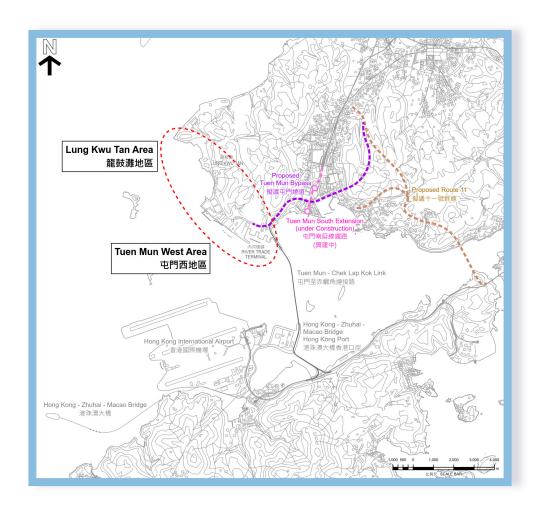
### **Events in Brief**

#### Reimagining Public Spaces in Hong Kong – Feasibility Study



The Study aimed to reimagine open spaces in Hong Kong in quality and quantity with a view to enhancing Hong Kong's liveability, as advocated in the territory development strategy "Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030" (HK2030+). The Study was completed in December 2023. The recommendations of the Study will provide a basis for future revisions of the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, and serve as a guidance for public-private collaboration in promoting future open space planning and enhancing the overall living quality in Hong Kong.

# Planning and Engineering Study for Lung Kwu Tan Reclamation and the Re-planning of Tuen Mun West Area – Investigation



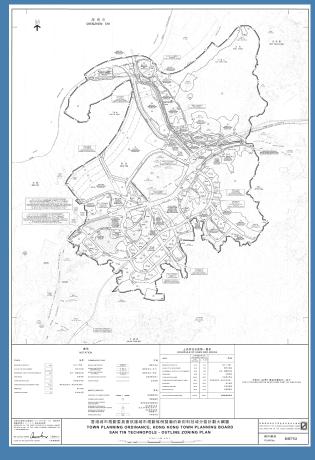
The HK2030+ identified the Lung Kwu Tan (LKT) and Tuen Mun West (TMW) areas as one of the possible solution spaces for meeting development needs and building up land reserve starting from 2030. Located along the Western Economic Corridor, LKT and TMW areas enjoy strategic and locational advantages: having sea frontage, being in proximity to Hong Kong International Airport and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port, accessible to several existing and planned strategic road transport infrastructure and having opportunities for collaboration with existing industrial operators in the area. To leverage these opportunities, the Study was jointly commenced by the Department and Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) in December 2023. The Study aims to formulate proposals in relation to reclamation extent, land uses and development recommendations for developable land of the two areas, with due regards to stakeholders' opinion and detailed technical assessments. Initially, the study area is considered suitable for supporting modern, advanced and high value-added economic industries, especially those requiring marine access and a large extent of operational space, incorporating residential development and community facilities as appropriate. The Study is targeted for completion in 2026.

# Study on Phase One Development of New Territories North: San Tin / Lok Ma Chau Development Node - Investigation

Located at the heart of the Northern Metropolis, San Tin Technopole (comprising the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park (HSITP) at the Loop and the San Tin / Lok Ma Chau area) is strategically positioned to be a hub for clustered Innovation & Technology (I&T) development that creates synergy with the Shenzhen I&T Zone. To take forward the San Tin Technopole initiative, the Department and CEDD jointly commissioned the Study in October 2021 to formulate a Recommended Outline Development Plan (RODP) for the area outside the Loop. To solicit public views on the RODP, a two-month public engagement was conducted between June and August 2023. Taking into account the public comments and latest circumstances, a Revised RODP was released in February 2024.



Together with HSITP, the area will provide about 300 hectares of I&T land, which is capable of accommodating a total gross floor area of about 7 million m2. It will provide about 50 000 to 54 000 flats, accommodate a new population of about 147 000 to 159 000, and generate about 165 000 jobs including about 120 000 jobs on I&T sites. In March 2024, the draft San Tin Technopole Outline Zoning Plan was gazetted, which was approved by the Chief Executive in Council in September 2024. The Government is pressing ahead the San Tin Technopole project. To facilitate, the Department will formulate the Planning and Design Brief (PDB), which will be submitted to the Town Planning Board for approval after consultation with relevant stakeholders. The PDB will provide more detailed development guidance for the relevant I&T sites.



Approved San Tin Technopole Outline Zoning Plan No. S/STT/2

#### **Review of Vacant School Premises Sites**

The Central Clearing House mechanism was established in 2011 with a view to making gainful use of vacant school premises (VSP) sites which were confirmed by Education Bureau that these sites were no longer required for school use. In the 2023 Review, PlanD examined the long-term uses of a total of four to-be-vacant school premises sites, including one re-examined site. Three of these sites were recommended to be retained for government, institution or community (G/IC) uses, and the remaining one was recommended for residential use in the long term. Since 2011, the Department has reviewed a total of 259 VSP sites, with the majority of them (157 sites) have already been or will be put to gainful uses, including public and private housing, transitional housing, light public housing, G/IC uses and short-term uses by non-government organisations etc.