

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 July to October 2012.

SITE VISIT HELD

Site visit to Energising Kowloon East Office (EKEO) and Kai Tak Development (KTD) - 12 July 2012

2. To assist the Task Force in exploring and suggesting good use of the adjoining space underneath the Kwun Tong Bypass and understanding the latest progress of KTD, a site visit to EKEO and KTD was conducted on 12 July 2012. The visit covered the following sessions –

(a) Introduction of the Energising Kowloon East (EKE) initiative

- Head of EKEO briefed Members on the conceptual master plan of EKE initiative and some ideas of the possible uses of areas underneath the Kwun Tong Bypass that EKEO had collected from a recent public engagement exercise.
- Members appreciated the variety of activities suggested, and considered that multiple themes could be adopted, e.g. some areas could be served as low-cost and flexible venue for arts and cultural events organised by small and medium local artist groups, and some could provide food and beverage facilities.

(b) Progress of KTD and its streetscape and landscape design

- The Kai Tak Office of the Civil Engineering and Development Department reported the latest progress of KTD, and arranged Members to visit some of the construction sites within KTD to study its streetscape and landscape design.
- The Task Force commended on the innovative design adopted for the streetscape in KTD, and welcomed the “vibrant” and “relaxed” design themes for commercial and residential areas respectively.
- Members also suggested that the three levels of pedestrian connections (at grade, below ground and elevated) in KTD should have coherent themes for the design of streetscape and landscape to cater for different uses.

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