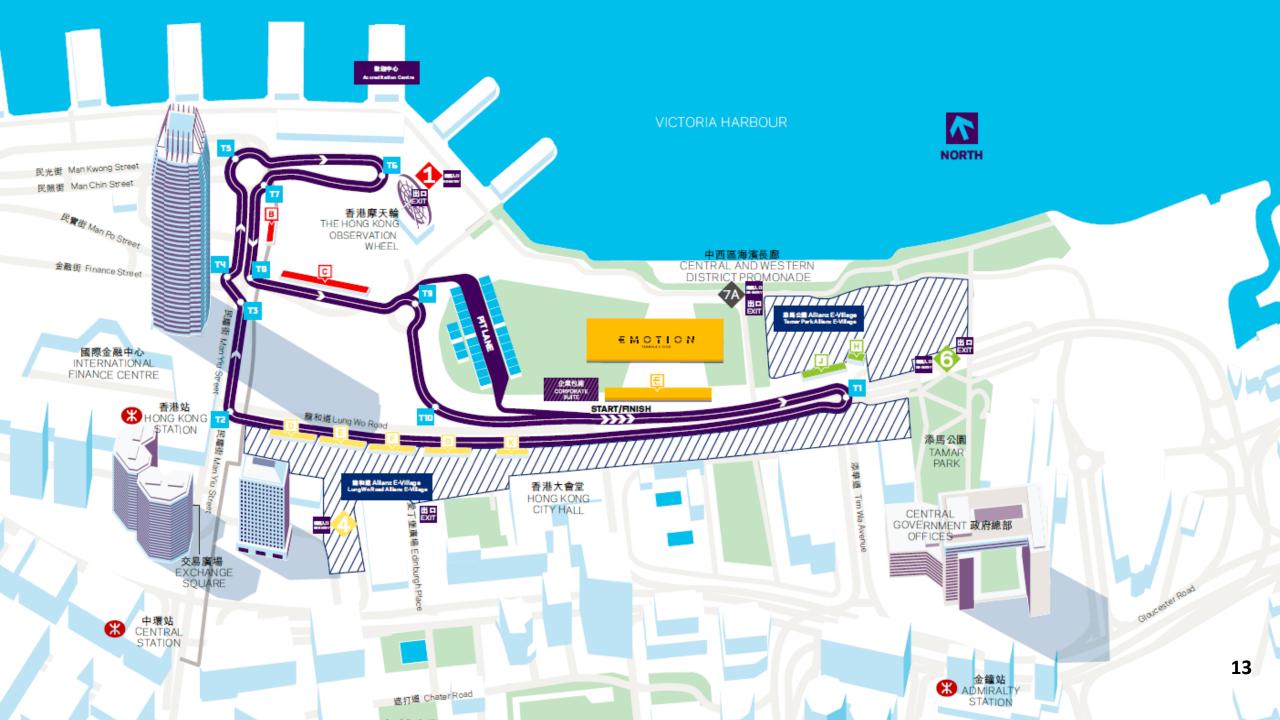




The 2018/19 FIA Formula E Championship (SEASON 5)







LAND USAGE PLAN

PROPOSED EVENT LAYOUT

* Subject to further discussion with respective government departments

Restricted Area

- Storage

e-Village

- e-Village

Grandstand

- Grandstand

VIP Area

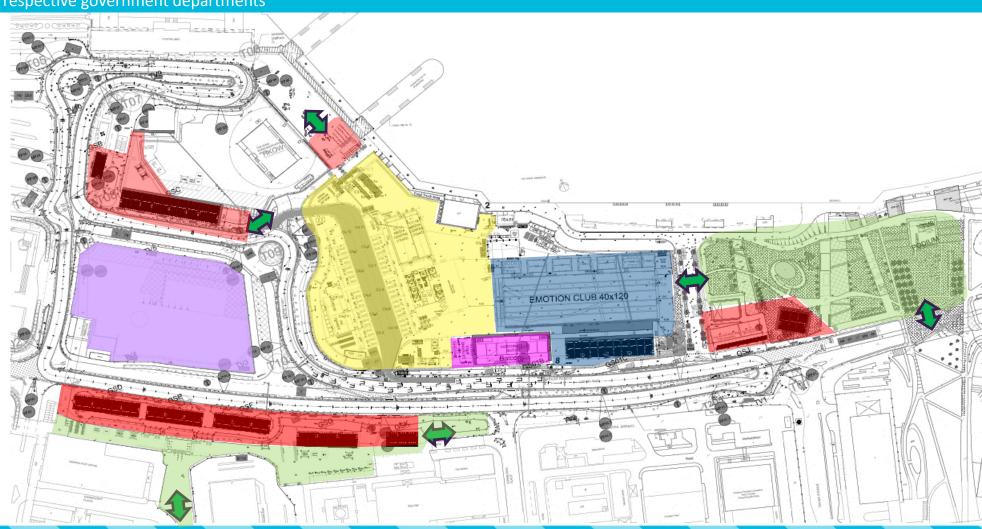
- Emotion Club

VIP Area

- Corporate Suite

Restricted Area

- Pitlane
- Paddock



PROPOSED LAND USAGE

ZONE 1A

Rental period: 5 Mar – 12 Mar 2019 (8 days)

