

**For discussion
on 19 April 2007**

Legislative Council Panel on Manpower
**Construction of a New Campus for
Vocational Training Council at Tiu Keng Leng**

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' views on the proposal to construct a new campus for the Vocational Training Council (VTC) at Tiu Keng Leng, Tseung Kwan O.

Background

2. The VTC was established in 1982 to provide a comprehensive system of vocational education and training for school leavers and adult learners to acquire skills and knowledge for lifelong learning and enhanced employability. The Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) of the VTC mainly offers courses for post-secondary 5 and 7 students at its nine campuses. IVE courses cover nine academic disciplines including the rapidly developing design discipline.

3. At present, the various design-related departments are scattered in five campuses of IVE¹. To cope with the increasing demand for quality design education and training and to achieve better synergy among the various campuses, the VTC proposes to construct a new campus at Tiu Keng Leng to accommodate the new Hong Kong Design Institute (HKDI), which will bring together the various design-related departments of the VTC, and to re-provision the existing campus of IVE(Lee Wai Lee) (IVE(LWL)).

Project Scope

4. The scope of the project comprises the following –

¹ The academic departments offering design-related programmes are scattered in five IVE campuses throughout the territory, including campuses in Sha Tin, Kwai Chung, Kwun Tong, Tsing Yi and Kowloon Tong.

- (a) construction of an 11-storey teaching campus for the HKDI and an eight-storey teaching campus for the re-provisioning of the existing campus of IVE(LWL); and
- (b) provision of student sports and amenity facilities².

5. The total net operating floor area³ of the campus is about 40 000 m². Facilities to be provided in the new campus include an auditorium, lecture theatres, workshops, laboratories and studios, student activities areas, classrooms, offices and function rooms. A site plan is at **Enclosure 1**. The artist's impression of the new campus is at **Enclosure 2**.

Justifications

Construction of HKDI

6. In support of the Government's policy to promote and develop high value-added industries with high intellectual property and creative content in Hong Kong, IVE operates a strong design discipline which trains the necessary manpower required by the industries concerned. Currently, the academic departments offering design-related programmes are scattered in five IVE campuses, which is not conducive to students' learning and development.

7. The VTC proposes to bring together its three design-related departments, namely, Design, Fashion and Textiles, and Printing and Digital Media Departments, which offer a total of about 4 000 full-time equivalent student places, by accommodating them in a dedicated HKDI located on a single, purpose-built campus at Tiu Keng Leng. The integration will not only pool resources and foster synergy among the design-related departments, but also enhance the creative and dynamic teaching and learning environment and the delivery of quality design education for nurturing design talents in Hong Kong.

8. Facilities including design studios, television, film and audio studios, drawing rooms, workshops, language and computer laboratories will be provided at the HKDI to ensure that students will receive quality design education and training. In addition, the HKDI will provide a range of specialist learning facilities for students to explore aspects of design

² Student sports and amenities facilities to be provided include a swimming pool, basket ball courts, tennis courts, gymnasium etc.

³ The detailed design of the VTC campus at Tiu Keng Leng is being finalised. The net operating floor area may be subject to adjustment.

development within a structured environment conducive to the attainment of discipline focused skills. Each facility will be outfitted with the essential array of equipments and tools to promote the advancement of skills. All these facilities will provide the necessary infrastructure to support the HKDI to fulfill its mission to become a leading international provider of foundation studies and lifelong learning in design.

Reprovisioning of IVE(LWL)

9. IVE(LWL), one of the nine IVE campuses, is currently located at Renfrew Road, Kowloon Tong. One of the strategic developments of IVE(LWL) is to provide integrated manpower training services to support industrial development, in particular jewellery, watches and clocks, and optics industries which require design and technology to drive their growth and development. The IVE(LWL) campus is 27 years old and its aged infrastructure requires upgrading in order to support a modernised provision of vocational education and training. Putting the HKDI and IVE(LWL) campuses on adjacent sites will help unleash greater synergy among the various academic disciplines and departments in IVE. Moreover, integrating the design elements would help drive a multi-disciplinary approach which is essential to the development of the creative industries in Hong Kong. The HKDI, together with the Departments of Business Administration, Computing and Information Management, and Engineering Management and Technology (which offer about 2 500 full-time equivalent student places) to be accommodated at the new IVE(LWL) campus, will provide “one-stop” training services for design-related industries ranging from product design, technology, manufacturing, sales and marketing to after-sales services. This will strengthen the capacity of the industries concerned and enhance the content and value of their products and services.

10. With a combined full-time equivalent student places of about 6 500, economies of scale and cost savings can be achieved in the provision of student sports and other ancillary facilities. In this connection, the HKDI and IVE(LWL) will be designed as an open campus and the landscaped areas on the podium will be accessible to the general public. Moreover, student sports and amenity facilities at the new campus will be opened to the public during off-peak hours as suggested by the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) (paragraph 14 below refers).

