

**Task Force on Water-land Interface and Harbourfront Activation**  
**Minutes of Twenty-third Meeting**

Date : 7 December 2021 (Tuesday)  
Time : 2:30 p.m.  
Venue : Conference Room 8, Ground Floor, Central Government Offices,  
Tamar

Present

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| Mr Vincent NG     | Chairman, Harbourfront Commission   |
| Mr LEUNG Kong-yui | Chairman, Task Force on Water-land Interface<br>and Harbourfront Activation |

Organization Members

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| Mr Rico WONG      | Representing The Conservancy Association                            |
| Mr Anthony CHEUNG | Representing The Hong Kong Institute of<br>Architects               |
| Ms Iris HOI*      | Representing The Hong Kong Institute of<br>Landscape Architects     |
| Mr Edward LO*     | Representing The Hong Kong Institute of<br>Planners                 |
| Sr Raymond CHAN*  | Representing The Hong Kong Institute of<br>Surveyors                |
| Ir Ringo YU       | Representing The Hong Kong Institution of<br>Engineers              |
| Mr Jeff TUNG      | Representing The Real Estate Developers<br>Association of Hong Kong |

Official Members

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| Mr Vic YAU      | Deputy Secretary (Planning and Lands) 1, Development Bureau (DEVB)                  |
| Ms Anny TANG*   | Senior Manager (Tourism) 21, Tourism Commission (TC)                                |
| Mr Rick LIU     | Chief Transport Officer/Kowloon 2, Transport Department (TD)                        |
| Mr Henry CHU    | Head (Kai Tak Office), Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)          |
| Mr Wicky CHEUNG | Chief Leisure Manager (Management), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) |
| Mr Adrian CHAN  | General Manager/Planning, Development & Port Security, Marine Department (MD)       |
| Ms Doris TING   | Chief Town Planner / Strategic Planning, Planning Department (PlanD)                |
| Mr Steven LEE   | Secretary   |

*In Attendance*

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| Miss Rosalind CHEUNG | Principal Assistant Secretary (Harbour), DEVB |
| Mr William LEUNG     | Assistant Secretary (Harbour) 1, DEVB         |
| Mr NG Shing-kit      | Senior Engineer (Harbour) 2, DEVB             |
| Ms Phoebe WU         | Engineer (Harbour), DEVB                      |

*Absent with Apologies*

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| Mr Andy LEWIS  | Representing Business Environment Council Limited      |
| Dr Vivian WONG | Representing Friends of the Earth (HK) Charity Limited |
| Mr Benny CHAN  | Representing Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design       |

Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN

Representing Society for Protection of the  
Harbour

Prof Becky LOO

Individual Member

For Item 4

Mr Francis NGAI

Founder and CEO, Social Ventures Hong Kong

Ms Tiffany FUNG

Impact Producer (SONOVA), Social Ventures  
Hong Kong

Mr Tim NG

Co-founder, Triple Lips Production

Ms Matiny NG

Co-founder, Triple Lips Production

\*Denoting attendance online.

**Mr Vincent NG**, Chairman of the Harbourfront Commission (HC), welcomed all to the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Task Force on Water-land Interface and Harbourfront Activation (TFWLHA), in particular the following new Members who were appointed on 1 July 2021 and attending the Task Force meeting for the first time -

- (a) **Mr Rico WONG**, representing The Conservancy Association;
- (b) **Ir Ringo YU**, representing The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers; and
- (c) **Mr Jeff TUNG**, representing The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong.

He also informed the meeting that -

- (a) **Ms Anny TANG**, Senior Manager (Tourism) 21 of TC, attended on behalf of Ms Elsa HUNG, Assistant Commissioner for Tourism (2);
- (b) **Mr Rick LIU**, Chief Transport Officer/Kowloon 2 of TD, attended on behalf of Mr Eric WAN, Principal Transport Officer/Urban;
- (c) **Mr Henry CHU**, Head (Kai Tak Office) of CEDD, attended on behalf of Mr Michael LEUNG, Project Manager (E);
- (d) **Mr Wicky CHEUNG**, Chief Leisure Manager (Management) of LCSD, attended on behalf of Mr LUK Chi-kwong, Assistant Director (Leisure Services) 3;
- (e) **Ms Doris TING**, Chief Town Planner / Strategic

Planning of PlanD, attended on behalf of Miss Winnie LAU, Assistant Director of Planning / Territorial; and

(f) **Mr Adrian CHAN**, General Manager (Planning, Development & Port Security) of MD, attended on behalf of Mr Tony CHAN, Assistant Director/Planning and Services.

**Item 1 Election of the Task Force Chairperson**

1.1 **Mr Vincent NG** nominated and **Mr Jeff TUNG** seconded Mr LEUNG Kong-yui to be the Chairman of the Task Force. With unanimous support from Members, **Mr LEUNG Kong-yui** accepted the nomination and officially took over the chairmanship of the meeting.

**Item 2 Confirmation of Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**

2.1 **The Chairman** informed the meeting that the draft minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were circulated to Members for comments on 1 December 2021. There being no comments from Members, the minutes were confirmed.

