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Reinstatement Works at Cha Kwo Ling Promenade fronting the Kwun Tong Sewage Pumping Station

PURPOSE

This paper is to seek Members' views on the proposed reinstatement works for a temporary works area of the Drainage Services Department (DSD) under the project of Enhancement Works for Kwun Tong Sewage Pumping Station ("the Project"). The works area, which fronts the Kwun Tong Sewage Pumping Station (KTSPS), will upon reinstatement form part of the future Cha Kwo Ling (CKL) Promenade. The reinstated works area is referred to as "the Proposed Promenade" hereinafter.

BACKGROUND

- 2. The Project is being implemented to cope with the forecast increase in sewage flow from the committed and planned developments in East Kowloon, in which a balancing tank is being built next to the existing KTSPS for temporarily retaining the excess of preliminarily treated sewage discharged from Kwun Tong Preliminary Treatment Works (KTPTW) during the peak flow period. In order to minimize the visual and odour impacts on the community in the vicinity, the balancing tank and the KTSPS will be covered by an elevated landscaped deck ("the Deck Park"), on which open space of about 11,000 m² with various park facilities will be available for public enjoyment.
- 3. Previous consultations for the Project including the Deck Park were conducted in the 23rd meeting of the Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development (KTTF) held on 18 November 2016, the 38th meeting of the Harbourfront Commission (HC) held on 28 January 2021, and the 39th meeting of the KTTF held on 14 April 2021. Support from HC/KTTF Members was obtained in the above meetings.
- 4. The Project temporarily occupies a works area of about 7,000 m² at the seafront, a temporary Government land allocation from the Lands Department (LandsD) to DSD, which we were originally required to clear and then hand back to the LandsD upon expiry of the land allocation. The works area falls within the future

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CKL Promenade¹ to be constructed under the Vocational Training Council (VTC)'s proposed campus development project at Kowloon East (Cha Kwo Ling), which VTC expects to commence in 2025. In line with the "Incremental Approach 先駁通,再優化" for opening up the promenades for the public, we have gone the extra mile and committed to reinstate, under the Project, the works area as part of the future CKL Promenade, for opening the Proposed Promenade to the public in 2023Q1. In addition, lifts will be constructed under the Project for connecting the Proposed Promenade with the Deck Park. Both the Deck Park and the Proposed Promenade will be managed and maintained by the LCSD. We obtained KTTF Members' support for the relevant initiatives in the meeting on 14 April 2021. The location plan of the Proposed Promenade is shown in **Annex A**.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 5. The Deck Park will be about 1.1 ha large. The Proposed Promenade will be about 130 m long and 0.7 ha large. Therefore, incorporating the Proposed Promenade into the Project will substantially increase the total open space for public enjoyment by 64%, from the original 1.1 ha to the new 1.8 ha. More importantly, by carrying out the concerned reinstatement works we will advance the opening of the Proposed Promenade by several years to 2023, manifesting the "Incremental Approach".
- 6. To suit the early opening of the Proposed Promenade, which is close to Kwun Tong Ferry Pier/Kwun Tong Promenade, we will bring forward the completion date of the footbridge across Tsui Ping River near the seafront (namely D1 Bridge being built under another DSD project ²) to 2023Q1, to enhance the connectivity.
- 7. The lifts, and/or other forms of connection facilities between the Deck Park and the future CKL Promenade, were originally anticipated to be provided under future development. To suit the early opening of the Proposed Promenade, again, we have committed to include in the Project additional works of constructing twin 12-passenger lifts which will allow convenient travelling between the Deck Park and the Proposed Promenade. The lifts will practically provide the public at the Proposed Promenade with an easy access to the multitude of park facilities on the Deck Park, such as toilets

¹ The future CKL Promenade will be about 1 km long and 4.5 ha large.

² The DSD project is Revitalization of Tsui Ping River, and its anticipated completion is in 2024.

