

For Information

Legislative Council Panel on Economic Services

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Background

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Economic Services held on 28 January 2002, Members considered a paper on “Tourism Development Projects”. During the discussions, Members asked for further information on the progress of current tourism projects.

2. We have prepared a table showing progress on tourism projects currently in the pipeline. This is attached at the Annex for Members’ information.

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<i>Major Projects</i>		
Hong Kong Disneyland	Scheduled for opening in 2005, Phase I of the project involves the development of a Disney theme park, Disney themed hotels as well as retail, dining and entertainment facilities on 126 hectares of land at Penny's Bay on Lantau.	Reclamation work for Phase I of the project is almost complete. Works under the first major infrastructure contract are progressing on schedule.
Tung Chung Cable Car System	Construction of a cable car system linking Tung Chung and Ngong Ping on Lantau. The system is expected to come into operation in 2005.	A decision has been reached to accept the proposal for the development of the cable car submitted by the Mass Transit Railway Corporation (MTRC). We expect to reach a provisional agreement with the MTRC in July 2002.
Hong Kong Wetland Park	Built upon 64 hectares of constructed wetland in the north-eastern part of Tin Shui Wai, the Park is a major eco-tourism	Phase 1 of the Park was completed and opened to the public in December 2000. Detailed design for the phase 2 works is underway. Funding for

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	initiative with emphasis on conservation education and recreation. The target is to open the Park in full by late 2005.	the phase 2 works has been approved by LegCo Finance Committee in late April 2002. Construction will begin in August 2002.
Former Marine Police Headquarters	A project involving the private sector in the preservation, restoration and conversion of the former Marine Police Headquarters at Tsim Sha Tsui into a tourism-themed development.	The decision has been taken to proceed with this project. Proposals will be invited in September 2002 for the preservation, restoration and conversion of the premises as a tourism-themed project. Interested parties will have three months to submit their bids. We expect to award the project in the form of a land grant in early 2003.
Central Police Station, Victoria Prison and former Central Magistracy Compound	Another project involving the private sector in the preservation, restoration and conversion of the Compound into a heritage tourism-themed development.	We have engaged consultants to examine the options for private sector participation in the project. In parallel, we are examining how to re-provision existing user departments. These studies will be completed in the second half of 2002 and will provide input for considering the way forward.
Aberdeen Harbour Tourism Node	Development of a new tourism node comprising a wide range of tourism and	Commissioned by the Planning Department, the consultants have now embarked on Stage II of the

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	recreation facilities at Aberdeen Harbour, taking advantage of existing attractions like Ocean Park and capitalising on the heritage and character of Aberdeen as a traditional fishing port.	Focus Study on Aberdeen Harbour, during which the preferred development option will be refined having regard to public views gauged, technical assessments on the preferred development option will be carried out and issues concerning implementation will be examined. The second round of public consultation is expected to be conducted in the third quarter of 2002.
South-east Kowloon Tourism Node	Development of a new tourism node comprising a new cruise terminal capable of meeting the needs of the new generation of mega cruise ships, hotel(s) as well as other leisure and entertainment facilities.	About 20 hectares of land have been earmarked at the tip of the former Kai Tak runway for the development of the new tourism node. We have engaged consultants to examine the engineering feasibility and programming implications of advancing the development of the tourism node. In parallel, we are working with the Hong Kong Tourism Board to conduct research to update the latest development trend of the world cruise market. These two studies, expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2002, will assist us in our deliberations on the way forward.

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<i>Enhancement of Existing Tourist Attractions</i>		
Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade Beautification Project	<p>The project area includes the area south of Salisbury Road from the open area at the front entrance of the Ocean Terminal, the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, the Hong Kong Museum of Art, and the Promenade along the Tsim Sha Tsui East waterfront up to the International Mail Centre.</p> <p>Major features include hard and soft landscaping, foreshore improvements, sitting-out areas, fountains and redesigned street lighting. Part of the open space will be designated for leisure garden, outdoor performances/activities and open-air cafes.</p> <p>The Avenue of Stars, which is a joint venture of the Hong Kong Tourism Board and the Hong Kong Film Awards Association, will be part of the project. The proposal is a landscape/paving landmark, taking advantage of the</p>	<p>The Avenue of Stars is taken forward as the first phase of the project in 2002. Other parts of the project will commence in early 2003 for completion by the end of 2004.</p>

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	achievements of the Hong Kong movie industry worldwide.	
Improvements at Lei Yue Mun	<p>There is a need to improve Lei Yue Mun as a tourist attraction. Early deliverables to be completed before September 2002 include -</p> <p>(a) provision of a taxi-stand and coach lay-bys; and</p> <p>(b) repaving the Lei Yue Mun Praya Road.</p> <p>Other short-term measures to be completed in mid-2003 include the erection of a Pai Lau, beautification of the Sam Ka Tsuen Waterfront Sitting-Out Area and provision of a covered walkway between the drop-off point and the seafood restaurants.</p>	Some early deliverables can be achieved by September 2002 to tie in with the Hong Kong Tourism Board's Recommendations of the Month: Lei Yue Mun Seafood Bazaar. Progress is on schedule so far.
Improvements at Stanley Waterfront	The project area covers the promenade along Stanley Bay extending from Murray House, Stanley Main Street up to Shui Sin Temple and the open space at Sun Pat Kan.	We are working with departments to finalise the scope of the project. FEHD is exploring ways to enhance the Stanley

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	Proposed improvement works comprise improvement to the streetscape and re-paving of the promenade. A public pier will be constructed outside Murray House and the seawall adjoining the waterfront along Stanley Main Street will be improved.	Temporary Market to make it a tourist attraction. The project is expected to commence in 2003/04 for completion in 2005/06.
Improvements at Sai Kung Waterfront	The project involves renovating Wai Man Road Rest Garden with a visitors' information pavilion, space and facilities for outdoor refreshments and performances, retail kiosks, repaving and streetscaping work along the promenade, and repaving and refurbishing Fuk Man Road.	Works started in February 2002, and will be completed in December 2002.
Central and Western District Enhancement	The project comprises enhancement works in a number of areas- (a) streetscape improvements to Hollywood Road, Upper Lascar Row and Ladder Street; (b) improving signage and interpretative	Works commenced in 2000. Works in respect of (c) and (e) have been completed. Works for (a), (b) and (d) are in progress. The whole project will be completed in mid-2003.

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	<p>facilities of the Dr Sun-Yat-sen Historical Trail;</p> <p>(c) signage and streetscape improvements to the Central-Mid-Levels Escalator and the area south of Hollywood Road;</p> <p>(d) signage and streetscape improvements to the Lan Kwai Fong Area; and</p> <p>(e) provision of information boards along the elevated walkway network and the ground level entrance points to shopping malls between Admiralty and Central.</p>	
Improvement to the Peak	The project includes streetscape improvement to the Peak commercial core and the round walk. There will be re-designed lighting and street furniture. Signage will also be installed.	We are finalising the scope of the project. The project is expected to commence in 2003/04 for completion in 2006.
Improvements to the Visitor Signage	The visitor signage improvement scheme will be introduced to all tourist districts in phases with a view to enhancing the tourist-friendliness of Hong Kong.	The pilot schemes at Stanley and in Central were completed in December 2000 and May 2001 respectively.

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		Works for Sheung Wan, Sha Tin, Sai Kung and Wong Tai Sin have commenced. Works for the Eastern District and Lei Yue Mun will commence shortly. The whole improvement scheme will be completed in mid-2003.

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