

41st Meeting of Harbourfront Commission
held at 3:00 pm on 24 June 2022 at
Room 1303, 13/F, Wing On Kowloon Centre, 345 Nathan Road, Kowloon

Minutes of Meeting

Present

Mr Vincent NG	Chairman (also Chairman, Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development)
Mr Ivan HO	Chairman, Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island
Mr LEUNG Kong-yui	Chairman, Task Force on Water-land Interface and Harbourfront Activation (also representing The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong)
Prof Becky LOO	Chairlady, Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing
Mrs Margaret BROOKE	Representing Business Environment Council Limited
Mr Joel CHAN	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design
Mr Anthony CHEUNG	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Ir Victor CHEUNG	Representing The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
Mr Winston CHU*	Representing Society for Protection of the Harbour
Dr CHUNG Shan-shan	Representing The Conservancy Association
Ms Iris HOI	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects
Sr Francis LAM*	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
Mr Edward LO*	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Planners
Mr Desmond NG*	Representing The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong
Dr Vivian WONG	Representing Friends of the Earth (HK) Charity Limited
Ms Kelly CHAN	Individual Member
Mr Mac CHAN*	Individual Member
Ir Janice LAI*	Individual Member
Ms Christina LEE*	Individual Member
Ms Angela SO*	Individual Member
Hon Tony TSE*	Individual Member

Official Members

Mr Tony CHAN*	Assistant Director/Planning & Services, Marine Department (MD)
Ms Olivia CHEUNG	Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)
Mr Michael FONG*	Director of Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)
Mr Ricky HO	Assistant Commissioner/Traffic Management, Transport Department (TD)
Ms April KUN*	Assistant Director of Planning/Metro, Planning Department (PlanD)
Mr LIU Chun-san	Under Secretary for Development, DEVB
Ms Anny TANG*	Senior Manager (Tourism) 21, Tourism Commission (TC)
Miss Rosalind CHEUNG	Secretary

In Attendance

Mr Vic YAU	Deputy Secretary (Planning and Lands) 1, Development Bureau (DEVB)
Mr William LEUNG	Assistant Secretary (Harbour) 1, DEVB
Ms Ophelia LUI	Assistant Secretary (Harbour) Special Duties, DEVB
Ms Jenny CHAN	Project Manager (Harbour), DEVB
Mr Peter MOK	Project Manager (Harbour) Special Duties, DEVB
Mr Carlos FUNG	Senior Engineer (Harbour) 1, DEVB
Mr NG Shing-kit	Senior Engineer (Harbour) 2, DEVB
Mr Rick TSANG	Senior Estate Surveyor (Harbour), DEVB

Absent with Apologies

Mr Michael WONG	Vice-chairman; Secretary for Development
Mr Karl KWOK	Individual Member
Mr Alan LO	Individual Member
Hon Frankie NGAN	Individual Member

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Ms Carrie LEE	Chief Leisure Manager (Development), LCSD
Ms Vivian HO	Senior Project Manager (Technical Section), LCSD
Mr Kevin SIU	Director, AaaM Ltd
Ms Lianne CHO	Architectural Designer, AaaM Ltd

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Mr Alan TANG	Chief Engineer/Port Works, CEDD
Mr Raymond YUEN	Senior Engineer/Projects 4, CEDD

* Denotes attending online

Welcoming Message

- 1.1 **The Chairman** welcomed all to the meeting and introduced **Mr Michael FONG**, Director of Civil Engineering and Development Department, who was attending the meeting for the first time. He went on informed the meeting that -
- (a) Mr Tony CHAN, Assistant Director/Planning & Services of the Marine Department (MD), attended online on behalf of Ms Carol YUEN, Director of Marine; and
 - (b) Ms Olivia CHEUNG, Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), attended on behalf of Mr Vincent LIU, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services;
 - (c) Mr Ricky HO, Assistant Commissioner/Traffic Management of the Transport Department (TD), attended online on behalf of Miss Rosanna LAW, Commissioner for Transport;
 - (d) Ms April KUN, Assistant Director of Planning/Metro of the Planning Department (PlanD), attended online on behalf of Mr Ivan CHUNG, Director of Planning;
 - (e) Mr LIU Chun-san, Under Secretary for Development, attended on behalf of Ms Bernadette LINN, Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands); and
 - (f) Ms Anny TANG, Senior Manager of Tourism Commission (TC), attended online on behalf of Ms Vivian SUM, Commissioner of Tourism.