11. Upon completion of the new campus at Tiu Keng Leng, space vacated from the design-related departments in the existing IVE campuses will be re-allocated to relieve overcrowding and improve the quality of the learning environment for the students. The existing campus and site of IVE(LWL) in Kowloon Tong will be returned to the Government after the

IVE(LWL) has been reprovisioned.

Financial Implications

12. The estimated project cost in September 2006 prices is about \$1 billion⁴.

Implementation Timetable

13. Subject to approval of the Finance Committee, the VTC plans to start the construction works in August 2007, with a view to completing the HKDI and IVE(LWL) in July 2009 and January 2010 respectively.

Public Consultation

14. We consulted the SKDC on the proposal on 10 January and 4 April 2006 and Members have indicated their support. As suggested by Members of the SKDC, student sports and amenity facilities at the new campus will be opened to the public during off-peak hours.

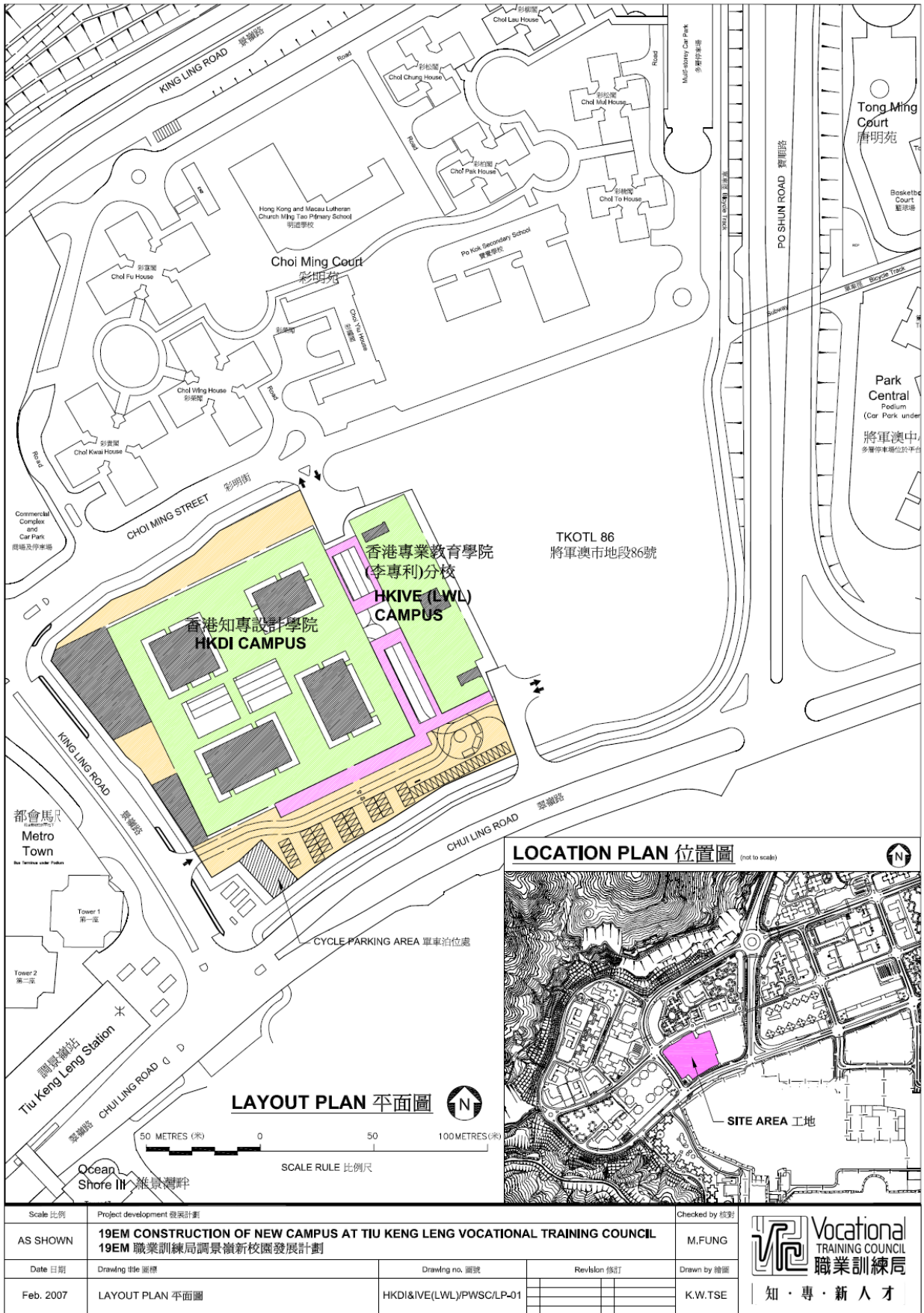
Way Forward

15. Subject to Members' views, we plan to seek the approval of the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee for the proposal to construct the new VTC campus at Tiu Keng Leng in June 2007.

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⁴ The detailed design of the VTC campus at Tiu Keng Leng is being finalised. The project estimate may be subject to adjustment.

Enclosure 1



Scale 比例	Project development 發展計劃			Checked by 核對
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Artist's Impression of VTC campus at Tiu Keng Leng
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