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For discussion on 23 March 2015

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Progress Report from Task Force on Water-land Interface

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from November 2014 to March 2015.

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

Ninth Meeting on 2 March 2015

2. The Task Force discussed the following item –

(a) Strategic Development Plan for Hong Kong Port 2030

- With the completion and publication of the Study on the Strategic Development Plan for Hong Kong Port 2030, Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) and the study Consultant, BMT Asia Pacific Ltd., briefed the Task Force on the findings of the Study and recommendations to enhance capacity and operational efficiency of container ports in Hong Kong.
- Some Members expressed scepticism towards one of the proposed measures of upgrading the existing Public Cargo Working Area (PCWA) at Stonecutters Island to support the Kwai Tsing terminal, noting that such a transformation would potentially threaten the interests of existing operators and deprive the right of existing carriers, especially smaller ones, to use PCWA facilities.
- THB responded that the way forward for the Stonecutters Island PCWA would depend on the ongoing review conducted by the Marine Department. They supplemented that a study was commissioned to explore the feasibility of developing part of the Kwai Chung site into a multi-storey car park, with the aim of freeing up sites currently used as

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- open-air car parks for port backup uses. The study was expected to be completed by around mid of 2015.
- The Task Force recognised the importance of maintaining Hong Kong's position as an international transhipment hub and opined that a balance should be struck among conflicting uses of waterfront land for recreational and working purposes.

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