Re-appointment, new appointment and retirement of Harbourfront Commission Members

- 1.2 **The Secretary** briefed the meeting that the tenure of six out of 32 Harbourfront Commission (HC) Members in the current term would expire on 30 June 2022 and the Chief Executive had approved on 7 April 2022 the re-appointment of the Chairman and two individual Members, as well as the new appointment of three individual Members for two years from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024.

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- 1.3 **Mr LIU Chun-sang** told the meeting that the Government had issued a Gazette Notice and a press release announcing the latest appointments to the HC, including the re-appointment of **Mr Vincent NG** as the Chairman, and **Ir Janice LAI** and **Ms Christina LEE** as Members. Three new Members, namely **Ms Sunnie LAU**, **Dr Lawrence LI** and **Dr Frankie YEUNG** were also appointed to replace **Ms Kelly CHAN**, **Mr Alan LO** and **Hon Frankie NGAN**, who had served on the HC for six years.
- 1.4 **Mr LIU Chun-sang** expressed appreciation to **the Chairman** for his chairmanship of the HC over the past few years, during which he had closely monitored the works progress of harbourfront projects, such as the Water Sports and Recreation Precinct, the Pierside Precinct and the East Coast Park Precinct, in order to strive for their early opening for public enjoyment. He added that from testing the new concept of “Harbourfront Shared Space” to the introduction of “fence-free design”, **the Chairman** had been very devoted in promoting these new ideas to the public.
- 1.5 **Mr LIU Chun-sang** also expressed gratitude to the retiring Members for their contribution to the harbourfront development over the past six years. He said that in the past 15 months, 16 harbourfront sites were opened, enhancing the connectivity of the harbourfront and providing wider variety of experiences to visitors. **Mr LIU Chun-sang** took the opportunity to inform the meeting that in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the “Summer • Harbour” launching ceremony was held successfully on 16 June 2022, unveiling the “pop-up” installations at the six harbourfront sites. He informed Members that the Revitalised Typhoon Shelter Precinct and the Water Sports and Recreation Precinct (Phase 3) would be officially opened in the second half of 2022, offering new harbourfront shared space with distinctive features to the general public.
- 1.6 **Mr LIU Chun-sang** looked forward to Members’ continued support to the HC in realising the shared vision to create an

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attractive, vibrant, accessible and sustainable harbour.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 40th meeting

2.1 **The Chairman** said that the Secretariat had circulated the draft minutes of the 40th meeting to Members on 21 June 2022. There being no further proposed amendment, the minutes were confirmed at the meeting.

Item 2 Matters Arising

3.1 No matters arising were raised at the meeting.

**Item 3 Transformation of Public Play Spaces
(Paper No. HC/06/2022)**

4.1 **The Chairman** welcomed **Ms Carrie LEE** and **Ms Vivian HO** of the LCSD and **Mr Kevin SIU** and **Ms Lianne CHO** of AaaM Limited to the meeting.

4.2 **Miss Rosalind CHEUNG** introduced to Members that the LCSD planned to transform more than 170 of its public play spaces (“PPS”) across the territory over the next five years. A total of 17 and 26 transformation projects had been rolled out in 2020/21 and 2021/22 respectively. In this meeting, the LCSD would brief Members on the transformation of PPS within the harbourfront area.

Briefing by the LCSD

4.3 **Ms Vivian HO** and **Mr Kevin SIU** briefed Members with the aid of a PowerPoint.

Discussion

General Comments

4.4 **Mr Joel CHAN, Ms Kelly CHAN, Mr Anthony CHEUNG, Ir Victor CHEUNG, Dr CHUNG Shan-shan, Mr Ivan HO, Mr LEUNG Kong-yui, Mr Edward LO and Dr Vivian WONG** supported the transformation plan and agreed that it could provide innovative, challenging and interesting play spaces to children with diversified needs in the future.

Public Engagement

4.5 **Mr Ivan HO** said that the Tuen Mun Inclusive Park, the first barrier-free play space that provided diversified play opportunities and sensory experience to children, had proven to be very successful in terms of popularity and inclusive play. While frequent maintenance and replacement of defective facilities were required due to their high usage rate, it positively reflected that the park had benefited a lot of children.

4.6 **Mr Joel CHAN** said that popularity of the Tuen Mun Inclusive Park was largely attributed to the public engagement exercise which successfully gathered views from users to ensure that children's needs were reflected in the design and construction of play spaces.

