28th Meeting of Harbourfront Commission held at 3:00 pm on 19 June 2017 at the Conference Room on Upper Ground Floor, Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre, Kowloon Park, Haiphong Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Minutes of Meeting

Present

Mr Nicholas BROOKE Chair

Mr Eric MA Secretary for Development, Vice Chair

Mrs Margaret BROOKE Representing Business Environment Council

Prof Becky LOO Representing Chartered Institute of Logistics and

Transport in Hong Kong

Mr Ken SO Representing The Conservancy Association

Mrs Karen BARRETTO Representing Friends of the Earth

Sr Lesley LAM Representing Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
Mr Ivan HO Representing Hong Kong Institute of Urban

Design

Ir Raymond CHAN Representing Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN Representing Society for Protection of the

Harbour

Mr CHAN Ka-kui

Mr Walter CHAN

Mr Hans Joachim ISLER

Mr Alan LO

Mr Vincent NG

Mr Frankie NGAN

Mr Michael WONG Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning

and Lands), Development Bureau (DEVB)

Mr Edward LEUNG Senior Manager (Tourism)21, Tourism

Commission (TC)

Mr Wilson PANG Assistant Commissioner/Urban, Transport

Department (TD)

Ms Alice PANG Project Manager (Kowloon), Civil Engineering

and Development Department (CEDD)

Mrs Doris FOK Assistant Director (Leisure Services)1, Leisure

and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)

Mr CHEUK Fan-lun Assistant Director/Planning & Services, Marine

Department (MD)

Mr Raymond LEE Director of Planning

Miss Christine AU Secretary

In Attendance

Mr Thomas CHAN Deputy Secretary (Planning and Lands)1, DEVB Mr Allen FUNG Political Assistant to Secretary for Development,

DEVB

Ms Fannie KONG
Press Secretary to Secretary for Development
Mr LEUNG Kong -yui
Chair, Task Force on Water-land Interface
Mr Larry CHU
Assistant Secretary (Harbour)1, DEVB

Ms Jenny WONG Assistant Secretary (Harbour) Special Duties,

DEVB

Miss Emily SOM Assistant Secretary (Harbour) 2, DEVB Mr Peter MOK Project Manager (Harbour), DEVB

Absent with Apologies

Mr Freddie HAI Representing Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Mr Evans IU Representing Hong Kong Institute of Landscape

Architects

Prof TANG Bo-sin Representing Hong Kong Institute of Planners
Mr Louis LOONG Representing Real Estate Developers Association

of Hong Kong

Ms Kelly CHAN
Mr KAN Chak-fun
Ms Vivian LEE

For Agenda Item 3

Mr Alex BRAZIER Creative Director, Lead 8
Mr Ian RALPH Associate Director, Lead 8

Mr Ivan KO Chairman, China Real Estate Chamber of

Commerce Hong Kong and International Chapter

(CRECCHKI)

Dr Charles LAM Vice Chairman, CRECCHKI and Chairman of The

Government and Research Committee

Mr Jason CHOW Corporate Communications Manager,

CRECCHKI

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Welcoming Message

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. He informed Members that Mr

Edward LEUNG, Senior Manager of TC, was attending on behalf of Miss Cathy CHU; Mr Wilson PANG, Assistant Commissioner of TD, was attending on behalf of Mrs Ingrid YEUNG; Ms Alice PANG, Project Manager of CEDD, was attending on behalf of Mr LAM Sai-hung; Mrs Doris FOK, Assistant Director of LCSD, was attending on behalf of Ms Michelle LI; and Mr CHEUK Fan-lun, Assistant Director of MD, was attending on behalf of Ms Maisie CHENG.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 27th Meeting

1.1 **The Chair** said that the Secretariat circulated the draft minutes of the 27th meeting to Members on 14 June 2017 and the revised draft minutes were circulated on 16 June 2017. There being no other proposed amendments, the minutes of the 27th meeting were confirmed at the meeting.

