

**Motion Debate on  
“Perfecting lawn facilities in parks”  
at the Legislative Council meeting  
of 14 May 2008**

**Progress Report**

**Purpose**

At the meeting held on 14 May 2008, the Legislative Council passed a motion on “Perfecting lawn facilities in parks” urging the Government to increase greened areas on the ground in the course of urban planning, and provide more open spaces throughout the territory, plant more lawns and make lawns available for public use. This paper briefs Members on the follow-up actions taken by the Government in response to the proposals and recommendations put forward by the Members during the motion debate, and on the latest progress regarding the work carried out by the Government in the provision of more lawns.

**To study the planting of more lawns in the open spaces in the course of urban planning**

2. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will actively consider providing more open spaces and planting more lawns for public use in the leisure and cultural services (LCS) projects under planning, including the waterfront promenades along the Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan sections.

3. Regarding the New Central Harbourfront, the Planning Department is currently carrying out the Stage 2 Public Engagement for the “Urban Design Study for the New Central Harbourfront” in order to listen to views from the public on the refinement of the urban design framework of the New Central Harbourfront and the design concepts of the key sites. The design concepts of the study are to create a vibrant, green and accessible new Central Harbourfront. Based on the proposals and recommendations of the study, the New Central Harbourfront will provide about 17 hectares of open spaces including a waterfront promenade, other open spaces and greened spaces for enjoyment of the public.

4. Furthermore, regarding the West Kowloon Cultural District, the Planning Department has introduced some parameters for the development of the West Kowloon site when revising the draft South West Kowloon Outline Zoning Plan. Among the parameters, it is specified that the West Kowloon Cultural District, with an area of 40 hectares, will provide at least 23 hectares of public open spaces. The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority will carry out the overall planning for the West Kowloon Cultural District.

**To increase greened areas on the ground in the course of urban planning**

5. According to the recommendations in Chapter 4 of the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, a minimum of 20 hectares of open spaces should be provided for a population of 100 000. In the course of district planning and major development, the Government will base on this guideline to reserve suitable sites. Those departments responsible for providing open spaces (e.g. LCSD) will then flexibly decide on the suitable greening type in light of local condition and public aspirations so as to meet the public needs.

**To provide more open spaces throughout the territory and plant more lawns in those**

**open spaces, and to extend the criteria of reducing unnecessary regulatory control to the existing lawns managed by the Government**

6. In the course of planning, the Government will reserve suitable areas of sites for use as open spaces. The LCSD will actively consider providing more lawns in open spaces when planning future works. Apart from the existing 37 venues providing 160 000 m<sup>2</sup> of amenity lawns, the LCSD will provide additional amenity lawns with an area of 10 575 m<sup>2</sup> in the existing ten leisure venues for enjoyment of the public. Please refer to the **Annex** for details.

7. As to the lawns without fencing, there are no particular regulatory control criteria applied to them and members of the public are free to use these lawns.

**To draw up code of practice for management and use of lawns, and increase pedestrian walkways to connect lawns and related facilities in the open spaces**

8. Regarding the planning and design of open spaces, it is specified in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines that open spaces should be provided at locations convenient to target service users and that the entrance be easily identified and accessible. When carrying out the construction of this type of facilities, the departments concerned will follow these basic principles and draw up the detailed design by taking account of individual ground condition.

**To plant more lawns as far as possible on the rooftops of buildings located in the open spaces**

9. In implementing measures of greening the rooftops of government buildings, the Government will actively consider providing lawns in those areas.

**To improve the maintenance work for lawns by utilising as far as possible solar energy facilities and providing additional rainwater and grey water recycling facilities, and as far as possible using porous materials for the land formation works of open spaces beside the lawns, etc.**

10. The LCSD has always been implementing the environmental measures. For instance, the District Open Space at Po Kong Village Road, Wong Tai Sin and the District Open Space in Area 18, Tung Chung, Lantau which are currently at the planning stage will be provided with rainwater recycling system for irrigating plants and lawns. The LCSD will continue to study the use of solar energy and rainwater recycling system in projects relating to newly planned district open spaces.