4.7 **Mr Edward LO** pointed out that the design process, which involved public engagement, allowed the project team to better understand the various needs of the residents in the neighbourhood.

4.8 **Mr Ivan HO** considered community engagement and participation to be a continuous process which should be carried on even after the park was opened because feedback from the users were important for the project team to identify areas for refinement.

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- 4.9 **Mr Edward LO** and **Prof Becky LOO** opined that the play spaces, located at different districts, had their own local characteristics. **Prof Becky LOO** suggested the LCSD to conduct community engagement exercise for each site so as to understand the constraints of individual sites and cater the needs of various users by adopting different schematic designs.
- 4.10 **Ms Vivian HO** said that the project team had learnt about the unique features of the community and children's evolving needs during the engagement exercise.

Design Process

- 4.11 **Mr Joel CHAN** expressed concern over the refined schematic design of play spaces and play equipment which was less innovative than the existing design. He urged the LCSD to implement measures such as involving play equipment designers in the course of transformation of play spaces to ensure that the unique and innovative features of the parks could be retained upon renovation.
- 4.12 **Mr Ivan HO** suggested the LCSD to provide details on the delivery schedule of projects falling within the harbourfront area, such as when public engagement would be launched.
- 4.13 **Prof Becky LOO** added that the LCSD should consult the HC on the design of play spaces at an earlier stage so that the Members could comment on the schematic design.
- 4.14 **Mr Edward LO** suggested that the "Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines" (HKPSG) should include guidelines on planning and design of play spaces for the purpose of improving visitors' experience and providing the play equipment with modern design in the long term.
- 4.15 **Mr Anthony CHEUNG** echoed that the HKPSG should stipulate the standard provision of ancillary facilities for public play spaces so as to guide the design of recreational facilities in the future.

Innovativeness

- 4.16 **Ms Kelly CHAN** considered the Tai Wan Shan Park, which was equipped with slides, swings and blocks, was rather monotonous and conventional. She suggested the LCSD to consider providing more special features, such as zip lines and sand pits, in other venues so as to enhance the experience of the children and encourage children to take on challenges.
- 4.17 **Mr Joel CHAN** noted that sand and water play areas, which were once being proposed during the public engagement exercise, were not provided in Tai Wan Shan Park. He opined that sand and water pits could provide opportunities for children to interact with natural materials and would make the park extremely popular especially in hot weather. He suggested the LCSD to keep an open mind to innovative ideas and suitably include them in the design to make the outdoor playtime more interesting.
- 4.18 Stressing that each district has its own characteristic, **Prof Becky LOO** and **Mr LEUNG Kong-yui** suggested incorporating themed facilities and introducing harbourfront elements to the parks to attract children and provide unique experience to the users.
- 4.19 **Mr Ivan HO** was impressed by the LCSD's recent "Art@Harbour" exhibition where interactive art installations and floor graphics that combined art and science were set up at the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section), Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade and Hung Hom Promenade. He opined that such breakthrough in the design of play spaces had offered new interactive experiences in art appreciation to the public.
- 4.20 **Ir Victor CHEUNG** suggested the LCSD to make reference to the innovative and modern design of play spaces of overseas countries so as to bring in new ideas.

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- 4.21 **Ms Vivian HO** welcomed suggestions from Members and replied that practices overseas would be taken on board in designing play spaces in future. She noted Members' concerns on the lack of natural elements in parks and rest assured that the LCSD would introduce more natural and environmentally-friendly elements in future projects, such as water and sand, in the transformation projects of larger parks such as the Sham Shui Po Park.
- 4.22 **Ms Carrie LEE** added that the LCSD understood children's need for more innovative and challenging play facilities. To this end, efforts had been made in the design of the transformation projects, e.g. slide in Tai Wan Shan Park would be around four metres in height while the top of the tower would be six metres above ground. This new design would make the park interesting with sufficient challenges for children.
- 4.23 **The Chairman** steered that further discussion on the detailed design of the Tai Wan Shan Park and other future projects should be followed up under relevant Task Forces.

Educational Value of Park Facilities

- 4.24 **Ms Kelly CHAN, Dr CHUNG Shan-shan, Mr Ivan HO** suggested incorporating educational elements to the playground equipment with a view to providing diversified outdoor learning opportunities for children.
- 4.25 **Ms Kelly CHAN** elaborated that the integration of technology in education, such as putting up QR codes in leisure places, would allow the public to receive educational materials and multimedia content easily by scanning them using their mobile devices.

