

**Harbour-front Enhancement Committee
Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review**

**Report on Progress of
On-going Tasks of the Sub-committee**

1. In the last term, the Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review (the Sub-committee) was tasked to assist HEC to formulate an integrated Harbour Plan and to identify, give advice on and monitor improvement projects along the existing and new harbour-fronts. On the former, the Sub-committee has assisted HEC in formulating the Harbour Planning Principles (HPPs) and Harbour Planning Guidelines (HPGs). For the latter, the Sub-committee has been monitoring various harbour-front projects through an inventory list, provided advice and comments on development proposals from both public and private sectors, and agreed to the initiative of developing an electronic database of harbour-related information for public reference. Besides, the Sub-committee has actively engaged the public in harbour-front enhancement activities, such as the “Central Harbourfront and Me” public participatory programme, “My Dreamed Harbour” drawing competition, as well as the public engagement programmes of the Hung Hom District Study and Urban Design Study for the New Central Harbourfront.

2. This Paper serves to inform Members of the progress of various on-going tasks which have inputs from the Sub-committee before end of last term.

Harbour Planning Principles and Harbour Planning Guidelines

3. In January 2005, HEC endorsed a set of HPPs, which was formulated under the guidance of the Task Group on HPPs of the Sub-committee, to guide the sustainable planning, preservation, development and management of the Victoria Harbour and the harbour-front areas as a living document for consultation with the stakeholders. The HPPs were subsequently revised after extensive consultation and endorsed by HEC in April 2006. The endorsed HPPs can be found at the HEC’s website (http://www.harbourfront.org.hk/eng/content_page/doc/HPP_0503.pdf).

4. To enable relevant stakeholders and members of the public to better

understand the intentions and requirements of HPPs, a set of draft HPGs has also been drawn up by the Task Group on HPPs. After extensive public consultation, the draft HPGs, subject to some minor revisions, were endorsed by HEC in June 2007 as suitable for promulgation. The endorsed HPGs have been uploaded onto the HEC's website (http://www.harbourfront.org.hk/eng/content_page/doc/HEC_guidelines_e.pdf) for public reference. A printed version of the HPGs was also prepared and distributed to relevant stakeholders and public libraries in September 2007 for promulgation. The Sub-committee will continue to monitor the applicability of the HPGs. If considered necessary, the Task Group on HPPs can be re-convened at a suitable juncture to review the HPGs.

Hung Hom District Study

5. The Hung Hom District Study, as part of the Harbour Plan Review, commenced in December 2006. The objective is to formulate a comprehensive district plan to guide the planning and design of the Hung Hom harbour-front areas with a view to creating an attractive, accessible and vibrant waterfront for public enjoyment. To solicit public inputs, a 2-stage Public Engagement Programme (PEP) was carried out during the course of the study. Stage 1 of the PEP, which aimed to gather views from the stakeholders and the public on their aspirations and visions on how to enhance the area, was completed in February 2007. Stage 2 of the PEP was carried out in late August 2007 to present the draft District Plan proposals to the public for comment. The findings of the Stage 2 PEP will be reported to the Sub-committee at this meeting.

Urban Design Study for the New Central Harbourfront

6. In the last term of HEC, the Sub-committee was tasked to provide input to the Urban Design Study for the New Central Harbourfront. As agreed by HEC at its 17th meeting on 17 October 2007, a dedicated task group has been formed under the current term of HEC to monitor the study. Matters relating to the study will be handled by the new task group.

Inventory of Known (Planned and Proposed) Projects at Harbour-front

7. To facilitate discussion of harbour planning matters, an inventory list has been prepared and updated regularly with inputs from concerned Government departments to keep Members abreast of the latest development proposals around

the Harbour. If necessary, project proponents could be invited to brief the Sub-committee on their proposals and to improve the proposals based on the Sub-committee's advice.

8. The updated inventory list will be tabled at the meeting for Members' reference.

Harbour e-Info

9. At the HEC meeting held on 22 March 2007, some Members considered that the current planning information on harbour-front sites was dispersed and suggested that, as part of the Harbour Plan Review, integrated plans on existing and planned land uses around the Harbour could be prepared in a holistic manner to facilitate HEC in deliberating harbour-front enhancement initiatives. To take on board HEC Members' comments, the Sub-committee agreed on 18 April 2007 to the initiative of developing an electronic database to facilitate public access of harbour-related information through the HEC's website.

10. The database, known as "Harbour e-Info" (維港 e 訊), contains information on broad current land uses and planned land uses around the Harbour, marine facilities (including fairways, anchorages, mooring buoys, piers, landing steps, etc.), reviews/studies on planning of harbour-front areas undertaken by the Government, existing and planned waterfront promenade, photos, etc. The database is now available for public viewing at the HEC's website and will be updated on a quarterly basis (<http://www.harbourfront.org.hk/hec/eng/index.html?s=1>).

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