

**Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs  
11 January 2002**

**Provision of Community Facilities**

**Purpose**

This paper provides an overview of the existing and planned provision of sports and recreational facilities, libraries, civic centres and community halls in Hong Kong.

**Background**

2. Members expressed concern about the provision of sports and recreational facilities, libraries, civic centres and community halls in some districts, particularly in the new towns. Related issues have also been raised at LegCo Members' meetings with members of the Tai Po District Council, Eastern District Council and Islands District Council. Requests have been made to provide a new civic centre cum district library complex in Tai Po, and various community facilities in Shaukeiwan and Tung Chung.

**Existing Provision**

*Sports and Recreational Facilities*

3. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) manages a variety of sports and recreation facilities. Apart from parks and playgrounds, major sports and recreation facilities include 82 indoor games halls/sports centres, 36 swimming pool complexes and 24 sports grounds. A list of these facilities is given in Appendix I.

*Libraries and Civic Centres*

4. LCSD also operates a network of 69 public libraries, comprising one central library, 5 major libraries, 26 district libraries, 29 small libraries and 8 mobile libraries. In addition, LCSD manages 15 civic centres including 4 territory-wide venues and 11 regional/district venues.

*Community Halls*

5. Community halls (CHs) provide venues for a range of community activities including meetings of local organizations; civic education activities; training courses; celebrations and recreational and cultural activities at the district level. They also provide temporary shelters for people in need during natural disasters, emergency situations and inclement weather. CHs are normally centrally located and easily

accessible to the population they intend to serve. A standard CH includes a multi-purpose hall with a stage, a conference room, a management office, dressing rooms and storerooms. At present, there are 76 CHs under the management of the Home Affairs Department (HAD).

## **Planned Provision**

### *LCSD Facilities*

6. LCSD facilities are planned having regard to :

- the speed of population in-take, particularly in new towns such as Tin Shui Wai, Tseung Kwan O, Tung Chung and Ma On Shan
- local demand for new and existing facilities including usage rates at other similar venues in the Districts concerned
- the general provision and distribution of facilities in individual districts
- the criteria/recommended provision set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG) (such standards and guidelines are by no means mandatory and should be applied with flexibility)

7. At present, there are 12 capital works projects under construction (Appendix II); 10 capital works projects with funding earmarked in Category B of the Public Works Programme (Appendix III); and 64 capital works projects under the Accelerated Programme<sup>1</sup> (Appendix IV) for construction to start within the next five-year from 2002-03 to 2006-07.

8. Upon completion of the above capital works projects, many new facilities will be made available to meet community needs in the high population in-take areas and the new towns. These include 16 indoor recreation/leisure centres, 11 public libraries, 4 swimming pool/complexes, 33 open space developments, 20 parks/playgrounds, etc. In addition, the Government is planning to develop the West Kowloon Reclamation into a cultural and entertainment district, which will include a performing arts venue for staging world-class events.

9. LCSD is committed to expediting project planning and has in fact drawn up an accelerated implementation plan for the 64 capital works projects in the Accelerated Programme. LCSD will closely monitor progress of the capital works projects and will keep under view ways to compress the planning lead time so that new facilities would be provided early for use by the public.

10. LCSD is aware of the requests from a number of District Councils for the provision of new civic centres. The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and LCSD are conducting a consultancy study on the provision of regional/district cultural and performance facilities in Hong Kong. The consultancy study would take into account,

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<sup>1</sup> The Accelerated Programme was developed in October 2001 to expedite the delivery of 64 capital works projects at an estimated cost of \$8.7 billion, with construction due to start within the next 5 years from 2002/02 to 2006/07.

as a whole, the current provision of similar facilities, major facilities under planning, views of relevant committees and organizations including the Culture and Heritage Commission, District Councils, community groups and arts groups, residents and visitors. The study is expected to be completed by the first half of 2002 and there will be further consultation when findings of the study are available.

