Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development

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Promenade adjacent to Hong Kong Children's Hospital at Kai Tak

PURPOSE

This paper is to seek Members' views on the design of the Promenade adjacent to Hong Kong Children's Hospital (HKCH) at Kai Tak.

BACKGROUND

2. The project site runs along the waterfront in the South Apron of the Kai Tak Development (KTD) area abutting the site for the HKCH. The site has an area of about 0.67 hectares and is zoned Open Space in the Outline Zoning Plan of Kai Tak (OZP No. S/K22/4). A location plan of the project is at **Annex** 1.

SCOPE OF WORKS

- 3. The scope of the project includes
 - a. a continuous traffic-free pedestrian waterfront promenade;
 - b. landscaped areas with benches, rain shelters, pavilions and flowering trees;
 - c. entrances from HKCH;
 - d. children's play area; and
 - e. ancillary facilities including toilets, babycare room, store room and depot etc.

PROPOSED DESIGN

4. The design of the Waterfront Promenade adjacent to the HKCH is originated from the history of the site as the South

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Apron of Kai Tak Airport. The design emphasizes the openness towards the Kai Tak River Channel and provides continuous sea view scenery across the promenade. We have taken into account the following Harbour Planning Principles in drawing up the design:

- a. **Vibrant and Accessible Harbour** The project site is part of an 11-km waterfront promenade extending from Cha Kwo Ling in Kwun Tong District to Ma Tau Kok in Kowloon City. The project will provide access for the public, including the patients/staff/visitors of the adjacent HKCH, to the waterfront promenade at South Apron. It will also provide passive leisure facilities to enhance the vibrancy of the area;
- b. **Sustainable Development** The project will provide greenery with leisure facilities and will help meet the current and potential needs of the local residents and visitors, and patients and staff of the adjacent HKCH;
- c. *Integrated Planning* The project will integrate with the adjacent infrastructure and developments. The design of the promenade has been well coordinated with the design of the adjacent HKCH under construction and the planned roundabout at the southeast. The design has also taken into consideration of the level differences of the existing seawall with the taxiway bridge on the northwest, made reference to the already opened Kwun Tong Promenade, and allowed provision for the possible future cycle track for enhancing connectivity;
- d. **Public Enjoyment** The project will provide thematic plantings and leisure facilities such as children's play area which aim to serve the community; and
- e. **Stakeholder Engagement** The Leisure and District Facilities Management Committee (LDFMC) under the Kowloon City District Council was consulted on the design of the proposed project in July 2015.

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Members were in support of LCSD's project and requested for its early implementation.

- 5. Building blocks for the ancillary facilities will be setback from the existing seawall and located away from the main entrance at the roundabout to minimize adverse visual impact. The promenade will provide opportunities for sitting out area with passive leisure facilities, and visual linkages with the opposite Kai Tak runway. Provision of greenery will be at least 40% of the total site area. The design theme, "Children and Aviation" highlights the history of the site and instills a playful energetic mood. The theme is reflected in the design elements such as the children's play equipment, ancillary service building, seatings, shelters, signages etc.
- 6. Layout plans and the proposed design of the project are at **Annex 2**.

THE WAY FORWARD

7. We have consulted the LDFMC of the Kowloon City District Council on 16 July 2015. After consultation with the Task Force, ArchSD will incorporate comments received into the design.

VIEWS SOUGHT

8. Members are invited to give comments on the proposed design of the project.

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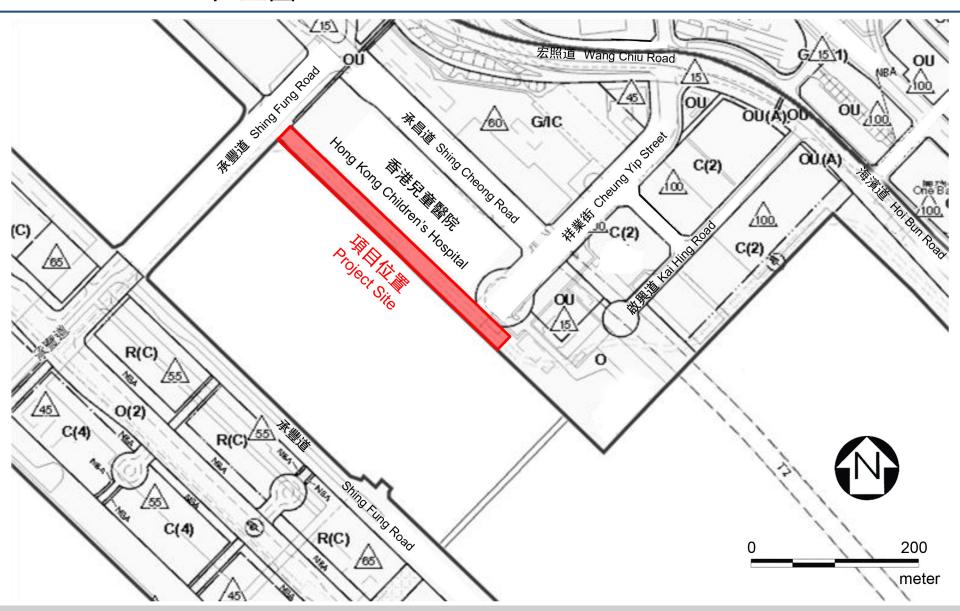
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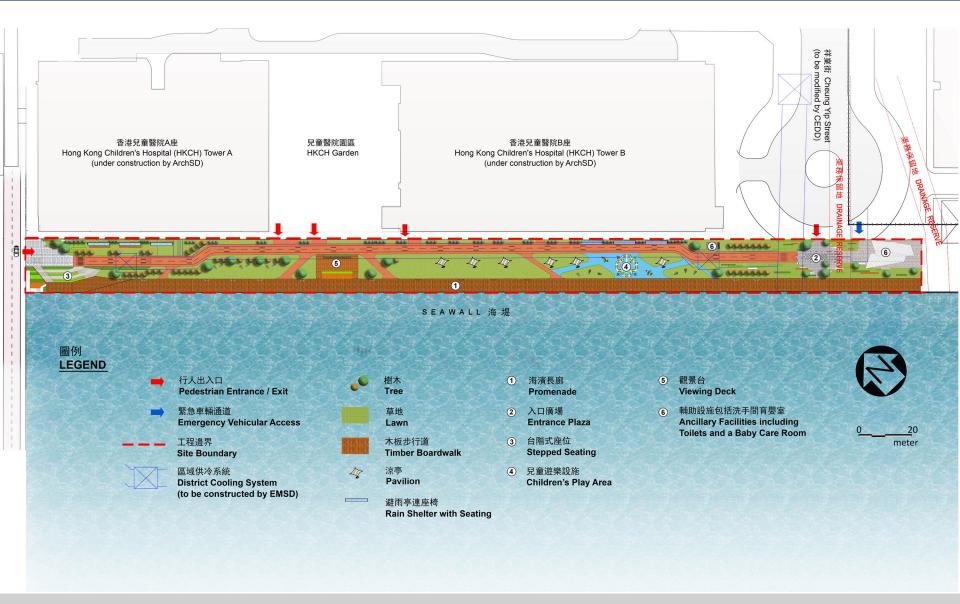
ATTACHMENTS

Annex 1 – Location Plan

Annex 2 – Master Layout Plan



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