Green Promotion

- 4.26 **Dr Vivian WONG** suggested using recycled materials for production of play equipment. **Dr CHUNG Shan-shan**

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supported the idea and supplemented that the LCSD could consider labelling the play equipment and floor mat that were made of recycled materials so that children could learn about recycling and environmental protection while playing.

- 4.27 To further promote public awareness on renewable energy and conservation, **Dr CHUNG Shan-shan** and **Mr Ivan HO** suggested installing solar energy lights, solar panels, bicycle electrical generators and wind turbines at parks.
- 4.28 **Mr Anthony CHEUNG** and **Dr Vivian WONG** suggested increasing the provision of shading by planting more trees in the parks to provide a more relaxing environment to park users. **Dr Vivian WONG** added that opportunities could also be taken to educate youths about various species of trees.
- 4.29 **Ms Carrie LEE** welcomed the suggestions of Members and said that the LCSD strived to include more green elements in the design of park and recreational facilities. These included the installation of tree labels with QR codes for downloading tree information, energy bikes at the leisure venues such as Tsuen Wan Sports Centre and Lai Chi Kok Park, and solar panels on rooftops which helped promote the use of renewable energy.
- 4.30 **Ms Carrie LEE** added that green education centres had been set up at larger parks, such as the Jordan Valley Park and Kowloon Park, for greening education.
- 4.31 **Ms Vivian HO** supplemented that more educational information on recycling and environment protection could be displayed at playgrounds.

Maintenance of Play Equipment

- 4.32 **Dr CHUNG Shan-shan** observed that some play equipment was often damaged as a result of overloading by adults. She suggested the LCSD to put up signage to remind people on age and weight restrictions.

Inclusive Play

- 4.33 Considering the diverse needs of children and to strengthen family bonds, **Ms Kelly CHAN** and **Mr Ivan HO** suggested that play equipment should be designed to encourage inclusive play among children, parents and caregivers.
- 4.34 **Prof Becky LOO** enquired if there would be inclusive play space at the transformed parks to cater the needs of the disabled children.

Free Space for Children

- 4.35 Rather than being limited to doing certain activities in a conventional play area with swings, slides and tunnels, **Ms Kelly CHAN** suggested designating a space for free play in parks for children to explore and conduct various physical activities.
- 4.36 **Mr Ivan HO** agreed and added that the prescriptive design of the play equipment could limit children's creativity. He pointed out that a free space in the park would encourage child-initiated activities and allow children to develop their imaginations and social skills.
- 4.37 **Ms Carrie LEE** explained that with a view to satisfying the playing needs of children, the Tai Wan Shan Park was designed to put play in the control of children and allow them to play in their imaginative way. For example, there were spaces for children to run around and tunnels were provided to allow children to play hide-and-seek and imaginative play.

Provision of Ancillary Facilities

- 4.38 **Mr LEUNG Kong-yui** suggested the provision of sufficient drinking fountains, recycling bins and digital display panels for information display at parks. He hoped that these facilities would become a standard provision later on for the benefit of the public.

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- 4.39 **Mr Ivan HO** added that benches, shelters, free Wi-Fi and charging stations were also essential to serve the needs of parents and caregivers who took the children to the park.
- 4.40 **Mr Anthony CHEUNG** opined that food kiosks would enhance user experiences.
- 4.41 As for sanitary facilities, **Dr Vivian WONG** suggested the use of eco-friendly toilets to reduce the consumption of water.

Way Forward

- 4.42 **The Chairman** thanked Members for offering valuable suggestions and concluded that the HC supported LCSD's initiative in transforming public play spaces to make optimal use of public spaces and promenades for accommodating diversified children's play equipment and facilities.
- 4.43 **The Chairman** considered public engagement exercise an effective way to gather opinion of stakeholders and conducive to bringing greater synergy to the delivery of projects.
- 4.44 Sharing HC's experience in the management of harbourfront sites under an experimental approach, **the Chairman** said the HC had often received different comments. The positive feedback had shown a direction for further exploration while the negatives ones would serve as the lessons learnt that could be applied to future projects. He hoped that the LCSD would continue to value public opinions upon the opening of the parks for continuous improvement.