### *Community Halls*

11. The general principles governing the provision of CHs are set out in the latest HKPSG, according to which CHs should be provided on a “need basis” on individual merits, taking into account the following factors-

- population size
- area characteristics and community aspirations
- location of the area concerned
- availability of existing CHs or similar facilities nearby
- the usage rates of nearby CHs
- accessibility of nearby CHs to the subject area
- availability of alternative accommodations for community activities and their ease of access.

Under the HKPSG, CHs will usually form part of an integrated development, instead of being stand-alone developments. In addition, it is no longer necessary for a CH to be co-located with a welfare block (as in the case of existing “community centres”), although welfare services and facilities would often be one of the joint users in an integrated development. In developing a joint-user complex, HAD needs to identify suitable joint users and to achieve a plot ratio to the satisfaction of the Government Property Agency.

12. At present, there are 12 CH projects under construction ([Appendix V](#)), one of which is located at Aldrich Bay. There are four CH projects (located in Tuen Mun, Stanely and Kennedy Town) which will be submitted to the Legislative Council for funding approval shortly. A number of CH facilities are also under planning including three in Siu Sai Wan, Sai Wan Ho and Tung Chung.

13. As the bureau overseeing both community building and cultural and recreational policies, HAB is considering adopting a more coordinated and integrated approach to the provision of district-based facilities serving sports, recreation and community building purposes to ensure that they meet the needs of the community and are provided in a cost-effective manner. In this connection, we are examining the desirability and feasibility of two proposed arrangements for providing CHs and indoor games halls (IGHs). First, we will consider providing a new type of multi-purpose venue to serve both community building and sports and recreational purposes, where there is a need to provide both types of facilities in a particular area. Second, we will consider whether some existing IGHs, when suitably equipped, can be used to serve CH purposes to cater for local demand. We believe that an integrated and coordinated approach would enable the best possible use of the sites and resources available and ensure that the facilities provided in the venue meet the needs of the local community. Pilot schemes are being carried out to test the practicability of these two proposed arrangements.

**Presentation**

14. This paper is presented to Members of the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs for information.

Home Affairs Bureau  
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**Provision of Recreation and Sports Facilities  
(as at 30 September 2001)**

	<u>Number</u>
<i>Active Facility</i>	
Indoor games halls/ Indoor recreation centres /Sports centres /Leisure centres	82
Courts (indoor and outdoor)	
Badminton	506
Basketball	411
Handball	29
Volleyball	230
Netball	27
Squash	324
Tennis	261
Tennis practice	20
Turf pitches (natural)	
Soccer	39
Soccer cum other ball games	13
Rugby	2
Stadia (outdoor)	2
Turf pitches (artificial)	
Soccer	7
Soccer cum other ball games	6
Hockey	2
Hard-surfaced soccer pitches	217
Gateball courts (natural & artificial)	20
Sports grounds	24
Bowling greens (indoor and outdoor)	9
Obstacle golf courses	1
Open air theatres	19
Archery fields	2
Roller skating rinks	35
Jogging tracks/Fitness trails	67
Cycling tracks	9
Model boat pools	3
Boating parks	3
Beaches	41
Swimming pools complexes	36
Water sports centres	4
Holiday camps	4
Horse riding schools	2
Golf driving ranges (indoor and outdoor)	5
Camp sites	2

**Provision of Recreation and Sports Facilities  
(as at 30 September 2001)**

	<u>Number</u>
<i>Passive Facility</i>	
Major parks	22
Small parks/Gardens/ Sitting-out areas	1 307
Fountains	81
Children's playgrounds	609
Zoos/Aviaries	5
Conservatory	2
Bathing sheds	57
Barbecue pits	638
Road safety towns	4
Total area of sites provided with horticultural maintenance (hectares)	1 518.1
Total area of leisure facilities administered (hectares)	2 088.5

