

# Harbourfront Commission

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For discussion  
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## **Progress Report from Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development**

### **REPORTING PERIOD**

This progress report covers the period from November to December 2012.

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

#### Tenth Meeting – 27 November 2012

2. The Task Force discussed the following items –

#### **(a) Place-making along Kwun Tong Waterfront**

- The Energizing Kowloon East Office (EKEO) briefed the meeting on the following proposed initiatives to enhance vibrancy of the Kwun Tong waterfront, which include -
  - (i) identifying opportunities for vibrant use of the water body in the Kai Tak Approach Channel (KTAC) and Kwun Tong Typhoon Shelter (KTTS);
  - (ii) turning the land vacated from cargo handling activities into an attractive waterfront promenade (i.e. Kwun Tong Promenade Stage 2);

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- (iii) transforming the vacant land underneath the Kwun Tong Bypass into venues for arts and cultural uses with various events to be held in early 2013; and
  - (iv) transforming Hoi Bun Road into a tree-lined boulevard and connecting Hoi Bun Road Park directly to the waterfront.
- Members were generally supportive of the proposed initiatives, and appreciated EKEO's effort in taking forward these initiatives.

### **(b) Proposed Kai Tak International Water Sports Centre – Land Requirements and Venue Management Arrangements**

- The Provisional Water Sports Council briefed Members on the plan of a proposed International Water Sports Centre in the Kai Tak Development (KTD), which involved a regatta course in KTAC and KTTS and the occupation of a piece of land zoned “Government /Institute or Community” (G/IC) at the South Apron.
- The Task Force generally supported the idea of having water sports activities in KTD. Nevertheless, Members expressed concern on the substantial land requirement, site selection and financial sustainability of the water sports centre. The Task Force noted that the proposed G/IC site would not be available for the development of a water sports centre in very near future due to the planned infrastructure works nearby.

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- Members also acknowledged that KTAC and KTTS could not accommodate regular water sports activities unless the water quality problem could be resolved. To this end, the Task Force suggested that if the Government considered water sports should be accommodated in KTAC and KTTS, measures should be taken to meet the required water quality objectives to facilitate water sports in the area.
- The Task Force encouraged the project team to continue liaising with relevant bureaux and departments to address the land and financial matters in taking forward the initiative.

**Secretariat**

**Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development**

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