

# Harbourfront Commission

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For discussion  
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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 November 2014 to March 2015.

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

#### Eighteenth Meeting – 10 February 2015

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

**(a) Urban Design Study for the Wan Chai North and North Point Harbourfront Areas**

- The Planning Department (PlanD) updated Members that the Urban Design Study for the Wan Chai North and North Point Harbourfront Areas (UDS) was commenced in January 2015 and its latest progress. The study team briefed Members on the tentative programme of the study and issues it had identified so far during the inception stage.
- Members elaborated on their expectations of the UDS and provided specific suggestions and comments on issues such as the study area, land uses, pedestrian accessibility, provision of transport related facilities, expertise requirement of the study team and mode of public engagement, *etc.*
- The Secretariat invited Members' views on the setting up of a working group under the Task Force for a continuous involvement in the work of the UDS. While Members had different views on the proposal, it was agreed that the Secretariat should invite all Task Force Members to attend regular working meetings with PlanD and the study team. Meeting arrangements could be further refined along the study process taking into account Members' feedback.

**(b) Proposed University of Chicago Center in Hong Kong at the ex-Victoria Road Detention Centre, Victoria Road, Mount Davis**

- The proponent sought Members' views on its planning application to use the subject site for educational purpose with minor relaxation of plot ratio and site coverage restrictions.
- Members were in general receptive to the proposed land use, and raised comments on various aspects including improving visual connectivity between Victoria Road and the Victoria Harbour; removing the existing perimeter wall or replacing it by glass wall; enhancing transparency of buildings; preserving the natural shoreline and integrating the proposed development with the surrounding environment; compensating vegetation to be removed; ensuring public access to and enjoyment of facilities in the development; providing a pedestrian connection between the facility and the existing walking trail, *etc.*
- Other comments in respect of traffic impact, public transportation, provision of car parking spaces, and preservation of existing historic building were also raised for the proponent's consideration.
- Members' comments were summarised and issued to the Town Planning Board on 26 February 2015.

**(c) Design of the Public Transport Interchange at Inland Lot No. 9027 and Adjoining Government Land at J/O Java Road and Tin Chiu Street, North Point, Hong Kong**

- The developer of the subject private comprehensive development site was invited to brief Members on the detailed design of the public transport interchange (PTI).
- Members were in general concerned that the northern side of PTI was mainly occupied by concrete structure which would affect visual permeability and pedestrian accessibility towards the harbourfront. Comments were also raised on the provision of alfresco dining, pedestrian connection to the North Point Ferry Pier, design of the adjacent open space and sufficiency of coach parking spaces to be provided

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underneath the PTI.

- The Task Force decided to invite the developer to brief Members on the detailed design of the western part of its development when available.

**Secretariat**

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