## Capital Works Projects Under Construction

Item No.	PWP No.	Project	Approved Project Estimates (\$M)	Anticipated Completion Date
1	233RS	Improvement to Aberdeen Sports Ground	50.85	Jan-02
2	360RO	Recreational Development of the 'DO' Site at North Ap Lei Chau Reclamation (Phase II)	54.75	Feb-02
3	363RO	Promenade and adjoining District Open Space at Siu Sai Wan	78.93	Feb-02
4	366RO	Local open space in Area 44 Tuen Mun	54.30	Apr-02
5	058BL	Upgrading Works on Slopes and Retaining Walls in former Provisional Regional Council Venues	48.00	May-02
6	235RS	Improvement Works to Lady Macle hose Holiday Village and Sai Kung Outdoor Recreation Centre	108.60	May-02
7	2NG	Luen Wo Hui Complex Area 19 Fanling / Sheung Shui	678.80	Mid-02
8	369RO	Improvement to the Victoria Park in Causeway Bay	256.60	Dec-02
9	367RO	Jordan Valley Playground (Phase II Stage 2)	70.10	Dec-02
10	3NG	Tai Po Complex cum Library	931.00	Aug-03
11	44RG	Indoor Recreation Centre cum Library in Area 100 Ma On Shan	455.80	Dec-03
12	45RG	Tai Kok Tsui Complex (Phase 2)	726.30	Aug-04

**Capital Works Projects with Funding Earmarked in 2000**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Cost (\$M)</b>
1	Provision of a Multi-purpose Grass Pitch on Sai Tso Wan Former Landfill	39.90
2	Water Sports Centre at Stanley Main Beach	51.40
3	Kowloon Bay Recreation Ground	106.20
4	Stanley Complex	261.00
5	Hammer Hill Road District Park	177.00
6	Provision of Multi-purpose Grass Pitches and Other Recreational Facilities on Tseung Kwan O (Stage I) Former Landfill	88.89
9	Improvement Works to Lei Yue Mun Park and Holiday Village	100.00
8	Additional Open Space to Tsuen Wan Town Hall	36.00
9	Kwai Chung Park Football Training Centre	400.00
10	Indoor Recreation Centre Area 17 Tin Shui Wai	210.00



**Accelerated Programme for Capital Works Projects  
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<b>Item No</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Project Cost (\$M)</b>
1	Renovation for the Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village of YMCA	26.40
2	Open Space Areas 18 and 21 Fanling/Sheung Shui	35.00
3	Open Space in Area 14 (Siu Lun) Tuen Mun (Mouse Islands)	27.50
4	District Open Space Between Hang Hong Street and Heng On Estate Area 92, Ma On Shan	23.00
5	District Open Space Area 7 Tung Chung Lantau	71.00
6	District Open Space Areas 3 and 8 Tsing Yi	61.50
7	Ma On Shan Sports Ground Phase II	111.00
8	Open Space Area 15 Tin Shui Wai	57.00
9	Football Pitch and Changing Facilities Area 5, Tai Po	44.00
10	Recreation Ground Area 33, Tai Po	33.00
11	District Open Space Area 5, Tai Po	34.00
12	Local Open Space Ping Shan	37.00
13	Improvement to Lok Wah Playground	51.30
14	Sheung Lok Street Rest Garden (Site B - Service Building)	24.00
15	District Open Space Area 18 (Lung Mun) Tuen Mun	61.00
16	Sham Shui Po Park Stage II	71.00
17	District Open Space Area 90, Ma On Shan	50.00
18	Local Open Space Areas 25, 25A, 25B, Tin Shui Wai	66.00
19	Cherry Street Park	113.00
20	Ma On Shan Waterfront Promenade	132.00
21	Local Open Space Area 52 (Ching Chung) Tuen Mun	17.00

