

# Management of Promenades under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department



LCSD develops and manages a wide range of recreational and sports facilities to promote a healthy lifestyle and sport for all.



Among the over 1,500 LCSD parks and playgrounds, 37 are along the Victoria Harbour waterfront.




# Planning and Design of LCSD

## Parks / Promenades



# Planning Process

- Keep open mind on how public open space should be designed and managed
  - Attach great importance to stakeholders' views (e.g. District Councils, Harbourfront Commission)
  - Continuous public engagement in drawing up scope and design
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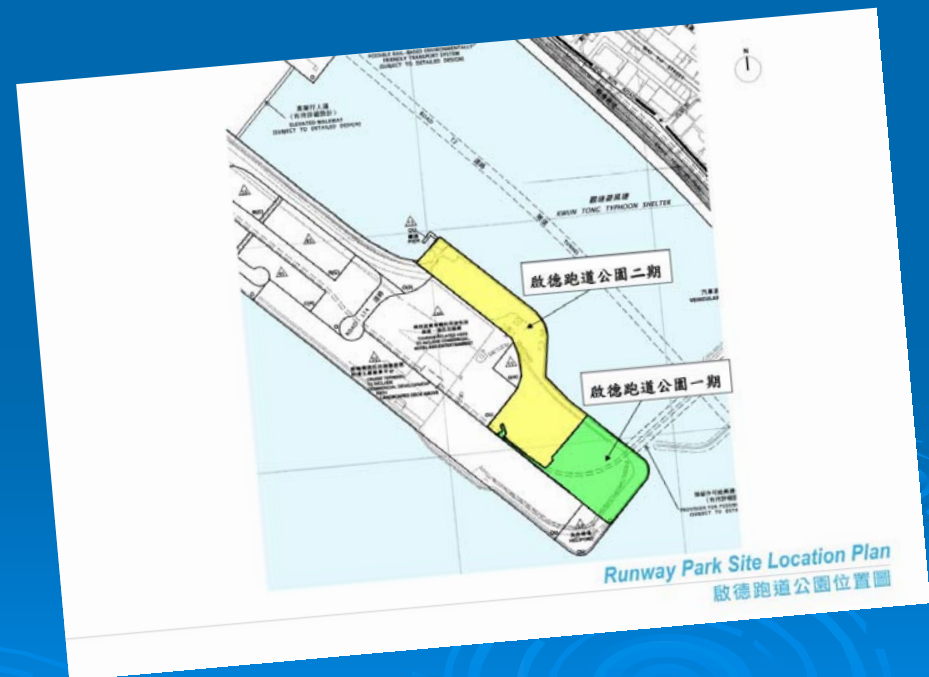
## (a) Relevant Considerations

- Needs of local community
- Site conditions / constraints
- Ensure good connectivity and accessibility to the waterfront



## (b) The Approval Process

- Project scope to be endorsed by Home Affairs Bureau
- ArchSD to provide design layout
- LCSD consults relevant stakeholders (District Councils, Harbourfront Commission etc) on scope and design
- ArchSD to conduct technical feasibility study
- Seeking funding from Legislative Council



