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於2006年3月2日舉行的會議

中西區維港海旁的規劃

謝謝你於2006年3月28日的來信。

有關中西區區議員對中西區維港海旁的規劃所提出的意見
現附上我們的回應。請注意回應中有關地鐵西港島線的事宜，已
收納環境運輸及工務局的意見。

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Planning along the Harbour-front in Central and Western District

Issues concerning the improvement of existing pedestrian facilities

We understand the requests of the community and hope to improve public access and enjoyment of the waterfront. In planning for the waterfront area, we intend to provide a pedestrian network providing north-south and east-west links. The main details concerning the planning of the waterfront are as follows:

- (a) The new waterfront of the Central Reclamation Phase III (CRIII) project will provide a comprehensive pedestrian network providing north-south and east-west connections. The network comprises footbridges, landscaped decks and subways, etc. providing safe and convenient pedestrian access. The waterfront promenade of the new Central waterfront will connect the waterfront areas of Wai Chai and Central from east to west. The pedestrian network of the north-south connection is structured around three principal design corridors. The one located in the western part of the reclamation area will extend from the Statue Square to the landscaped pedestrian deck of the new Star Ferry Pier. The one located in the central part will connect Admiralty Centre to the Tamar site and the open space walkway of the civic square. The network of footbridge links located in the eastern part will link up with the existing cultural facilities and associated open space in the Wan Chai area.
- (b) About 1,200m in length, the proposed Sheung Wan waterfront promenade will start at the planned open space located at the Sheung Wan ex-gala point extending westward to the area adjoining Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park (which includes its Phase II development) and the Western Park Sports Centre. This proposed promenade forms part of the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park and its Phase II (about 7.9 hectares in area). The Leisure and Cultural Services Department plans to commence construction works for the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Phase II in 2009 for completion in

2011, but is currently examining the feasibility of advancing the implementation programme. Prior to the completion of the above-mentioned waterfront promenade and park, the Administration will provide temporary open space and amenity area at the Sheung Wan Stormwater Pumping Station, which is to be located at the Sheung Wan ex-gala point, for the enjoyment of the public.

- (c) Besides, there are proposals to further extend the existing footbridge system of the Shun Tak Centre, the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park and the Western Park Sports Centre through extending the north-south and east-west links. The proposed commercial cum public transport interchange site at the existing Sheung Wan bus terminus would provide footbridge connections to the planned open space at the ex-gala Point to the north, the Shun Tak Centre to the east, the Western Market to the south, and the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Phase II to the west. The implementation of the extension of the footbridge system hinges on the implementation programmes of the open space at the ex-gala point, Sheung Wan waterfront promenade and various proposed developments in the area.
- (d) The locations of the stations and their entrances/exits for the West Island Line are still at the consultation and planning stage. The Central and Western District and the locals have also asked the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL), in the planning and design of individual station and its entrances/exits, to consider linking the mid-level and waterfront areas by lifts and underground adits for providing fast and convenient pedestrian accesses to rail commuters and local residents. The Environment, Transport and Works Bureau fully supports the above proposal. The MTRCL would consider the proposal favourably.

Issues concerning the freeing up of waterfront land for the construction of a east-west waterfront promenade along the northern shore of the Hong Kong Island

2. The Government's long-term objective is to provide a continuous

promenade along the shorelines connecting the Central and Western waterfronts with a view to enhancing public access to the waterfront sites for enjoying the view of the Victoria Harbour. The major land uses along the waterfront of the Central and Western District include government, institution or community facilities, long-established coastal operations as well as existing and planned open spaces. Except the disused Kennedy Town Refuse Disposal Incinerator and Abattoir, all the facilities/operations such as the Western District Public Cargo Handling Area, the Western Wholesale Food Market, the Victoria Public Mortuary, are located at the waterfront due to historical reasons or operational needs. The locations of the facilities/operations are shown on the attached plan.

3. The Government plans to demolish the disused Kennedy Town Refuse Disposal Incinerator and Abattoir in a few years time. The Civil Engineering and Development Department is currently examining the feasibility of advancing the related demolition works and the temporary land use options (including public open space) subsequent to demolition. The Planning Department is also undertaking a review on the long-term land uses for the incinerator and abattoir sites and their adjoining areas. The review will be submitted to the Town Planning Board for consideration later this year. In addition, relevant Government departments are searching for a suitable site for the relocation of the Victoria Public Mortuary. As for the other remaining coastal facilities/operations, such as the Western Wholesale Food Market and the Western District Public Cargo Handling Area, the Government has no plans for the relocation due to the operational requirements of the facility.

4. Currently, parts of the waterfront areas of the Central and Western District such as the ex-gala point, the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park and the nearby areas of the Outlying District Ferry Service Piers have been zoned “Open Space” (“O”) to facilitate public enjoyment of the Victoria Harbour. Upon completion of the CRIII project, there will be more waterfront areas for the development of a waterfront promenade.