Area: 1,500sqm

ZONE 1B

Rental period: 25 Feb – 15 Mar 2019 (19 days)

Area: 3,825sqm

Occupied area for GS/CS: 2,900sqm

ZONE 2

Rental period:

Zone 2A: 23 Feb – 20 Mar 2019 (26 days) Zone 2B: 1 Mar – 18 Mar 2019 (18 days)

Area: 11,951sqm

ZONE 3

Rental period: 26 Feb - 14 Mar 2019 (17 days)

Area: 3,848sqm

Occupied area for GS/CS: 1,500sqm

ZONE 4

Rental period: 3 Mar - 12 Mar 2019 (10 days)

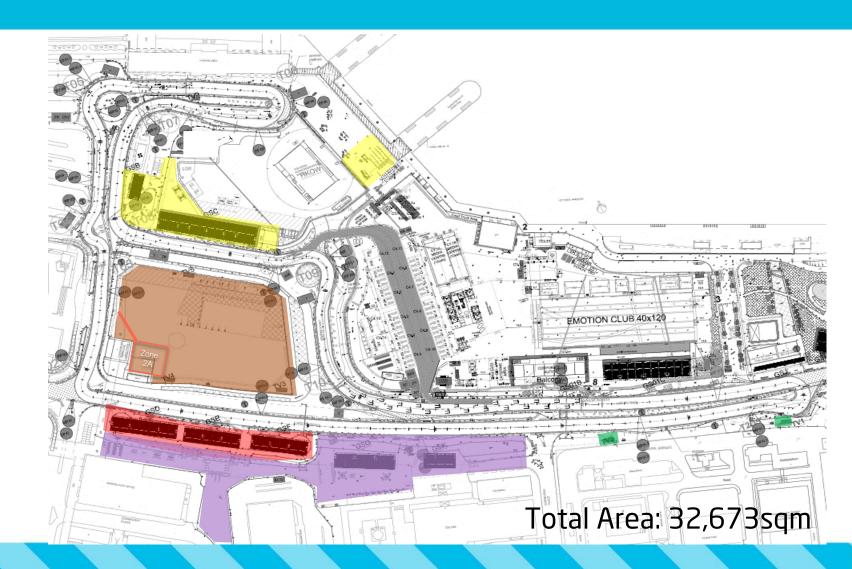
Area: 11,291sqm

Occupied area for GS/CS: 1,000sqm

ZONE 5

Rental period: 4 Mar - 12 Mar 2019 (9 days)

Area: 258sqm



ZONE 1A

RENTAL PERIOD

 5 Mar – 12 Mar 2019 (8 days)

TOTAL AREA

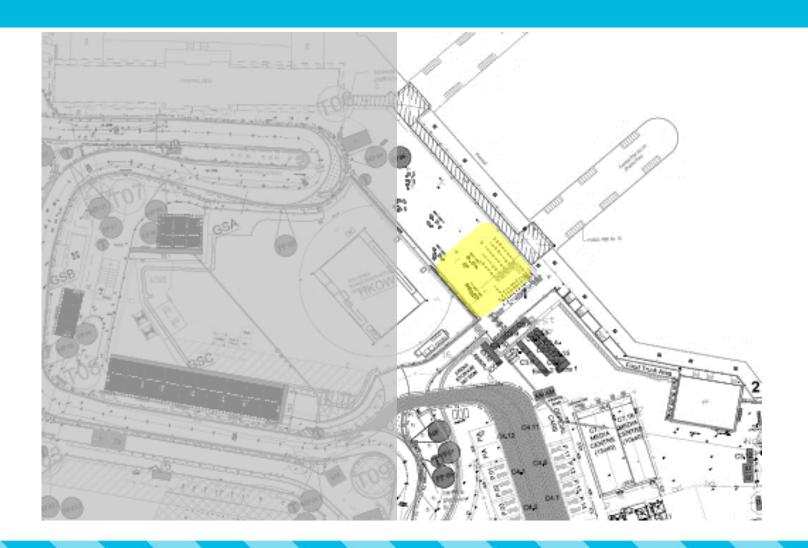
• 1,500sqm

AREA OF GS/CS

• N/A

USAGE

- Entrance Area
- Merchandises
- Functional Booth
- Food and Beverages



ZONE 1B

RENTAL PERIOD

• 25 Feb – 15 Mar 2019 (19 days)