Item 2 Matters Arising

- A. <u>Briefing on the latest developments at the working part of the harbour</u> (paragraph 9.2 of the minutes of the 27th meeting)
- 2.1 **The Chair** said in response to the suggestion for Members to be briefed on the latest status on "the working harbour" including port development and logistics operations at different locations, the Secretariat was liaising with relevant parties and would make suitable arrangements.

Item 3 Conceptual Idea of a Harbour Loop

- 3.1 **The Chair** welcomed representatives from Lead 8 and CRECCHKI to the meeting. **Mr Alex BRAZIER**, **Mr Ivan KO** and **Mr Ian RALPH** presented the conceptual idea of a harbour loop with the aid of a PowerPoint.
- 3.2 While noting that a pedestrian and cycle bridge connecting Lei Yue Mun and Hong Kong East was proposed, **the Chair** enquired if there

would be any connection linking Hong Kong West and Kowloon. He also queried if the Harbour Loop concept would be technically feasible having regard to various physical constraints on both sides of the Victoria Harbour.

- 3.3 **Prof Becky LOO** enquired if the project team had considered any business model to implement the concept. She was particularly interested to know about how to ensure that the pedestrian and cycle bridge would be for free public use.
- 3.4 **Mr Ivan KO** responded that for the western part of the Harbour Loop, the West Kowloon Cultural District and Central were originally proposed to be connected by cable car. After further deliberations, a bridge or transparent tunnel was considered more appropriate in forming a loop for walking and cycling. The project team would further work on the proposal.
- 3.5 **Mr Ian RALPH** said it was the vision of the project team to transform the waterfront into an iconic 23 kilometre long urban cycle, running and walking network. While noting the various constraints, the project team would further review the proposal with a view to realising the vision to a certain extent. Support from the Government and HC would be much needed.
- On business model, **Mr Ivan KO** responded that the project team has only come with a conceptual idea. If it was supported, it would have to be implemented and funded by the Government. The project team would focus on introducing the idea to the public and soliciting their support. It was suggested that the proposed bridge would be provided for public use free of charge.
- 3.7 **Mr Alex BRAZIER** added that the Harbour Loop concept was formulated with a view to bringing social and economic benefits to the community.
- 3.8 **Mrs Margaret BROOKE** said that the idea of constructing a bridge to connect Lei Yue Mun and Hong Kong East was innovative but she would like to know if the project team had examined the requirements under the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance and other practical

- issues such as possible impact on the existing marine uses.
- 3.9 **The Chair** enquired about the strategy for implementing the Harbour Loop idea.
- 3.10 **Mr Ivan KO** responded that the project team was preparing a programme to engage the public and stakeholders including relevant District Councils involved. A charitable organisation was being set up to raise fund for advocating the idea.
- 3.11 **The Chair** thanked the project team for their presentation and asked them to update the Commission should there be any significant progress made in the future.
- 3.12 **Mr Ivan KO** said CRECCHKI would like to circulate their views on "Hong Kong 2030+ Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030 " for Members' reference after the meeting.

[Post-meeting notes: CRECCHKI's views on "Hong Kong 2030+ - Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030" were circulated to Members for reference on 27 June 2017.]

- Item 4 Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island (Paper No. HC/07/2017)
- 4.1 **The Chair**, in his capacity as the Chair of the Task Force, took Members through the progress report.
- Item 5 Progress Report from Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development (Paper No. HC/08/2017)
- 5.1 **Mr Vincent NG**, the Chair of the Task Force, briefed Members of the progress report.
- Item 6 Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (Paper No. HC/09/2017)

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6.1 **Prof Becky LOO**, the Chair of the Task Force, presented the progress report.

Item 7 Progress Report from Task Force on Water-land Interface (Paper No. HC/10/2017)

7.1 **Mr LEUNG Kong-yui**, the Chair of the Task Force, briefed Members on the progress report.

Item 8 Any Other Business

8.1 There being on other business, the meeting ended at 5:15 pm.

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