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Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River

PURPOSE

This paper aims to brief Members on the project "Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River" to be implemented by the Drainage Services Department, and to seek Members' views on the project.

BACKGROUND

2. The King Yip Street nullah, of a length of about 1 km, was constructed more than 50 years ago, and constitutes the downstream section of the stormwater drainage network in central Kwun Tong. The bottom of the nullah is concrete-lined. Along parts of its length are solid walls as well as other facilities, including the supporting structure of an access ramp of the Kwun Tong Road footbridge KF90.

REVITALISATION OF TSUI PING RIVER

- 3. The Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River project will comprise drainage improvement works to strengthen the flood protection capability of the existing watercourse.
- 4. Alongside drainage improvement, enhancement measures will be undertaken to revitalise the watercourse into a green and lively Tsui Ping River, as well as to improve its accessibility to the neighbourhood. The River is centrally located in the Kwun Tong district, adjacent to residential developments and the bustling commercial cum industrial areas (see **Annex A**). Coupled with its inherent riverine characteristics, the revitalised River will lend itself very well to becoming a popular public space and amenity.

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5. At the same time, the Government is working to facilitate the transformation of Kowloon East into an attractive alternative Core Business District – CBD2 to sustain the economic growth of Hong Kong. The latest Conceptual Master Plan version 5.0 promulgated by the Energizing Kowloon East Office (EKEO) in November 2016 advocates 5 main focuses, one of which is to develop Kowloon East into a Green CBD. The proposed revitalisation of Tsui Ping River will be a key feature of the Green CBD.

THE PROJECT PROPOSAL

- 6. Implementation of the project will serve a number of key objectives:-
 - (i) reducing flood risk;
 - (ii) revitalising the river;
 - (iii) improving walkability and connectivity; and
 - (iv) fostering a vibrant riverine public space.
- 7. Through water features, landscaping, ecological and environmental enhancement, the project aims at creating a green river channel with water scenery and amenity for the community. A preliminary layout plan and photomontages are shown in **Annexes B and C** respectively.
- 8. More specifically, the project scope comprises the following works items:-
 - (i) revitalisation of the existing River, through the provision of waterscape design and water features;
 - (ii) provision of landscaped walkways and footbridges along the River to enhance walkability and connectivity;
 - (iii) provision of landscaped decks over the River;

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- (iv) modification and face-lifting of the Kwun Tong Road Footbridge; and
- (v) related enhancement work in the vicinity of the River.

WAY FORWARD

9. The project is currently in the investigation stage. The first-stage public engagement (PE) commences in mid-January 2017 to collect and consolidate the public's views on the preliminary revitalisation plan and the project. The PE activities will last for two months. Detailed design and subsequent work for the project are targeted to start within 2017.

VIEWS SOUGHT

10. Members' views on the project are welcome.

ATTACHMENTS

Annex A – Location Plan of King Yip Street Nullah

Annex B - Project Layout Plan of Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River

Annex C - Photomontages of Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River

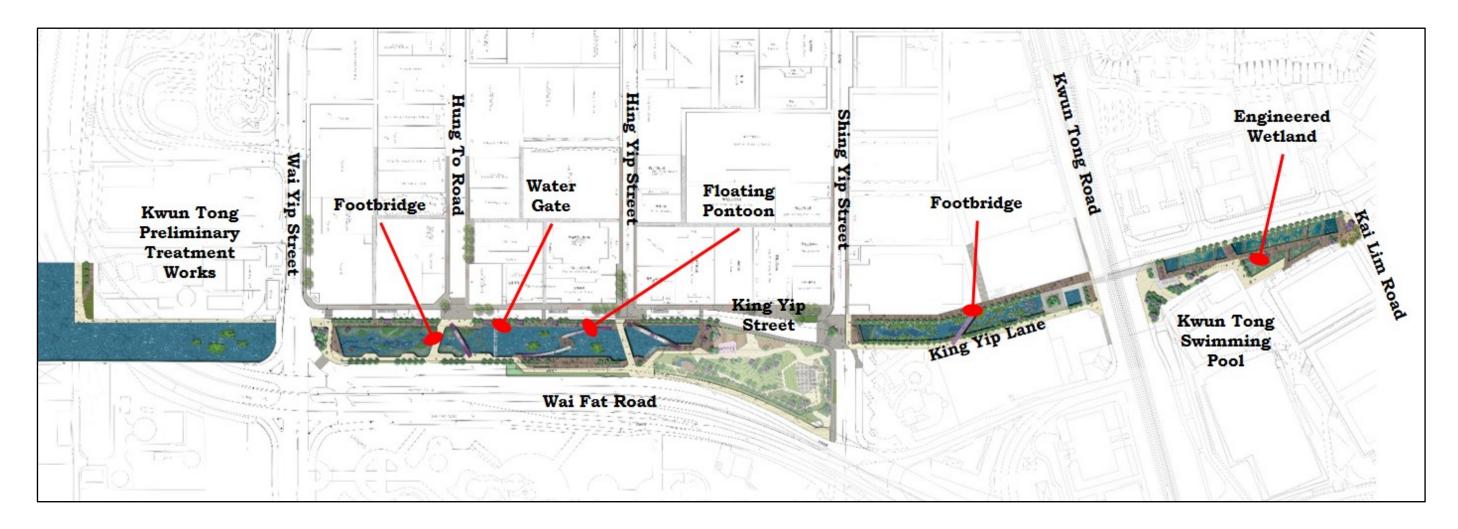
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Annex A
Location Plan of King Yip Street Nullah



Annex B

Project Layout Plan of Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River



Annex C

Photomontage for Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River (Section between Kai Lim Road and Kwun Tong Road)



Photomontage for Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River (Section between Shing Yip Street and Wai Yip Street)