# Recent Projects

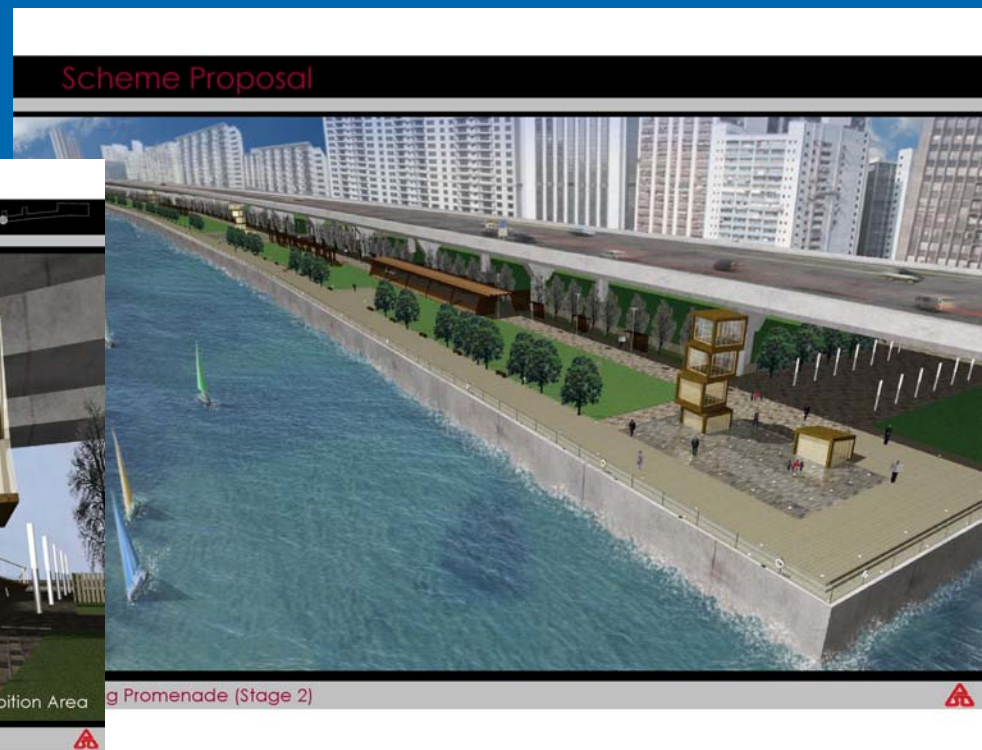
## (a) Runway Park Phase I

- Consulted Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development and Kowloon City District Council
- Preferred a simple design with extensive lawn and soft landscaped areas
- Revised design layout



## (b) Kwun Tong Promenade Stage 2

- Early engagement of different stakeholders through venue management workshop
- Participation of members of Harbourfront Commission and Kwun Tong District Council





# Creative Elements in LCSD Projects

LCSD seeks to inject creative elements in parks and promenades where practicable



# Park Déco (Phase 1) at Quarry Bay Park



- Partnered with the Hong Kong Arts Centre
- Theme: “Oasis along the Seashore”
- 3 sets of creative furniture and new signages
- Completed in May 2011



# Park Déco (Phase 2) at Cornwall Street Park

- Partners with the Hong Kong Design Centre
- Three sets of interesting furniture and a new signage system developed by local artists will be installed
- To be completed by second half of 2012



# Deliverables of “Park Déco”

- Draw up design parameters for creative park furniture for reference / adoption in designing new parks / renovating existing parks
- Draw up a new set of customer-friendly signage system for use in new / existing parks



# Public Art Project in LCSD Parks

- Art Promotion Office of LCSD collaborates with ArchSD in co-organising public art projects in new park

- Example:  
Town Park and  
Indoor  
Velodrome-cum-  
Sports Centre in  
Tseung Kwan O



# Usage and Management of LCSD

## Parks / Promenades



# (a) Designated Use

- LCSD Parks / Promenades are primarily intended for general leisure and recreational purposes
- Major facilities provided include :
  - Children's play areas
  - Elderly fitness stations
  - Basketball / football / tennis courts
  - Landscaped areas
  - Jogging tracks
  - Sitting out areas

- In recent years, the following facilities are also provided to meet the need of different sectors of community
  - Pet corner / garden
  - Skateboard arena
  - Cycling tracks / parks



# How to exercise flexibility and strike a balance between conflicting needs of the users?

Walk their dogs??

Dogs a nuisance??

## ***Pet Corners***



North Point Promenade



Tsuen Wan Park

Potential risks to  
other users??

Enjoy cycling and  
skateboarding??

## ***Cycling Tracks and Skateboarding***



Tsing Yi Northeast Park



Po Kong  
Village  
Road Park

- Designating areas for cycling, skateboarding, pet corners etc in consultation with local community

## (b) Non-designated Use

LCSD makes available its Parks / Promenades for community activities, carnivals, public gatherings, musical performance

- LCSD formulates a set of guidelines to facilitate handling of bookings for non-designated use
- Successful applicants gain exclusive use of the whole or part of the venue
- Purpose: To ensure the events are organised in a safe and orderly manner, minimising nuisance caused to other users / nearby residents / balancing between designated and non-designated use of the venues.
- In 2011, about 500 of these uses were held in promenades (3,000 in all leisure venues)

## (c) Arts and Cultural Activities

- LCSD injects an arts and cultural dimension in its venues
- Bookings for holding arts and cultural activities
- Display of public art works



Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade



# ArtAlive@Parks at Promenades

Shatin Park

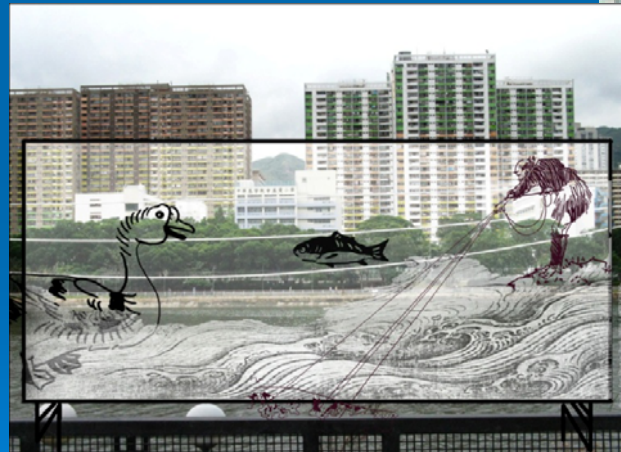


Since 2010, partnered with local tertiary institutions to install public arts in LCSD Parks



Tuen Mun Park

Shatin Park



Hong Kong Park

- Bring arts to the community
- Nurture young artistic talents
- Audience building
- Art works of university students will be displayed in Tsim Sha Tsui East Waterfront Podium Garden, Tai Po Waterfront Park and Stanley Promenade in 2012.

# Open Stage Scheme

- To provide opportunities for performers to showcase their talents
- Enable the public to appreciate the arts at leisure

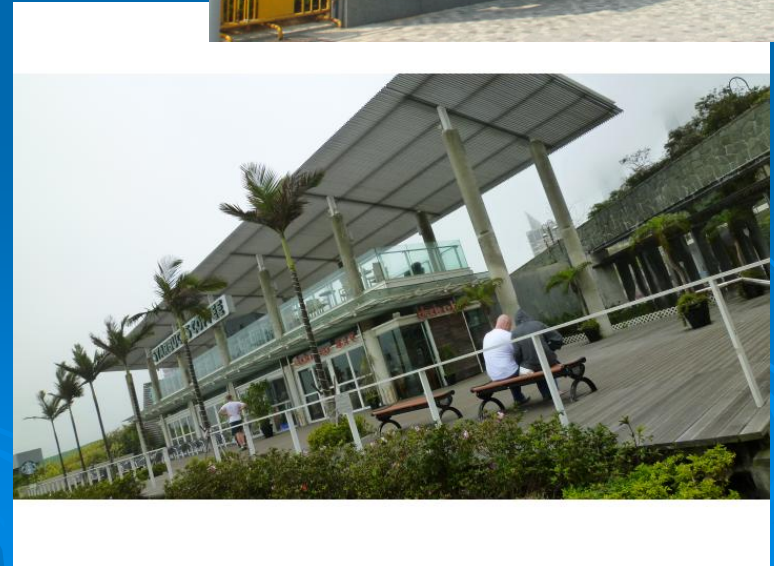


Sha Tin Town Hall



# Refreshment & Retail Outlets

- Provides about 100 refreshment kiosks / outlets including Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade and Central Piers
- Depending on the demands and business viability
- Keeps open mind to provide such facilities



# Legal Authority

- LCSD is vested with the statutory authority to manage public pleasure grounds under Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) and Pleasure Grounds Regulation
- The guiding principle in managing LCSD leisure venues –
  - To facilitate users' enjoyment;
  - Do not cause public safety problems or damage public property; and
  - Do not create unacceptable nuisance to other users.



# For Public Open Space not designated as a Public Pleasure Ground

- Have the status of “unallocated government land”
- Being managed by an array of government departments
  - Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (littering, hawker control)
  - Police (public order, noise nuisance)
  - Transport Department (obstruction to traffic)
  - Tobacco Control Office (anti-smoking)

# Way Forward

- LCSD continues to plan and manage promenades for public enjoyment to enable public to enjoy them in a diversified and harmonious way
- Continues to develop new initiatives to enhance the ambience of parks / promenades
- Keeps an open mind towards new ideas and continues to engage relevant stakeholders (Harbourfront Commission, District Councils)
- Seeks and optimises design and use of promenades for the benefit of the community

**Thank you**