11. In addition, the Architectural Services Department (ASD) will use pervious materials in the District Open Space at Po Kong Village Road, Wong Tai Sin which is now under planning by the LCSD so as to allow lawns to grow. The ASD will also explore the use of porous materials for land formation works in suitable LCS projects in future.

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### LCSD Venues with Large Lawns

| District          | Venue with a large lawn  | Area (m <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|
| Southern          | Shum Wan Road Sitting-out Area                                 | 800                    |
|                   | <i>Repluse Bay Garden<sup>#</sup></i>                          | 250                    |
| Central & Western | Belcher Bay Park   | 2 000                  |
|                   | Victoria Peak Garden   | 3 200                  |
|                   | Mount Austin Playground  | 1 300                  |
| Wan Chai          | Wan Chai Gap Park  | 700                    |
|                   | Green Lane Service Reservoir Sitting-out Area                  | 6 000                  |
| Eastern           | Victoria Park  | 15 500                 |
|                   | <i>Aldrich Bay Promenade<sup>#</sup></i>                       | 430                    |
|                   | <i>Tai Tam Road/Chai Wan Road Amenity Plot<sup>#</sup></i>     | 300                    |
|                   | <i>Shau Kei Wan Service Reservoir Playground<sup>#</sup> *</i> | 2 560                  |
| Sham Shui Po      | Nam Cheong Park  | 20 000                 |
|                   | Lai Chi Kok Park   | 7 000                  |
| Yau Tsim Mong     | King George V Memorial Park, Kowloon                           | 600                    |
|                   | Kowloon Park   | 500                    |
|                   | <i>West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade<sup>#</sup></i>           | 2 500                  |
| Kowloon City      | Lok Fu Service Reservoir Rest Garden                           | 4 000                  |
|                   | Kowloon Tsai Park  | 1 186                  |
|                   | <i>Cornwall Street Children's Playground<sup>#</sup></i>       | 2 000                  |
| Wong Tai Sin      | Morse Park No. 1   | 4 800                  |
|                   | Morse Park No. 2   | 6 200                  |
|                   | Morse Park No. 3   | 11 000                 |
|                   | Lion Rock Park   | 525                    |
| Kwun Tong         | Shun Lee Tsuen Park  | 314                    |
|                   | Kwun Tong High Level Service Reservoir Garden                  | 600                    |
|                   | Yau Tong Service Reservoir Playground                          | 900                    |
|                   | <i>Sam Ka Tsuen Recreation Ground<sup>#</sup></i>              | 600                    |
| Islands           | Man Tung Road Park   | 2 800                  |
|                   | Tai Tsoi Yuen Garden   | 300                    |
| Tuen Mun          | Butterfly Beach Park   | 4 185                  |
|                   | Tuen Mun Park  | 350                    |
| Yuen Long         | Yuen Long Park   | 20 000                 |
|                   | <i>Tin Shui Wai Park<sup>#</sup></i>                           | 300                    |
| Tsuen Wan         | Tsuen Wan Riviera Park   | 500                    |
|                   | Shing Mun Valley Park  | 700                    |
| Kwai Tsing        | Tsing Yi Park  | 1 265                  |
|                   | Tsing Yi Promenade   | 3 400                  |
| North             | North District Park  | 5 000                  |
| Tai Po            | Yuen Chau Tsai Park  | 500                    |

| District     | Venue with a large lawn                      | Area (m <sup>2</sup> )   |
|--------------|--|--------------------------|
|              | Tai Po Waterfront Park                       | 10 130                   |
| Sha Tin      | Sha Tin Park                                 | 2 560                    |
|              | Ma On Shan Park                              | 14 722                   |
|              | Che Kung Miu Road Playground                 | 2 500                    |
|              | <i>A Kung Kok Street Garden</i> <sup>#</sup> | <i>1 000</i>             |
| Sai Kung     | Po Hong Park                                 | 3 200                    |
|              | Po Tsui Park                                 | 1 000                    |
|              | <i>Sheung Ning Playground</i> <sup>#*</sup>  | <i>635</i>               |
| <b>Total</b> |  | <b>170 812 (10575) ^</b> |

<sup>#</sup>Amenity lawn that is newly provided

\* New venue to be opened in July 2008

<sup>^</sup>Area of amenity lawns that are newly provided/opened