6. **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

6.1 HK 2030 will set out proposals for Hong Kong's future development, and will touch upon many matters/issues that are of major concerns to the public. It will be essential to provide adequate public consultation at each stage of the formulation of HK 2030. In this connection, a public consultation strategy has been prepared to outline the objectives and tentative programme for various consultation activities.

### Objectives

6.2 The objectives of the consultation strategy are as follows:

(a) to solicit views, comments and suggestions and hence foster community consensus on the planning objectives, key issues to be addressed, evaluation criteria that should be adopted as well as the essential elements of the preferred development strategies and response plans;

(b) to instil a sense of partnership among the Government and the stakeholder groups on the preparation of HK 2030 and hence promote 'ownership' and secure acceptance of the recommendations; and

(c) to raise the awareness of the general public of the preparation of HK 2030 and encourage public participation thereby gaining wider recognition of the strategic planning efforts of the Government.

### Channel

**Public Forums and Exhibitions**

6.3 Public forums will provide opportunities for stakeholder groups and interested members of the public to express views and comments. We intend to arrange exhibition(s) at appropriate stage(s) of HK 2030.

**Focus Group Discussions**

6.4 More focused discussions with stakeholder groups will be organised to present our work and solicit their advice and suggestions, particularly on issues that may have implications on their respective fields. We will arrange focus group discussions throughout the entire process of HK 2030.

**Presentations to Statutory and Advisory Bodies**

6.5 We will also arrange presentations to statutory and advisory bodies to obtain their views and comments.

**Web-site**

6.6 The consultation documents and all working papers and technical reports will be uploaded to the web-site of Planning Department. We will invite written comments, either through the internet or by post to Planning Department.

**Through the Media**

6.7 We will also promulgate our work through the media, either by way of press releases or informal/formal briefings to the press. We will collect the views and comments on our work expressed through the press and other media.

**Consultation Documents, Information Leaflets and Other Publicity Materials**

6.8 To facilitate the consultation activities, consultation digests, information leaflets and videos will be prepared to enhance public understanding. After receiving the public comments, consultation reports highlighting our responses to the public views will be prepared and issued.

### Four-Stage Public Consultation

6.9 Public consultation will be conducted in four stages as follows:
(a) Stage One: to consult on planning objectives and key issues to be examined for HK 2030.

(b) Stage Two: to consult on the findings on the examination of the key issues and the evaluative criteria.

(c) Stage Three: to consult on the scenarios, development options and results of the evaluation.

(d) Stage Four: to consult on the recommended development strategies and response plans.

Panel of Specialist Advisors

6.10 In addition to a more vigorous approach for public consultation, we have also set up a Panel of Specialist Advisors. The purpose of the Panel is to advise on the key issues of Hong Kong and to comment on the recommendations of the study.

6.11 The Panel comprises of 12 experts from various fields in economic, transport, environmental and Mainland affairs, namely:

- Dr. Man Hung CHAN
- Dr. Hon-kwan CHENG, GBS, JP
- Dr. Wing Tat HUNG
- Mr. Kwok Chuen KWOK
- Prof. Si Ming LI
- Dr. Vincent H. S. LO, GBS, JP
- Dr. Cho Nam NG
- Mr. Sin Por SHIU
- Prof. Shu Ki TSANG
- Prof. Anthony YEH
- Prof. Yue Man YEUNG
- Mr. Plato K. T. YIP

6.12 It is expected that the engagement of these experts in the study process would broaden our perspectives in charting the future development directions of our city.