**Overview of Land Use Framework** for Victoria Harbourfront

Planning Department February 2011

### Background

• TPB set out Vision Statement for the Victoria Harbour in 1999

To make Victoria Harbour attractive, vibrant, accessible and symbolic of Hong Kong – a harbour for the people and a harbour of life.

- Planning Study on the Harbour and its Waterfront Areas commissioned
  - to translate TPB's Vision Statement into a planning framework to guide the use of waterfront areas and the harbour



- A Harbour and Waterfront Plan (Harbour Plan)
- A set of urban design and landscape principles
- Recommended implementation framework



• Functional Zone



• Action Area Plans



Study completed in early 2003

Court ruling in 2004

- $\rightarrow$  Reclamation proposals either dropped or be critically reviewed.
- → Harbour Plan to be reviewed to respond to changing community aspirations
- → HEC Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review set up to advise on the review of the Harbour Plan to guide future use of the harbourfront areas



## Harbour Plan Review – Overall Approach



Completed  $\square$  In progress  $\triangle$  On-going

# **District-based Studies / Reviews**





No reclamation as a starting point

Connecting and integrating adjacent neighbourhoods, stitching together existing communities

Review completed in 2007





#### **Planning Concepts**

Kai Tak City Centre - commercial belt to meet strategic demand, clusters for residential neighbourhood, large public park (Station Square) with cafes and restaurant

**Sports Hub** - with an iconic multi-purpose stadium complex

Metro Park - a sizeable park on a piled deck above a 600m wide opening (created to improve the water circulation)

**Runway Precinct** - low-density residential and hotel developments and a shopping street to enhance vibrancy

**Tourism and Leisure Hub** - cruise terminal as an anchor and heliport for cross-boundary services

**Mixed Use Corner** - commercial and GIC uses to regenerate the surrounding areas



Lower development intensity

- Private housing: PR of 3.5 5.0
- Public housing: PR of 5.5 and 6.3
- Office and hotel: PR of 3.5 9.5

98ha (about 1/3 of total site area) of interconnected greenery space to integrate key developments and link up surrounding areas

Mixed use at the waterfront to ensure vibrancy

Total population:86,000Total no. of new flats:30,000Total job opportunities:83,000Total office GFA:911,000m²Total retail GFA:430,000m²Total no. of hotel rooms:6,400



Approved Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K22/2

• Commissioned in 2006 to formulate a comprehensive district plan for enhancement of the Hung Hom waterfront



Conventionally a residential area, with tourism related developments introduced recently

Principal objective is to ensure that the remaining waterfront sites are

- developed with uses that are compatible with their environs
- developed at a volume and intensity that is complementary to existing development and to an extent and composition that is publicly acceptable; and
- comprised of development that is capable of activating the water's edge



#### Urban Design & Landscape Framework



Creation of a continuous waterfront promenade

Promotion of a strong identity

Improvement of connectivity and accessibility

Creation of interesting and recognisable spaces, places and destinations

Avoiding walled effect development, promoting visual permeability

Developing an appropriate form, massing and scale of developments at the water's edge

#### **Proposals for Potential Sites**





- Hung Hom District Study completed in 2008
- Hung Hom OZP amended in Feb 2008 to incorporate the land use proposals of the waterfront CDA site and Hung Luen Road R(A)2 site
- Long term proposal for the MTRC Freight Yard and IMC kept under review
- Beautification Works for Tai Wan Shan Park (Promenade) completed in April 2009

- Commenced in 2004
- Main objective of WDII : To provide land for completing the missing link of the strategic road network along the north shore of Hong Kong Island to alleviate traffic congestion
- Land formed for trunk road also provides opportunity for enhancement of harbourfront for public enjoyment



Public engagement project (Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai, Causeway Bay & Adjoining Areas (HER)) launched by HEC in parallel

Review completed in mid 2007

Tunnel option adopted

Reclamation reduced from 28.5 ha to 12.7 ha

Original trunk road alignment & reclamation extent

#### **Overall planning concept**

- Create a waterfront with distinctive character and attractions, emphasising the relation between the harbour and the cultural and historical context of Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and adjoining areas
- Five Character Precincts
- 4km long waterfront promenade from Central to Oil Street in North Point



- Wan Chai North and North Point OZPs amended in July 2007 to incorporate proposals of WDII Review (minimum reclamation, CWB in tunnel form, original harbour park scrapped)
- OZPs subsequently refined during statutory representation process and approved by CE in C in May 2009
- Works for WDII and CWB commenced in December 2009





Approved Wan Chai North OZP No. S/H25/2

Approved North Point OZP No. S/H8/22 (part)

- Commissioned in 2007 upon request of Town Planning Board
- To refine the existing urban design framework for the Central Reclamation
- To prepare planning and design briefs for key development sites



#### Master Layout Plan



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- **Public Spaces** ۲
- **Commercial & Leisure Uses**

#### Planning & Urban Design Concepts for Key Sites



#### **Open Space Network Plan**



A 2 km long waterfront promenade and 11 ha of harbourside public open space to form a green edge with a diversity of uses and activities to provide different harbourfront experiences



Relevant OZPs to incorporate the land use proposals after completion of the Study

Green Carpet within Tamar Development to be completed in 2011

Advance Promenade to be completed in early 2012

# Hong Kong Island East Harbour-front Study

• Commissioned in 2009 to formulate a comprehensive enhancement plan for the Hong Kong Island East harbourfront focusing on connectivity



# Hong Kong Island East Harbour-front Study

Stage 3 Public Engagement to be launched shortly



Hoi Yu Street waterfront: Tourism & entertainment with iconic footbridge



North Point Ferry Piers: Vibrant entertainment waterfront with civic plaza



Boardwalk underneath IEC



Sky Trail near HK Museum of Coastal Defence



Streetscape enhancement for 9 streets

# Land Use Review of Yau Tong Bay CDA

OZP amended in May 2008 to adjust the boundary of the CDA zone by excising water area

Residential / Commercial uses with open space and GIC facilities (Plot ratio of 4.5; maximum building height ranging from 60mPD at western ends to 120mPD)

Public waterfront promenade of not less than 15m wide and with a site area of not less than 24,700m<sup>2</sup>







### Land Use Framework for Victoria Harbourfront



### **Connectivity along Victoria Harbourfront**



# Conclusion





## Thank You

