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**Meeting of the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works
on 13 July 2005**

Background brief on greening master plans

Introduction

The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works on the progress of preparation of greening master plans (GMPs) for selected districts in the urban areas and implementation of related planting schemes. The Administration intends to seek funding approval from the Finance Committee on implementation of GMPs in the next legislative session.

Greening Master Plans

2. It has been the policy initiatives of the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau to implement a comprehensive greening policy for Hong Kong through collaboration of different departments and with the input of experts and specialists in the field and to develop a sustainable greening programme for the urban areas. In this regard, a high-level Steering Committee on Greening (SCG) was set up in December 2002 to provide supervision and guidance on overall greening strategy, formulate sustainable urban greening schemes, co-ordinate the greening efforts of various departments, gather expert views on greening, and explore private-sector collaboration in promoting urban greening schemes.

3. As one of the many initiatives under the greening policy, the Administration is drawing up an overall greening framework and broad strategy including properly designed planting themes and green corridors marked up for linking strategic pockets of greened areas to enhance the overall visual quality of the environment of individual districts. To provide a better focus of efforts, a new inter-departmental Greening Master Plan Committee (the GMP Committee) was formed in August 2004 under the auspices of SCG to develop blueprints of greening works and co-ordinate implementation of related planting programmes in selected urban districts. Chaired by the Director of Civil Engineering and Development, the GMP Committee aims to develop GMPs for the key tourist

area in Tsim Sha Tsui and the core business area in Central as a start. GMPs for these areas will be implemented in phases from the middle of 2005 for completion in 2006.

4. In response to a question raised at the Council meeting on 17 November 2004 concerning planting of trees and setting up of pedestrian boulevards in central areas of the 18 districts, the Administration revealed that apart from developing GMPs for Tsim Sha Tsui and Central, it was also exploring the scope for collaboration with private developers and quasi-government bodies, including the Urban Renewal Authority and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation, to beautify cityscape in the vicinity of their developments. The Administration will continue to devise GMPs for other urban districts in the next few years, starting with more densely-populated areas like Sheung Wan, Wan Chai, Causeway Bay, Hung Hom, Mong Kok, and Kwun Tong.

5. A list of the relevant papers with their hyperlinks in the Legislative Council website is in the **Appendix**.

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List of relevant papers

Council/Committee	Date of meeting	Paper
Council meeting	17 November 2004	Hansard (http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr04-05/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1117ti-translate-e.pdf)
Planning, Lands and Works Panel	21 January 2005	LC Paper No. CB(1)707/04-05(01) (http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr04-05/english/panels/plw/papers/plw0121cb1-707-1e.pdf) LC Paper No. CB(1)1566/04-05 (http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr04-05/english/panels/plw/minutes/pl050121.pdf)
Environmental Affairs Panel	21 January 2005	LC Paper No. CB(1)958/04-05 (http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr04-05/english/panels/ea/minutes/ea050121.pdf)