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<b>Item No</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Project Cost (\$M)</b>
22	Sports Ground, Town Park and Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O (TKO)	450.00
23	Golf Course in Shuen Wan Landfill Tai Po <b>EPD's project</b>	133.28
24	District Open Space Area 18 Tung Chung Lantau	133.00
25	Provision of an Ecological Park and other Recreational Facilities on Jordan Valley former Landfill <b>EPD's project</b>	94.93
26	Improvement to the Jockey Club Wong Shek Water Sports Centre	30.00
27	Tung Wan Beach Building Cheung Chau	18.00
28	District Open Space Area 2 Tung Chung Lantau	40.00
29	Renovation for 16 Libraries	280.50
30	District Open Space Area 40A, Tseung Kwan O	69.00
31	Local Open Space Area 16 (Yau Oi South) Tuen Mun	61.00
32	Local Open Space Kau Hui Yuen Long	34.00
33	Local Open Space Area 6, Tai Po	25.00
34	Hin Tin Public Swimming Pool Phase II, Sha Tin	198.00
35	Swimming Pool Complex Area 1 (San Wai Court) Tuen Mun	275.00
36	Siu Sai Wan Complex	210.00
37	Indoor Recreation Centre (Type C) cum Library Area 17 Tung Chung Lantau	286.00
38	Swimming Pool Complex Area 2, Tung Chung, Lantau	200.00
39	Quarry Bay Park Phase II (Stages 2 & 3)	76.00
40	District Open Space Area 39 Fanling/Sheung Shui	45.00
41	District Open Space Area 52 Tung Chung Lantau	312.00
42	Tseung Kwan O Complex, Area 44, Tseung Kwan O	370.00

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<b>Item No</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Project Cost (\$M)</b>
43	Redevelopment of Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	262.50
44	Public Library and Indoor Recreation Centre, Area 3 Yuen Long	303.00
45	DO' Development at Po Kong Village Road	338.00
46	Improvements to Butterfly Beach Area 44 (Ferry Pier) Tuen Mun	47.00
47	Indoor Recreation Centre-cum-Library Area 14B, Sha Tin	353.00
48	District Open Space Area 37 Fanling/Sheung Shui	69.00
49	Open Space at Tai Kok Tsui Temporary Market	16.50
50	Sports Ground, Town Park and Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O (TKO) (Remaining Phase - Town Park and IRC)	595.00
51	Tin Shui Wai Public Library cum Indoor Recreation Centre	381.00
52	Recreational Development of the 'LO' site at North Ap Lei Chau Reclamation	40.00
53	Tung Chau Street Complex	411.00
54	Local Open Space Area 28, Fanling/Sheung Shui	40.00
55	Improvement to Victoria Park - Swimming Pool Complex	105.00
56	Local Open Space Area 20 Fanling/ Sheung Shui (the Existing Luen Wo Hui Market Site)	24.00
57	District Open Space Area 35 Tsuen Wan -Remaining Works	101.00
58	District Open Space Area 9 Tsing Yi	143.00
59	District Open Space Tsuen Wan Bay Further Reclamation	120.00
60	Waterfront Promenade Tsuen Wan Bay Further Reclamation	91.00
61	Proposed Park in Aldrich Bay	83.00
62	Indoor Recreation Centre Area 4 Tsing Yi	167.00

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<b>Item No</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Project Cost (\$M)</b>
63	Indoor Recreation Centre Area 14 (Siu Lun) Tuen Mun	137.00
64	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park (Phase II)	365.00

## Appendix V

### Community Hall Projects Under Construction

	<b>District</b>	<b>Site Location</b>
1.	Sha Tin	Ma On Shan Area 108, Lee On Estate
2.	Wanchai	Leighton Hill
3.	Yau Tsim Mong	Mongkok
4.	Wong Tai Sin	Tsz On Estate
5.	Eastern	Aldrich Bay Phase 4 housing development
6.	Kwai Tsing	Shek Lei Phase 12 housing development
7.	Kwun Tong	Lam Tin South (Tak Tin Estate)
8.	Sham Shui Po	Old Cheung Sha Wan Shipyard
9.	Sai Kung	Tseung Kwan O Area 59 (Sheung Tak Estate)
10.	North	Fanling Area 19, Luen Wo Hui
11.	Tsuen Wan	Lei Muk Shue Estate Redevelopment, Phase 4
12.	Kwun Tong	Yau Tong Estate Redevelopment, Phase 4