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and drinking fountains.

DESIGN OF THE PROMENADE

- 8. The theme of "dancing ribbons" adopted for the Deck Park is extended to the design of the Proposed Promenade. The "dancing ribbons" are manifested through cursive design language at the Deck Park and the use of well-proportioned white wavy lines at the Proposed Promenade to create flow of energy throughout the area.
- 9. The Proposed Promenade will be pet-friendly. We will provide ample space for different activities, such as children play, photo spots, picnic and resting. Electricity and water points will also be provided for future pop-up display/events. With simple reinstatement works, our design provides flexibility for blending with the future design of the CKL Promenade as a whole.
- 10. **Annex B** shows the architectural design of the Proposed Promenade.

CONNECTIVITY

11. At-grade connections will be constructed to facilitate the public accessing the Proposed Promenade from Wai Yip Street, Tsui Ping River and Kwun Tong Promenade. The public can also reach the Proposed Promenade via the elevated connections with the Deck Park, including lifts and staircases. Details of the connectivity are shown in **Annex C**.

COMPLIANCE WITH HARBOUR PLANNING PRINCIPLES

12. Reference has been made to the Harbour Planning Principles when planning the proposed design –

<u>Principle 1: Preserving Victoria Harbour and Principle 5: Proactive</u> Harbour Enhancement

(a) The Project does not involve any reclamation works. The proposed reinstatement works for the concerned works area will beautify the area and advance the opening of the Proposed Promenade to 2023Q1 for public enjoyment.

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Principle 2: Stakeholder Engagement and Principle 4: Integrated Planning

(b) We have been liaising with the relevant bureau/departments, such as the Development Bureau (DEVB), including its Energizing Kowloon East Office (EKEO) and Harbour Office (HO), and the Leisure Cultural Services Department (LCSD), in the planning and design of the Proposed Promenade. We have also coordinated with other projects in the vicinity, such as the Revitalization of Tsui Ping River, to iron out design and interfacing issues during construction.

Principle 3: Sustainable Development

(c) Taking the opportunity for land co-use with the public, the Project fuses a modern urban utility building primarily serving as a sewage pumping station with a functional landscaped deck for public enjoyment, and also enhances their vertical integration. The Project demonstrates sustainable development by blending "Not-In-My-Back-Yard" (NIMBY) infrastructures into the community and thereby achieving a win-win situation.

Principle 6: Vibrant Harbour and Principle 8: Public Enjoyment

(d) The Proposed Promenade will be child-friendly and petfriendly. Ample space for different activities, such as children play, photo spots, picnic and resting, as well as popup display/events will also be provided for public enjoyment.

Principle 7: Accessible Harbour

(e) The at-grade connections, elevated connections and twin 12-passenger lifts constructed under the project, as well as the D1 Bridge across Tsui Ping River, will enhance the connectivity from various part of Kwun Tong to the harbourfront area.

WAY FORWARD

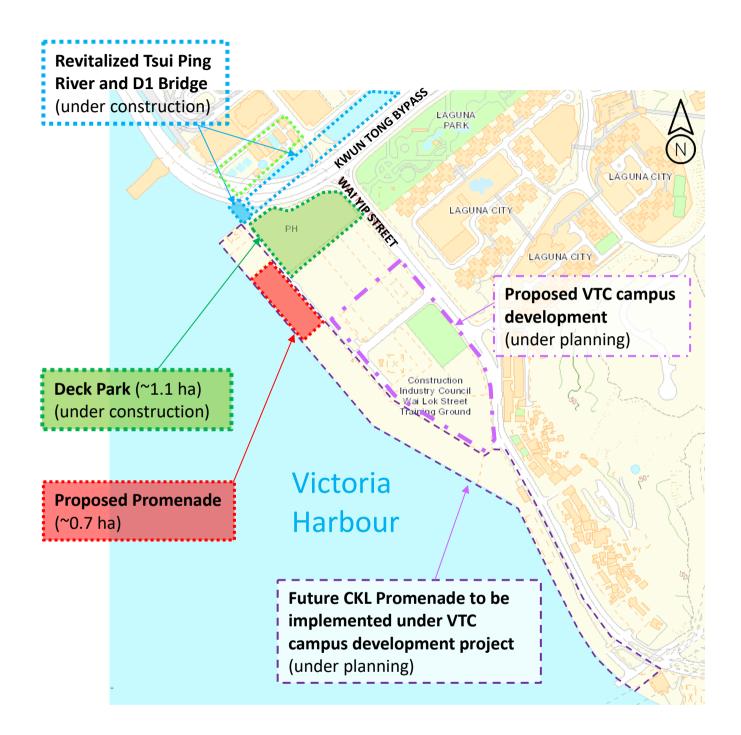
13. We would like to seek views/comments from the Members to refine and finalize the design of the Proposed Promenade of which the target completion date is in 2023Q1.

