

Harbourfront Commission

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Progress Report from Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from September to December 2013.

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

Thirteenth Meeting on 8 October 2013

2. The Task Force discussed the following items –

(a) Election of Task Force Chair

- Vincent NG Wing-shun, was elected as the Task Force Chair of the current term.

(b) An Update on the Planning and Design of the Kai Tak Development

- Kai Tak Office (KTO) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) updated Members on the planning and design of Kai Tak Development (KTD).
- Members enquired about the progress of different developments in KTD, including schools, hospitals, public open space and promenades and considered that vacant sites within KTD should be identified early such that the Task Force could explore short-term uses of the sites.

- Having regard to the massive scale of KTD, the Task Force noted the difficulties in overseeing all developments and projects in great detail. Some Members reckoned that the Task Force should focus its efforts on the interface between developments, as well as the connectivity and accessibility between the hinterland and waterfront.
- To provide context for Task Force's deliberation on the overall development of KTD, Members considered that KTO should present work progress of projects at different stages and show the whole plan of KTD using a three-dimensional model. KTO undertook to improve the presentation of the progress in KTD in future meetings.

(c) Trunk Road T2 – Preliminary Design

- CEDD briefed Members on the proposed preliminary design of Trunk Road T2 and sought Members' initial views.
- Members expressed concern over the considerable land-take by the extensive road network at the South Apron, and enquired whether the footprint of the road infrastructure could be minimised by sinking the roads. CEDD advised that the Jordan Valley Box Culvert at the South Apron had imposed a significant site constraint to the vertical alignment of the Trunk Road T2 and the road had adopted an optimal design from the traffic engineering perspective.
- Some Members also suggested the project team to allow public access to the ventilation building and its adjacent amenity areas. CEDD responded that they would work with the Energizing Kowloon East Office (EKEO) to explore

how these green areas could be better connected to the surrounding open space to enhance public enjoyment.

- In response to Members' concern about the pedestrian connectivity between the Kowloon Bay and the Kai Tak waterfront, KTO advised that CEDD was working closely with EKEO to enhance connectivity around the area, such as including installing footbridges to connect people from the Kowloon Bay MTR station to Kai Tak and its waterfront.
- In conclusion, the Meeting advised that the project team should better coordinate with the Highways Department and KTO in taking forward with the project. The team should also take into account Members' comments when preparing the detailed design and consult the Task Force again when the design became available.

(d) Iconic Vertical Entertainment Observation Tower – as a tourism beacon on Hong Kong harbourfront

- A private proponent, Amstar Theme Attractions Company, briefed Members on its conceptual proposal to erect an Iconic Vertical Entertainment Observation Tower at the tip of the ex-Runway in Kai Tak.
- As the conceptual proposal would have an implication on the Kai Tak Fantasy International Ideas Competition to be commenced shortly, Members had a discussion on how the Task Force should handle business proposals from the private proponents before the presentation.
- The Secretariat explained that it was the consensus among the Task Forces' Chairs of the last term that the Commission should be open-minded in listening to any civic

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proposals even if they were conceptual ideas. It was then suggested that Members might their own express views on the conceptual idea but the Task Force would not indicate support for or objection to the proposals.

- Taking into account the Kai Tak Fantasy Competition, the Task Force agreed to adopt a listening mode to the presentation without commenting or indicating preference to the proposal.

Secretariat

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