

Harbourfront Commission

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Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from January to March 2012.

MEETING(S) HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Eighth Meeting – 12 January 2012

2. The Task Force discussed the following issues/items -

(a) Proposal to Build a New Centre by Hong Kong Architecture Centre

- Hong Kong Architecture Centre (HKAC) briefed the Task Force on its proposal to build a new centre at the junction of Connaught Road Central, Rumsey Street and Tak Man Street in Sheung Wan.
- Members were supportive of the proposal and appreciated HKAC's creativity and innovative use of idle space. Some Members suggested that HKAC should take into account issues such as connectivity to the neighbourhood and provision of barrier-free access when preparing the detailed design of the proposed centre.

(b) Expansion of the Wanchai Campus of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts

- The Home Affairs Bureau, the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) and its consultant briefed the Task Force on the proposal to expand the Wanchai campus of HKAPA.
- Members were supportive of the proposal, noting that there was a genuine need for more space to be provided at the HKAPA campus to address the existing space shortages and the anticipated additional space demand upon the implementation of the four-year undergraduate degree programme structure in Hong Kong.
- Some Members commented that HKAPA should have a holistic planning of the vicinity including the current expansion proposal as well as its further extension in the future (i.e. the proposed Northern Annex). A few Members also raised concerns in relation to the connectivity to the HKAPA campus and the pedestrian flow within the campus.

(c) The Island Eastern Corridor Boardwalk - Cycleway Feasibility Study

- The Hong Kong Cycling Alliance made a presentation on its proposal to provide a cycleway under the proposed Island Eastern Corridor boardwalk.
- Members noted that the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) would conduct topical studies to explore the technical feasibility of the proposed boardwalk (with the incorporation of the proposed cycleway as a scenario) as well as its implications to the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance. Some Members suggested that CEDD should also look into

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other issues such as locations of access points to the hinterland, road safety and provision of emergency vehicular access etc.

- CEDD advised that the Study was tentatively scheduled for completion in the second half of 2012. The department was invited to report back at a suitable juncture.

Site Visit to New Central Harbourfront – 12 January 2012

3. A site visit to the new Central harbourfront was conducted after the 8th Task Force Meeting. Representatives from CEDD and the Architectural Services Department briefed Members on the works progress of the advance promenade and the extension of Green Carpet respectively. Some members expressed concerns over future management interface prior to specific sites being made available for development, event management and crowd control.

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