

Harbourfront Commission

For discussion
on 29 September 2015

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Progress Report from Task Force on Water-land Interface

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from July to September 2015.

MEETING HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Eleventh Meeting – 18 August 2015

2. The Task Force discussed the following item –

(a) The Science of Climate Change

- In response to Members' suggestion, the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) briefed the Task Force on climate change and its impact on Victoria Harbour. HKO pointed out that the effect in sea level rise and frequency of extreme rainfall events caused by global warming was evident. The scientific data and prediction made by HKO would serve as reference for relevant departments in making assessments for flood prone areas.
- Members considered HKO's presentation useful in providing empirical evidence for alerting the Government of the importance of preparing contingency plans early on. They hoped that in future meetings, various departments (including the Drainage Services Department, Civil Engineering and Development Department, Planning Department, and Marine Department) could brief the Task Force on their corresponding measures in terms of waterfront planning, urban design, port and drainage works to cope with the challenges arising from climate change.

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