Public Views sought on proposals to enhance Hung Hom Harbour-front area

The Planning Department today (30 August) announced the launch of the Stage 2 Public Engagement Programme of the Hung Hom District Study, inviting public comments on the proposals to enhance the Hung Hom harbour-front area.

The enhancement proposals were prepared subsequent to the completion of the Stage 1 Public Engagement Programme in February this year.

Revised land use framework and enhancement proposals are formulated mainly for four Potential Development Sites (PDS) along the Hung Hom harbour-front. They cover land currently occupied by the KCRC Freight Yard, the International Mail Centre, the Comprehensive Development Area and adjoining open space fronting Hung Hom Bay, land zoned "Residential (Group A)2" along Hung Luen Road and the Tai Wan Shan Park. There are also proposals for enhancement of the public realm and measures to improve connectivity of the Hung Hom harbour-front area.

The Hung Hom District Study, as part of the Harbour Plan Review, began in December, 2006, to formulate a comprehensive district plan to guide the planning and design of the Hung Hom harbour-front area with a view to creating an attractive, accessible and vibrant waterfront for public enjoyment and integrating the new development areas with the adjoining waterfront districts and Hung Hom hinterland.

The Stage 1 Public Engagement Programme sought views on people's perception of the Hung Hom harbour-front area and visions on how to enhance the area. The Stage 2 Public Engagement Programme aims to solicit views on the proposals, which are formulated having regard to the Town Planning Board's Vision Statement for Victoria Harbour, the Harbour Planning Principles and Harbour Planning Guidelines promulgated by the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee, the Urban Design Guidelines of the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines as well as the community aspirations expressed earlier this year.

Major activities of the Stage 2 Public Engagement Programme include a roving exhibition (September 7 to 9 at The Metropolis Mall, Hung Hom and September 10 to 13 at Home World, Whampoa Garden, Hung Hom) and a public forum on September 15 at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (N002 Lecture Theatre, Block N). The Town Planning Board, the Kowloon City District Council and the Yau Tsim Mong District Council will also be consulted on the proposals.

People are invited to submit their comments on the proposals to the Planning Department on or
before October 20. In the light of public comments received, the proposals will be fine-tuned to provide the necessary guidance for the future development of the Hung Hom harbour-front area. Detailed information on the proposals is available on the Planning Department's website at http://www.pland.gov.hk.