Enhancement of Tsuen Wan Waterfront

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Kowloon Task Force Meeting on 19 September 2017

- * Place-making approach to identify suitable theme(s) for local areas
- Task Force to provide professional steer, with participation of Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) and local community
- * Quick-wins + medium/long-term goals



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TWDC Members' Views

Local Characteristics

- * Historically, an area of sheltered water supporting diversified local activities (e.g. entertainment vessels (花艇)) and iconic items (e.g. fried crab (避風塘炒蟹)).
- * The relatively calm water body allows sporadic water activities (e.g. dragon boat race)
- Recently, there is a trend for commercial and residential development of the district to shift westwards to the harbourfront areas. The waterfront has high usage for leisure purpose, daily exercise, pet activities, children's playground and commuting route for the neighborhood

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TWDC Place-making Vision/Possible Theme(s) for Further Deliberation

- Nostalgia (e.g. re-provisioning the existing berthing area for vessels carrying dangerous goods to bring in old water activities such as entertainment vessels or sampan restaurant)
- * Resident-oriented
- Phased-development approach: quick-win(s) to test out local aspirations, for longterm development

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Suggested Guiding Principles

- * Preserve local elements and retain existing functions
- Conserve the waterfront for public enjoyment
- * Reduce nuisance to residents and not affect the upcoming cycle track works
- * Avoid excessive commercialization
- Reserve flexibility for trying different activities
- * Resolve immediate issues first while contemplating a long-term plan



Possible "Quick-wins" and Next Steps

Possible "Quick-wins" for Further Exploration

- To improve vibrancy of the areas by staging different activities for residents
- * To upgrade landscaping, shading and leisure facilities of the area
- * To enhance pedestrian connections from the hinterland
- * To provide supporting facilities needed for activating the waterfront
- * To consider temporary uses at nearby sites

Next Steps

- * Conduct further place-making with the local community for developing the "quickwins" ideas further
- Experience of implementing the "quick-win" project would shed light on the medium/long-term development of the area

Place-making

- To engage an independent institution to formulate place-making plan in consultation with the Task Force and TWDC
- * In general, there would be the following tasks:
 - * to gauge vision of members of the public, local groups and relevant stakeholders on the theme and development priorities of the waterfront
 - * to outline a set of initiatives
 - * to identify priorities according to budget and site constraints



Overall Programme



Thank You