Item 4 Study of Coastal Hazards under Climate Change and Extreme Weather and Formulation of Improvement Measures by the Civil Engineering and Development Department (Paper No. HC/07/2022)

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- 5.1 **The Chairman** welcomed **Mr Alan TANG** and **Mr Raymond YUEN** of the CEDD to the meeting.
- 5.2 **Miss Rosalind CHEUNG** briefed Members that the Executive Summary of the Study of Coastal Hazards under Climate Change and Extreme Weather was announced by the CEDD on 7 April 2022. The objective of the Study was to comprehensively review the situation of the coastal low-lying or windy locations, and investigate storm surges and waves in order to assess the impacts of extreme weather and climate change on these locations. The locations included, among others, harbourfront areas at Lei Yue Mun, Kennedy Town, Sai Ying Pun and Sheung Wan. The CEDD would brief Members on the proposed improvement works and management measures to safeguard public safety.

Briefing by the CEDD

- 5.3 **Mr Alan TANG** briefed Members with the aid of a PowerPoint.

Discussion

General Comments

- 5.4 **Mr Joel CHAN, Mr Anthony CHEUNG, Mr Ivan HO** and **Ms Iris HOI** appreciated the CEDD's efforts in implementing enhancement and preventive measures to avoid coastal flooding under adverse weather conditions, thereby making the harbourfront safer for public to access.
- 5.5 **Mr Ivan HO** supported adopting a progressive approach which climate change would be monitored continuously when formulating climate adaptation measures for coastal low-lying and windy locations. This would give flexibility to make changes to the measures as conditions varied

Design of Wave Walls

- 5.6 **Ms Iris HOI** and **Mr Anthony CHEUNG** pointed out the

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importance of adopting an integrated and holistic design for the proposed fixed and demountable flood barriers in the harbourfront areas.

- 5.7 **Ms Iris HOI** had reservation on the proposed flood barrier at the Kennedy Town Waterfront sitting-out area, which was 1.2-metre in height, as it looked unsightly along with the existing railings.
- 5.8 **Mr Anthony CHEUNG** considered the appearance of the proposed solid wall of 1.2 metres in height near Rumsey Street incompatible with the surrounding pavement and facilities. He urged the CEDD to adopt integrative approaches in the design of wave walls so that both onshore and coastal structures could appear attractive on their own and at the same time relate and integrate well with the harbourfront and the surroundings. He suggested the CEDD to consult the HC when the detailed design of the coastal structures was available.
- 5.9 **Mr Joel CHAN** suggested making reference to overseas experience and engaging designers to enhance the traditional design of sea wall structures to make them more appealing to the public.
- 5.10 **Mr Alan TANG** noted Members' concern over the design of wave walls. He explained the conceptual design shown in the presentation was indicative only and would be subject to consultation with stakeholders including HC Members. He added that the CEDD would strive to ensure the design of coastal structures could serve functional, recreational and decorative purposes.

Collaboration between Government Departments

- 5.11 Understanding that it counted on the concerted efforts by various Government departments to formulate and implement the action plans against coastal risks, **Mr Anthony CHEUNG** and **Mr Ivan HO** suggested the DEVB to take the lead in the coordination of the planning and design of future projects with

a view to taking forward the projects centrally.

- 5.12 **Ms Kelly CHAN** noted that it would take about two years for the CEDD to complete the study on shoreline management plan which was commissioned in March 2022. With a view to expediting the progress of the study, she suggested inter-departmental collaboration of data collection and analysis.
- 5.13 In response, **Mr Alan TANG** explained that the study reported under the agenda item mainly focused on 26 coastal low-lying or windy residential areas which had been susceptible to adverse weather-related threats. The study on shoreline management plan, on the other hand, had just commenced and would cover new development areas in addition to the existing developments. He added that this study would analyse the long-term coastal defence strategy and provide guidelines for land use and planning of coastal development.

Early Alert System

- 5.14 **Mr Anthony CHEUNG** and **Prof Becky LOO** agreed with the proposed Early Alert System and were of the view that such system, if well-established, could allow residents to be well informed of the dangers nearby.
- 5.15 **Mr Anthony CHEUNG** said that fencing off the coastal sites and areas that were susceptible to flooding and overtopping waves might affect public accessibility to the coastline. With the provision of Early Alert System, the citizens could be well-informed of the threats and stay away from the locations when there was danger.
- 5.16 **Prof Becky LOO** said that from the perspective of a smart city, the Government should consider developing an alert system or platform which allowed citizens to register and receive first-hand information through mobile devices and social media in times of emergency. The alert system should also be synchronised with digital display boards at public places for timely dissemination of information to the public.

- 5.17 **Mr Alan TANG** agreed that social media was an effective platform for timely dissemination of information. He added that the CEDD would explore with the relevant Government departments on suitable information dissemination system, e.g. linking the trigger system with smart devices and websites to inform the public of the coastal risks.