**Item 3 Matters Arising**

3.1 No matters arising from the last meeting were raised.

3.2 **The Chairman** informed the meeting that the latest 2022 Victoria Harbour calendar had been tabled for Members in attendance. Upon **the Chairman's** invitation, **Miss Rosalind CHEUNG** introduced the theme of the 2022 Victoria Harbour calendar, which aimed to capture the various first-time happenings which took place at different promenades along the Victoria Harbour. She supplemented that the Secretariat would separately arrange to dispatch the calendars to Members who had not attended the meeting in person.

**Item 4 Harbourfront of the People, by the People, for the People – a Community Making Approach at HarbourChill by Social Ventures Hong Kong**

Briefing by Social Ventures Hong Kong

4.1 **The Chairman** informed Members that Social Ventures Hong Kong (SVhk) was invited to share their experience in organising activities at the HarbourChill.

4.2 Upon **the Chairman's** invitation, **Mr Steven LEE** briefed Members on the background of the item. The HarbourChill, a themed harbourfront space located next to the Pierside Precinct of Wan Chai Ferry Pier, was a harbourfront experiential space co-created by community professionals from all walks of life and was fully opened in May 2021. Since its opening, SVhk had organised various events to activate the site which were well-received by the public. In view of the successful experience, SVhk was invited to share their experience in organising

activities at the HarbourChill using the community making approach, as well as its future direction.

4.3 With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, **Mr Francis NGAI** and **Ms Tiffany FUNG** from SVhk, as well as **Mr Tim NG** and **Ms Matiny NG** from Triple Lips Production, shared their community making approach adopted at Harbourfront and its future direction.

## Discussion

### *Community Making Approach*

4.4 **The Chairman, Mr Anthony CHEUNG, Mr Vincent NG** and **Mr Edward LO** were supportive of the community making approach, whereby the public and the Government could co-create and activate the harbourfront. **Mr Vincent NG** stressed that the spirit of experiment, engagement and empowerment (“3Es”) was the key factor leading to the recent success in promoting harbourfront sites. Taking the Halloween activity of “Pumpkin is Coming to Town” held in October 2021 as an example, the event had drawn extensive media coverage and gained wide public support. Its success was attributable to the experimental and active engagement approach in empowering different community stakeholders to unleash creativity and bring in diverse activities to the harbourfront.

4.5 **Mr Rico WONG** suggested utilising harbourfront sites to experiment various activities (e.g. busking, exchange of second-handed items), which could cater for the needs of different community stakeholders in accordance with the principle of “harbourfront for the people”. **Mr Edward LO** appreciated that in addition to simply providing hardware and physical installations, the project team had been active in

organising different activities that could bring more dynamics and vibrancy to the waterfront.

4.6 **Mr Anthony CHEUNG** suggested that the Task Force might consider to discuss the possibility of establishing a mechanism for accepting different event proposals from different non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for the harbourfront sites in future.

4.7 **Mr Francis NGAI** responded that making reference to the successful experience of the Halloween event, the project team would explore to organise various activities with large social impact appealing to a diverse group of people, including the exchange activities as suggested by Members. He also considered that as an experiment, a separate harbourfront site could be identified for different NGOs and stakeholders to develop together from scratch, which was expected to provide substantial insights to the community making approach in future.

#### *Financial Viability*

4.8 **Ir Ringo YU** and **Mr Edward LO** echoed with the project team on the challenges encountered in terms of financial viability when organising community activities. **Ir Ringo YU** suggested that the project team might consider co-operating with commercial organisations so as to achieve financial sustainability in running more activities

4.9 **Mr Francis NGAI** noted Members' comments and said that they would explore the possibility in seeking sponsorship from commercial organisations for future activities. **Mr Tim NG** and **Ms Tiffany FUNG** explained that as an initial stage of their business operation, various factors, such as technical and utilities set-up, unexpected bad weather, manpower support, etc., had given rise to sizeable costs. **Mr Francis NGAI** added



that despite the challenges, they would continue to take forward the various activities and events, with a view to enlightening the public of their community making approach. He also expressed his appreciation to the support from the Harbour Office (HO) throughout the preparation process for past activities.

### *Connectivity*

4.10 **Mr Jeff TUNG** and **Mr Anthony CHEUNG** considered that the connectivity to HarbourChill should be further enhanced so as to attract more visitors, such as by adding directional signage from the nearby MTR stations. **The Chairman** remarked that the connectivity to some harbourfront open spaces, in particular those that were previously works areas, would be further enhanced.

4.11 **Miss Rosalind CHEUNG** responded that HO had explored various initiatives to enhance connectivity to the harbourfront. For instance, HO had been working with TC to add way-finding signage in facilitating the public to go to the harbourfront sites at Wan Chai, and had also installed various thematic and tailor-made directional displays, such as the ones prepared by DinDong for Tsuen Wan waterfront. She supplemented that the connectivity to HarbourChill would be further enhanced with the commissioning of the Exhibition Centre MTR Station in 2022 tentatively.

### *Way Forward*

4.12 In conclusion, **the Chairman** thanked SVhk for the sharing and their efforts in taking forward the community making approach. He invited SVhk to continue to deliver different activities in collaboration with

the HC.

**Item 5      Any Other Business**

Date of next meeting

5.1            **The Chairman** said that the Secretariat would inform Members of the date of the next meeting in due course.

5.2            There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

**Secretariat**

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**April 2022**