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For discussion  
on 7 January 2013

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## **Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing**

### **REPORTING PERIOD**

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

### **WALKING TOUR TO TSIM SHA TSUI (TST) WATERFRONT**

2. Pedestrian connectivity in TST was discussed at the Task Force meetings held on 18 January 2012 and 18 July 2012 respectively. To give Members a common experience on pedestrian connection in TST, a walking tour was arranged on 13 November 2012. Subsequent to the walking tour, a paper prepared by the Transport Department (TD) summarizing Members' comments was discussed at the Task Force meeting on 20 November 2012.

3. During the walking tour, Members also raised other comments relating to the enhancement of facilities managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) along the TST waterfront. Members' comments would be followed up by LCSD.

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

#### Eleventh Meeting – 20 November 2012

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

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**(a) Shelving of the "Development of a Piazza in Tsim Sha Tsui" Project**

- The Tourism Commission (TC) briefed Members on the Government's decision to shelve the TST Piazza Project.
- The Task Force considered that the decision was undesirable. Some Members requested the Government to reconsider the piazza project in view of its positive impact to the TST harbourfront. Given the current dilapidated condition of TST Ferry Pier and Bus Terminus, Members were of the view that a leading party should be identified to take forward the improvement works for the above two premises.
- Relevant department(s) would report the proposed way forward to the Task Force at the next meeting.

**(b) Yau Ma Tei Action Area**

Tai Kok Tsui Advance Promenade

- The Civil Engineering and Development Department, the Architectural Services Department and LCSD briefed the Task Force on the proposed design of the advance promenade at Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui. Two design concepts namely, "Garden" and "Museum", were presented at the meeting.
- While noting that it was a quick-win project and certain part of the promenade might not be able to connect immediately with other private promenade in the area, the Task Force supported the project and considered it in line with the Harbour Planning Principles.
- Members suggested providing a loading/unloading area or traffic lay-by in the area, a direct link between the

promenade and Hoi Fai Road Garden and an additional entrance near the adjacent public landing steps; incorporating public landing steps in the promenade design; fixing bollards along the waterfront for tying boats; enhancing existing seawall; and improving pedestrian connectivity between the Olympic MTR station and the promenade. A Member also suggested that nearby residents should be consulted on the design.

- The project team was advised to further enhance the design based on the “Museum” concept and incorporate some elements of “Garden” with a view to making the promenade more interesting.

## **(c) Tsim Sha Tsui East and Tsim Sha Tsui West Action Areas**

### Improving Pedestrian Connectivity in the TST Waterfront

- TD briefed the Task Force on the comments raised by Members during the walking tour on 13 November 2012 and suggested the way forward to improve pedestrian connectivity to the TST waterfront.
- Some Members opined that an at-grade crossing at Salisbury Road between Peninsula Hotel and Hong Kong Cultural Centre should be provided and a subway underneath Nathan Road to connect Kowloon Hotel with Peninsula Hotel should be built to enhance pedestrian connectivity. Members also suggested enhancing the subway walking environment and harbourfront signage; conducting surveys to solicit feedbacks from tourists on the existing pedestrian network; and producing a comprehensive walking map for visitors.
- The Chair concluded that the Task Force should focus on producing a walking map as well as enhancing subway walkway environment and signage system first. Relevant

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departments would follow up on Members' suggestions.

**(d) Proposed Development in Yau Tong Bay Comprehensive Development Area (CDA)**

- The project team led by Henderson Land Development Co. Ltd. briefed Members on the latest scheme for Yau Tong Bay CDA and the reasons of excluding the previously proposed yacht centre.
- While the yacht centre did not form part of the application which was merely indicated as a possible use within the area, and noting that restrictions like the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance implication, wave condition and environment standards might not be easy to overcome, Members generally considered it more desirable to include the proposed yacht centre to help enliven the Yau Tong Bay harbourfront area. A Member objected to the scheme and considered that there was a public need for mooring vessels and the yacht centre proposal should be taken forward. The meeting considered that the scheme, without the yacht centre, might not present a convincing case of fulfilling the Harbour Planning Principles.
- *(Note: Members' comments on the latest scheme were conveyed to the Town Planning Board on 7 December 2012.)*

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