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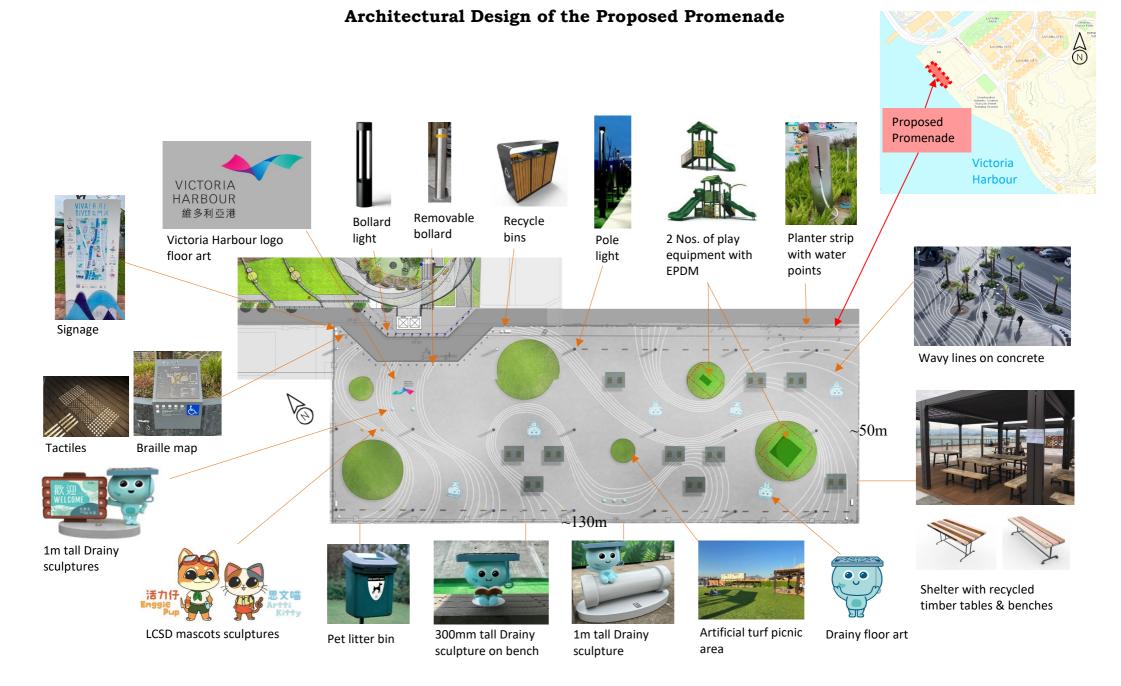
- **Annex A** Location Plan of the Proposed Promenade
- **Annex B** Architectural Design of the Proposed Promenade
- **Annex C** Details of Connectivity for the Proposed Promenade

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Location Plan of the Proposed Promenade



Annex B



Annex C

Details of Connectivity for the Proposed Promenade

