

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 September 2011.

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

Sixth Meeting – 3 August 2011

2. The Task Force discussed the following items -

(a) Cross-boundary Heliport in the Kai Tak Development Area

- The Transport and Housing Bureau and Civil Aviation Department briefed Members on several aspects of the subject project including the site selection and environmental mitigation measures.
- The Task Force expressed concerns on the heliport's potential adverse impacts given its prime location at the harbourfront. It invited the project team to look further into measures that would facilitate public enjoyment of the harbour in addition to mitigation measures, and considered that more information on the project should be provided to the Task Force after

further study.

(b) Proposed Water Sports Centres at Kai Tak

- Representatives of Masterplan Limited presented an initial proposal to develop a water sports venue at the Kai Tak Approach Channel and Kwun Tong Typhoon Shelter (KTTS).
- The Task Force expressed support for the proposal in principle on the understanding that it would facilitate enjoyment of the harbour by the general public in addition to serving the water sports community. It also noted that the proposal would fit in with one of the planning intentions of Kai Tak Development as a sports hub of Hong Kong.
- Under the same item, Designing Hong Kong Limited also made a presentation on its proposal to develop a boat club/marina at the KTTS.
- The Task Force noted the proposal and considered that the Administration and the Harbourfront Commission might give it further consideration. Some members cautioned against the potential privatization of the concerned part of the harbour and remarked that it might not meet the overriding public need criterion if reclamation was necessary for developing a private boat club/marina.
- Members also identified a number of common issues that should be taken into account in further evaluating the two proposals in the future, which included implications for the existing typhoon shelter users,

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water quality, provision of relevant supporting facilities,
management agent, etc.

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