

**Views and concerns raised by Central & Western District Council (C&WDC)  
members at the meeting with LegCo Members  
held on 28 November 2002**

C&WDC members expressed the following views in relation to the applications of “Barrier-free” concept to the proposed Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park at the above meeting -

- (a) Whilst appreciating that the “barrier-free” concept had been applied in the design of certain community facilities and government buildings to enhance the accessibility of the disabled, C&WDC members considered that the provision of a “barrier-free” environment for the disabled should be made a compulsory requirement in Hong Kong.
- (b) C&WDC members pointed out that wheelchair users found it difficult to use some of the disabled toilet facilities. C&WDC members also pointed out that some disabled persons had reflected to them that uneven pavements due to poor workmanship of laying of environmental tiles and the gradient of pavement designed to drain stormwater were “traps” for the blind and wheelchair users. C&WDC members considered that the “Design Manual — Barrier Free Access” issued by the Building Authority should be improved to cater for the need of the disabled.