

Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island

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Enhancement Works of Leisure Angling Ancillary Facilities in Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section), Admiralty, Hong Kong

PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to seek Members' views on the enhancement works of leisure angling ancillary facilities in the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section) by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for enhancing the vibrancy along the promenade.

BACKGROUND

2. To tie in with the promotion of a water-friendly culture and related activities as stated in the 2015 Policy Address, LCSD has planned to enhance the leisure angling ancillary facilities at popular location including the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section) in 2016-17. LCSD will consider carrying out similar enhancement works in suitable venues of other districts if the arrangement is well received upon review after a year.

3. Currently, members of the public may take part in leisure angling activities in most of the promenades managed by LCSD. The Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section), which is conveniently located and adjacent to the Tamar Park, the Central Piers and the Star Ferry Pier, offers broad views of the picturesque Victoria Harbour. The venue, provided with facilities including a kiosk and toilets, is one of the hot spots for leisure angling activities. The enhancement of the angling ancillary facilities can allow the public to take part in leisure angling activities in a more pleasant environment and minimize the nuisance or danger caused to other venue users.

PROPOSAL

4. The enhancement works are aimed to provide ancillary facilities for a more pleasant environment for anglers. The public is still allowed to engage in leisure angling activities along the whole section of the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section). LCSD has consulted relevant government departments and angling associations in the past months in order to draw up the details of the enhancement works. In addition, views of anglers were also collected in LCSD venues from time to time by venue staff. LCSD has consulted the Central & Western District Council (C&WDC) as one of the stake holders of the proposed enhancement works on 28 July 2016. Members generally supported the proposal. LCSD will conduct a survey to gather the

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views of the stakeholders during the trial period.

5. LCSD will enhance the provision of ancillary angling facilities at the suitable locations along the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section) (see Annex I). LCSD will follow up with the Architectural Services Department to work out a simple and practical design on the ancillary facilities to be enhanced. The proposed facilities include the following items (see Annex II):

- (a) working tables with wash basins;
- (b) fishing rod holders;
- (c) arbours and benches;
- (d) display panels;
- (e) storage racks; and
- (f) lighting.

6. The estimated cost of the project is about \$2 million and the additional recurrent expenditure involved is about \$0.75 million a year.

WATER QUALITY

7. With the completion of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2A, the overall water quality of Victoria Harbour has been further improved. Nevertheless, given the dense population on its both sides, the quality of coastal waters may continue to be affected by surface run-off and other contamination from urban areas from time to time. From the perspective of food safety, members of the public are not encouraged to consume the fish caught on its waterfronts.

MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

8. To avoid nuisance caused by anglers to other venue users and to prevent accidents, notices and banners will be displayed at appropriate locations along the promenade to remind anglers to use their fishing equipment with care. Life buoys will also be provided along the promenade for emergencies. If anglers are found behaving improperly, venue staff will give them verbal advice and take appropriate follow-up actions. In addition, LCSD will deploy more contractor staff to step up the cleansing and maintain the order of the promenade.

9. Apart from enhancing the ancillary facilities for leisure angling activities, LCSD will also erect educational display panels and distribute publicity leaflets to educate the public on the right attitude, proper handling practices and safety rules for leisure angling at the promenade. Anglers will be encouraged to release young fish or fish about to spawn to help protect the environment and preserve natural resources. We hope that the public will work together to protect our marine environment and make leisure angling a

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sustainable activity.

IMPLEMENTATION

10. Subject to the comments of the Task Force, LCSD will commence the enhancement works in November 2016 and the proposed facilities are expected to be completed and open to the public in March 2017.

ADVICE SOUGHT

11. Members are invited to provide their views on the proposal.

APPENDIX

Annex I – Location of the Proposed Ancillary Facilities

Annex II – Proposed Ancillary Facilities

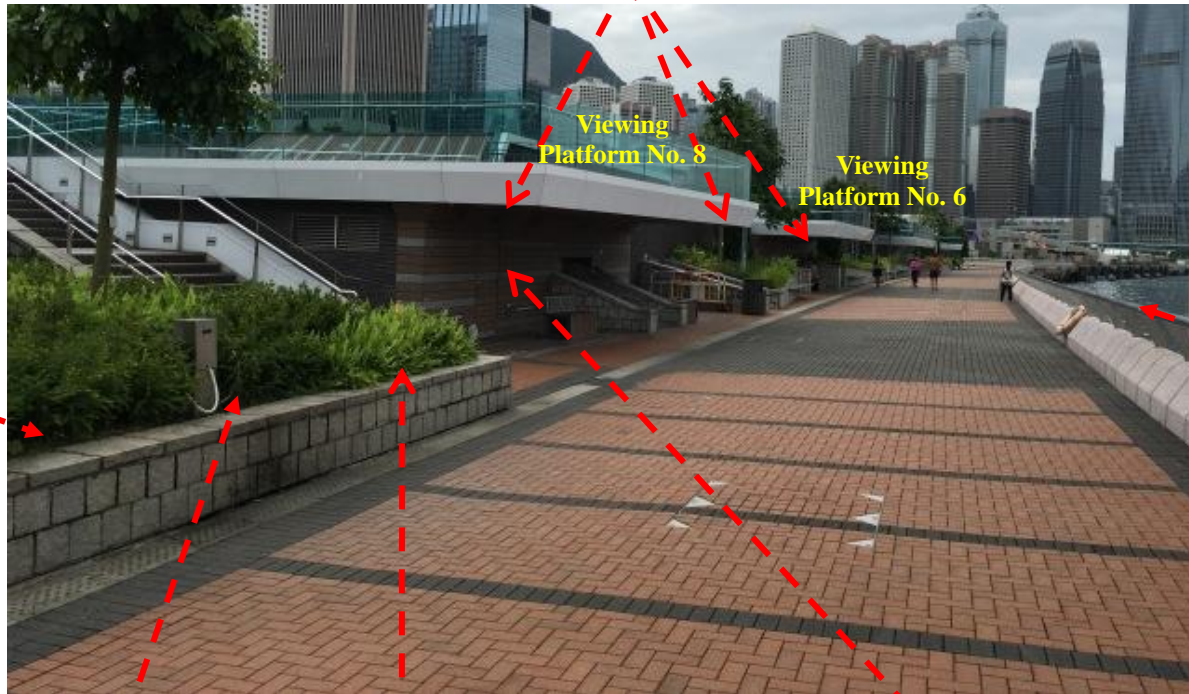
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Location of the Proposed Angling Ancillary Facilities in the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section)



Proposed Angling Ancillary Facilities in the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section)

Lighting



Arbours & Benches



Fishing Rod Holders



Working Table with Wash Basin



Arbours & Benches



Notice Board/Display Panel



Storage Racks