TOTAL AREA

• 3,825sqm

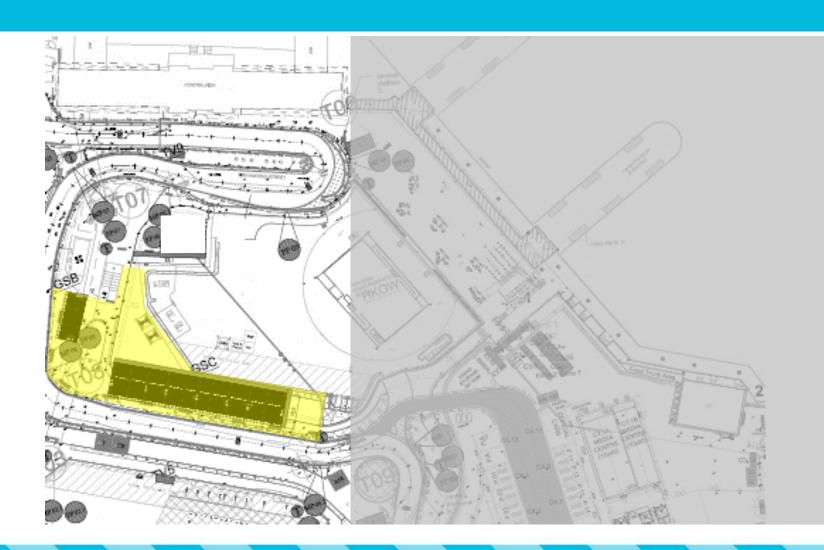
AREA OF GS

• 2,900sqm

USAGE

GRANDSTAND Ticket Holder ONLY

- Grandstand
- Functional Booth
- Food and beverages



RENTAL PERIOD

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Zone 2B: 1 Mar – 18 Mar 2019 (18 days)

TOTAL AREA

• 11,951sqm

AREA OF GS/CS

• N/A

USAGE

Restricted area

- Storage
- LED SCREENS



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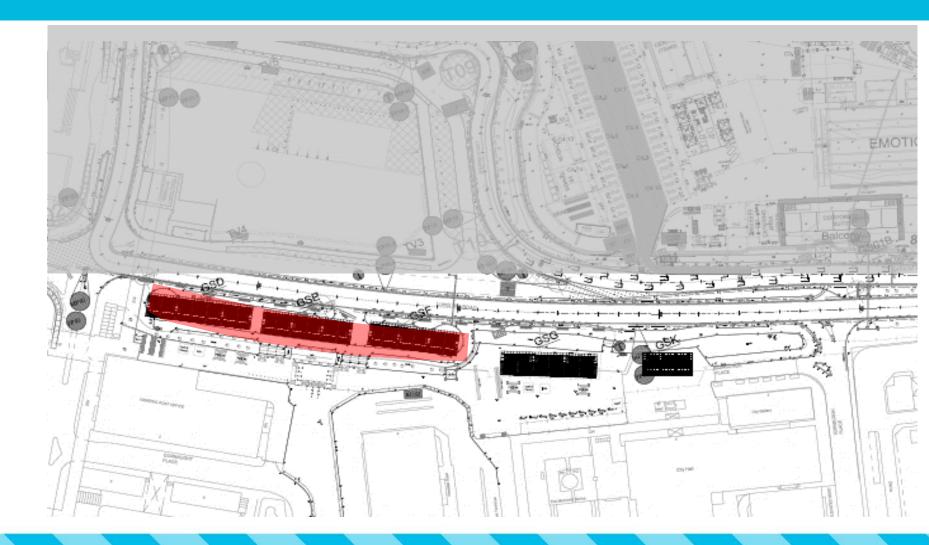
AREA OF GS/CS

• 1,500sqm

USAGE

GRANDSTAND TICKET HOLDER ONLY

- Entrance Gates
- Grandstand



RENTAL PERIOD

 3 Mar – 12 Mar 2019 (10 days)

TOTAL AREA

• 11,291sqm

AREA OF GS/CS

• 1,000sqm

USAGE

GRANDSTAND & E-VILLAGE TICKET

HOLDER ONLY

- Entrance Gates
- Grandstand
- E-Village
- Functional Booth
- Food & Beverage
- Merchandise



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USAGE

LED Screens

