

# Harbourfront Commission

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For discussion  
on 15 October 2012

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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 July to October 2012.

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

Tenth Meeting – 31 July 2012

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

#### **(a) Briefing on the Planning of Wan Chai Development Phase II (WDII) Project**

- Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and Planning Department (PlanD) briefed the Task Force on the planning of the WDII Project; and informed Members that PlanD would carry out a study to take forward the detailed planning of the new Wan Chai harbourfront.
- Members were in general supportive of conducting a study of the area. Moreover, a Member suggested setting up a dedicated office to drive the WDII project in an integrated manner. Another Member opined that while planning work was important, it was also crucial to identify implementation and management agents to operate the sites.
- Task Force Chair concluded that the proposed study should cover not only planning and engineering aspects but also the

viability of any facilities proposed on the new waterfront. CEDD and PlanD were requested to update the Task Force when the suggested scope of the study had been worked out.

**(b) Extension of CITIC Tower Footbridge to LegCo Complex at Tamar**

- The project team briefed Members on the proposal of extending CITIC Tower footbridge to LegCo Complex at Tamar.
- Members noted that it was the LegCo Secretariat's intention that the design of the footbridge extension should align with that of the existing footbridge across Tim Mei Avenue connecting the CITIC Tower footbridge with the Central Government Complex. While some Members had no objection to the proposed design, some Members suggested that a more permeable design could be considered.
- The project team was advised to relay Members' comments to the concerned departments and the LegCo Secretariat; and request that they be taken into account in finalising the design.

**(c) Action Areas: Wan Chai East and Island East Action Areas – Planning of North Point**

- PlanD made a presentation on the planning of North Point waterfront which Members considered useful in providing the context for future discussions of individual projects.

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## **(d) Proposed Exterior Designs for the East Ventilation Building (EVB), Administration Building (ADB) and East Vent Shaft (EVS) of the Central –Wan Chai Bypass (CWB) Project**

- Highways Department (HyD) and its consultants briefed Members on the proposed exterior designs of the buildings and the connectivity of the future harbourfront area.
- Members commented on various issues including the provision of public access along the breakwater to the EVS; the possibility of removing the fence of the ADB so as to provide public access between City Garden and the Oil Street Comprehensive Development Area (CDA) site; and the feasibility of opening up the roof top of the EVB for leisure or recreational purposes, etc. Members were also concerned that the ADB might block the view and air ventilation corridors through the Oil Street CDA site.
- HyD was requested to take into account Members' comments in enhancing the exterior designs of the buildings, and consult the Task Force on the design of the proposed landscaped deck in front of the ADB in due course.

**Secretariat**

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