Updating of Existing Building Regulations

- 5.18 **Mr Joel CHAN** pointed out that some of the existing land lease conditions, such as the requirement that the transformer rooms could only be located on the first floor, were not up-to-date from the perspective of flood prevention as such locations were susceptible to sea water inundation. To minimise flooding risks for future development projects, he suggested the Government to consider updating the lease conditions having taken into account the locations, consequences and severity of the flooding, etc. so that the coastal buildings and structures could be designed to cope with extreme weather.

Long-term Planning

- 5.19 **Mr Ivan HO** would like to know how the coastal protection measures could be applied to new projects in coastal areas.
- 5.20 Making reference to the Super Typhoon Mangkhut which had swept across Hong Kong causing extensive damage to the city, **Ms Iris HOI** said that the incident had demonstrated the importance of devising preparedness plan for extreme conditions. She suggested the CEDD to draw up concrete plans for dealing with storm surge to prevent occurrence of similar incidents.
- 5.21 **Mr Joel CHAN** concurred and added that the preventive measures mentioned by the CEDD against coastal flooding and damage in low-lying and windy locations were temporary. He stressed that the Government should work on the long-term planning of coastal protection and adopt a holistic planning

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approach of coastal development.

5.22 **Prof Becky LOO** was glad that the study on shoreline management plan had been commissioned to analyse the impacts of climate change for formulating holistic and strategic management of the developments along the shoreline in long term. She opined that the developments along the shoreline were closely related to the public enjoyment at the harbourfront and suggested that the result of the study be presented to the HC in the future.

5.23 **Mr Alan TANG** responded that the study on shoreline management plan was scheduled to be completed in 2024. The study would make reference to overseas experiences with a view to analysing the impacts of climate change on coastal development, and to providing guidelines for land use and planning of coastal development.

Way Forward

5.24 **Mr Alan TANG** thanked the Members for offering constructive suggestions on the way forward and he assured that the views would be conveyed to the project team.

Item 5 Progress Reports from Task Forces
(Paper No. HC/08/2022)(Paper No. HC/09/2022)
(Paper No. HC/10/2022)(Paper No. HC/11/2022)

6.1 **The Chairman** informed the meeting that four progress reports had been circulated to Members for perusal prior to the meeting. Members noted and had nothing to raise.

Item 6 Any Other Business

Vote of Thanks

7.1 **The Chairman** informed the meeting that a total of nine

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Members, namely **Mrs Margaret BROOKE**, **Mr Joel CHAN**, **Mr Ivan HO**, **Sr Francis LAM**, **Mr LEUNG Kong-yui**, **Prof Becky LOO**, **Hon Frankie NGAN**, **Hon Tony TSE** and **Mr Jeff TUNG** had jointly proposed to record three votes of thanks prior to the meeting. He invited **Mr Ivan HO**, the leading proponent, to read out the votes of thanks.

7.2 **Mr Ivan HO** said that over the past five years, the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie LAM, and the Secretary for Development, Mr Michael WONG, had attached importance and shown support to harbourfront development matters and provided the HC with maximum flexibility in its work. The Permanent Secretary for Development, Ms Bernadette LINN, had honoured her pledge to establish the HO staffed by dedicated and hardworking colleagues to assist the HC in creating an open, inclusive, integrated and diverse harbourfront shared spaces for public enjoyment. Mr Ivan HO said that the HC wished to extend its heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Executive, the Secretary for Development and the Permanent Secretary for Development.

7.3 **Mr Ivan HO** added that Members would also like to express heartfelt appreciation to the various Government departments, including but not limited to the Architectural Services Department, CEDD, Highways Department, Drainage Services Department, LCSD and PlanD, etc. for their high level of co-operation in harbourfront matters and full support to the work of the HC over the past two years. In addition, Members would also like to thank all colleagues of the HO for their hard work, dedication and unfailing support to the various projects of the HC.

7.4 **Mr Ivan HO** thanked the Chairman for leading the HC to implement a series of harbourfront enhancement initiatives in a highly efficient and comprehensive manner in the past four years, which had enabled the public to relax at various harbourfront public spaces amid the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- 7.5 **The Chairman** added that Mr Winston CHU, on behalf of the Society for Protection of the Harbour, had also proposed to record a vote of thanks to the Secretariat for their hard work and dedication in support of the HC.
- 7.6 Members raised no further comment on the matter. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:40pm.

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