Reassembly of Queen's Pier

Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island

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Purpose

 To report on the public views collected from the Community Engagement Exercise of the Reassembly of the Queen's Pier (QP)





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Consultation Process

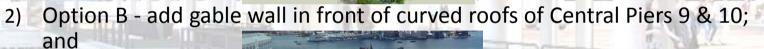
 The Development Bureau (DEVB) and Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) put forward proposals for the reassembly of QP at the earmarked location between Central Piers No. 9 and 10 to restore its pier function in accordance with the recommendation of the Urban Design Study for the New Central Harbourfront (UDS).

DEVB and CEDD consulted the Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island (HKTF) and the Central and Western District Council (C&WDC) on the proposal to reassemble QP on 29 February 2016 and 10 March 2016.



Consultation Process

- We proposed three architectural design options to refurbish the exterior of Central Piers 9 & 10 -
 - 1) Option A remove curved roofs of Central Piers 9 & 10 and replace them
 - by pitched roofs;





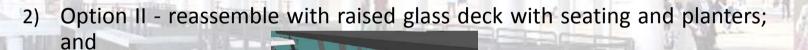
3) Option C - retain Central Piers 9 & 10 as they are.





Consultation Process

- We also proposed three options regarding the arrangement of the two side landing steps
 - 1) Option I reassemble with glass decking;



3) Option III - reassemble with at grade display and seating.







- With the general support of HKTF and C&WDC over the reassembly project, CEDD launched a 2-month community engagement exercise from 18 March 2016 to 17 May 2016.
 - The public was invited to express their preference on the two issues on architectural designs and arrangement of side landing steps. Other views on the project were also welcomed.
 - For the Community Engagement Exercise, CEDD set up a project website -





• CEDD also put up display boards detailing the project background, conservation principles and the reassembly proposals at 9 venues -



North Point Government Offices



Star Ferry Pier (near Pier No.7)



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Queensway Government Offices



Star Ferry Pier (near 5-flag poles)



MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station



Revenue Tower



Hong Kong Museum of History



MTR Hong Kong Station



• CEDD distributed information pamphlet cum survey form to brief the public on the reassembly proposal at the exhibition venues. The same information is also available on the project website -

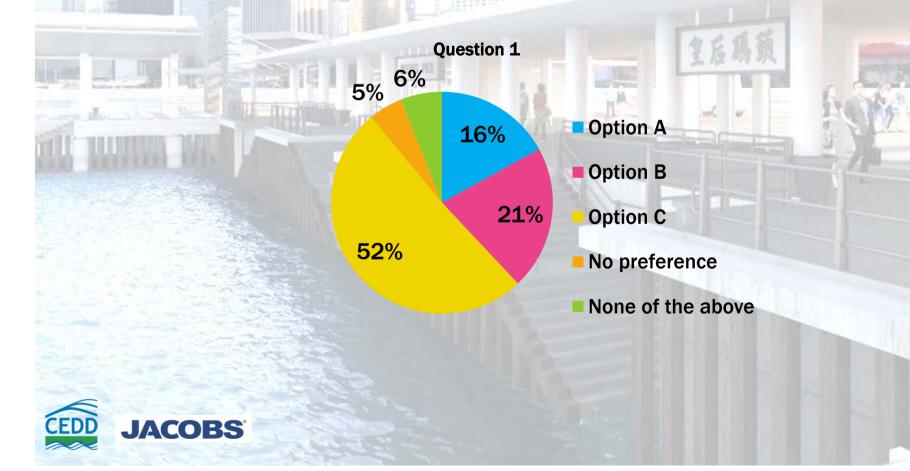




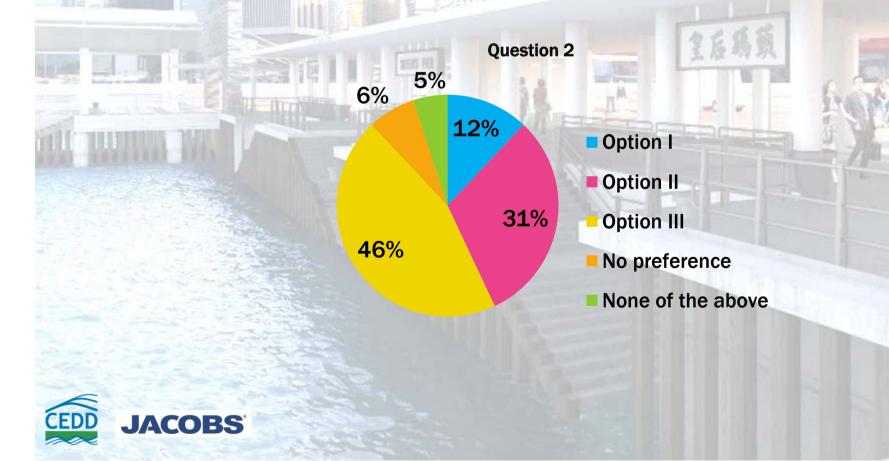
- A total of 1,955 survey forms were completed by members of the public either online or at exhibition venues.
- CEDD also received 1,058 other written submissions by email or post during the community engagement exercise. Views as expressed in the media about the reassembly proposal were also monitored.



 In the 1,955 survey forms completed, regarding the question of architectural design, 52% opted for Option C, 16% opted for Option A and 21% opted for Option B, while 5% indicated no preference and 6% preferred none of the above.



Regarding the question on arrangement for side landing steps, 46% opted for Option III, 12% opted for Option I and 31% opted for Option II, while 6% of the respondents indicated no preference and 5% preferred none of the above.



 Option C of architectural design and Option III of arrangement of side landing steps -







- Of the 1,955 survey forms received, most (1,803) did not offer any other comments on the reassembly proposal
- Other comments expressed on the survey forms included
 - a) some considered the present reassembly location not suitable;
 - b) some suggested that QP should be restored at its original location in front of the City Hall, or other locations including the western coast of the West Kowloon Cultural District, the former Kai Tak Runway, or any other harbourfront site other than the current proposed location;
 - some opposed to the reassembly proposal, whilst some others supported the reassembly proposal and considered that it should be started as soon as possible
 - d) some considered the cost for reassembly too high;
 - e) some commented that the original appearance of QP should be maintained; and
 - f) some suggested that display panel on the history of QP should be erected and the open space surrounding QP should be better planned



- For the 1,058 other written submissions received
 - a) mostly submitted via standard template, expressed mainly that -
 - 1) QP should be reassembled at its original location;
 - 2) the community engagement period should be extended; and
 - 3) the cost comparison between reassembly at the proposed location and at the original location of QP should be provided
 - b) As for the views expressed in the media, they were mainly on the location of the reassembly –
 - 1) some supported reassembly of the QP at its proposed location to restore its pier functions;
 - 2) some suggested reassembly of QP at its original location in front of the City Hall along Lung Wo Road to restore its authenticity; and
 - 3) one suggested that QP should be reassembled at other locations along waterfronts of newly developed areas, citing the precedent of Blake Pier in Stanley







Way Forward

- The Government will analyse and consider carefully the views received during the community engagement exercise before deciding on the way forward
 - A consultation report is expected to be available by the consultant by June 2016
 - Once we have decided on the way forward, we will develop a reassembly scheme
 - We will further consult the Task Force in due course



