

For information**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL
ON PLANNING, LANDS AND WORKS****Supplementary Information on South East Kowloon Development****Background**

At the Panel meeting held on 4 December 2000, Members requested the Administration to provide more information about the proposed South East Kowloon Development (SEKD), in particular, the use of SEKD to rehouse residents affected by urban renewal projects in surrounding districts or areas. This paper provides the supplementary information in this respect.

Facilitate rehousing of tenants affected by urban renewal projects

2. One of the objectives of the SEKD is to facilitate urban renewal in surrounding areas. Amongst the nine urban renewal target areas of the Urban Renewal Authority, one of them is in the Kowloon City District, i.e. the Ma Tau Kok Target Area. The Planning Department will, in conjunction with the Urban Renewal Authority (URA), identify suitable rehousing sites in SEKD. The URA will also work closely with the Housing Authority and Housing Society to make use of their casual vacancies in existing and new public housing estates to cater for the rehousing needs of tenants affected by urban renewal projects.

Facilitate redevelopment of public housing estates

3. Apart from urban renewal projects of the URA, the SEKD will also facilitate the redevelopment of public housing estates in nearby areas. For example, a site in the northern part of SEKD is currently planned to be used as a reception site for the redevelopment of Lower Ngau Tau Kok (II) Estate. The reception flats in SEK are expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2005. The Housing Department will continue to explore with concerned departments to further utilize the public housing sites in SEKD to facilitate redevelopment of other public housing estates in nearby areas.

Way Forward

4. We have consulted the Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong Districts Councils earlier this year on the proposed development plan of SEK. The District Councils generally supported our proposal and urged the Government to expedite related works. We plan to seek funding support from the Public Works Sub-committee later this year to start the detailed design and site investigation work for the reclamation at Kai Tak Approach Channel and planned developments at the north apron of the former Kai Tak Airport.

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