

**LegCo Members' meeting with  
the Administration on 21 August 2002**

**Future development of Hong Kong West**

At the case conference held on 21 August 2002 between LegCo Members and the Administration, some LegCo Members pointed out that since the sole concern of current government policies was on the development of tourism, enhancing the townscape had thus become a planning priority, and the room for survival for the relatively small operators in the shipping industry had not been catered for. However, they considered that the provision of a wide range of shipping services was one of the contributing factors to Hong Kong's prosperous economy. Therefore, the Administration had to strike a balance between tourism and the shipping industry so as to enable steady economic growth. They urged that, the Planning Department (PD), when considering the development of the western part of Hong Kong from the planning perspective, should reserve a site there for the construction of a large Cargo Working Area, which would gradually re-provision all the existing Public Cargo Working Areas to the site. By doing so, the Government could centralize the provision of major infrastructures and facilities on this site for the shipping industry and respond promptly to the trend of shipping development in Hong Kong.

LegCo Members were informed by the Administration at the meeting that PD's main role was to tie in with the overall development of government policies. Relevant government departments had commenced a study on the planning for the overall development of the port in future, including the re-provisioning of port facilities to the west, river trade demand, etc. More information on the overall development of the port in future would be available once the study was completed.