LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL ON DEVELOPMENT

IMPLEMENTATION OF GREENING WORKS OF GREENING MASTER PLANS FOR REMAINING URBAN AREAS

PURPOSE

This paper aims to seek Members' advice and support to the proposed funding application for greening works of Greening Master Plans (GMPs) for remaining urban areas, which cover –

- (a) Kowloon West (including Sham Shui Po and Kowloon City);
- (b) Hong Kong Island (including Western District, Southern District and Eastern District); and
- (c) Kowloon East (including Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong).

BACKGROUND

<u>Importance of Greening and Definition of GMPs</u>

- 2. The Administration has been actively promoting greening in order to improve our living environment. There is in particular a close relationship between greening and improvement of air quality. Green plants can help act as a sponge by sequestering carbon dioxide in the atmosphere while releasing oxygen. They can improve air quality by intercepting particulate matters and absorbing gaseous contaminants such as sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides in the atmosphere as well as help lower urban temperature. We therefore propose to develop and implement GMPs such that by concerted effort on both the greening and anti-air pollution fronts, we can improve the general environment.
- 3. A GMP seeks to define comprehensively the greening framework of an area by studying its characteristics and particular needs as well as providing a guide to the planning, design and implementation of works. In recognition of the fact that greening opportunities arise under different time frames, GMPs embody a full spectrum of short, medium and long-term measures. Short-term measures are those conforming to the district layout and posing no direct conflict with existing land use or traffic arrangements and can

be implemented within one to two years. Greening measures which have to be implemented in association with other projects or which require private sector participation are classified as medium-term measures. As for long-term measures, they depict the ultimate greening vision and include proposals such as tree corridors along major roads which can only be achieved in conjunction with urban renewal, etc.

Progress Made Hitherto in the Implementation of GMPs

- 4. In April 2006, we obtained approval of the Finance Committee (FC) to implement the short-term greening works recommended for Tsim Sha Tsui and Central as pilot schemes. The greening themes for these two districts are "Jade Necklace (翡翠玉帶)" and "Heart of Gold (金融中心)" respectively and the works were completed in March 2007. Some photos illustrating the results are at **Annex 1**.
- 5. With FC's approval in May 2008, greening works for Mong Kok, Yau Ma Tei, Sheung Wan, Wan Chai and Causeway Bay commenced in August 2008. They will be completed by end 2009.
- 6. For the remaining urban areas, we obtained FC's approval on 22 June 2007 to engage consultants to develop the various GMPs. Now that the GMPs and the associated detailed design for greening works have been completed, we would like to seek funding approval to undertake the actual construction works.

CURRENT PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT GREENING WORKS OF GMPS FOR REMAINING URBAN AREAS

- 7. We intend to implement greening works of the GMPs for the remaining urban areas as listed below:
 - (a) Kowloon West (under Project No. **35CG**) covering Sham Shui Po and Kowloon City;
 - (b) Hong Kong Island (under Project No. **36CG**) covering Western District, Southern District and Eastern District; and
 - (c) Kowloon East (under Project No. **40CG**) covering Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong.
- 8. In developing the GMPs, we have consulted the relevant District

Councils (DCs) under the Enhanced Partnering Approach. The DCs have put forward valuable suggestions as to what greening works should be undertaken to best reflect the individual characteristics of the districts.

Proposed Greening Works for Kowloon West

- 9. After consulting the DCs and the local communities, the following themes will be adopted
 - (a) Sham Shui Po
 - (i) Sham Shui Po/Cheung Sha Wan/Mei Foo Golden Kaleidoscope (金影花筒)
 - (ii) Shek Kip Mei Scenic Vistas (彩峰倚雲)
 - (b) Kowloon City
 - (i) Kowloon Tong/Kowloon City/Ho Man Tin Verdant Parkland (綠悠恬林)
 - (ii) To Kwa Wan/Hung Hom Vibrant Heart (躍動紅灣)
- 10. A map showing the locations of the photomontages, the proposed themes and photomontages of some of the major schemes in the districts of Kowloon West are at **Annex 2**.

Proposed Greening Works for Hong Kong Island

- 11. After consulting the DCs and the local communities, the following themes will be adopted
 - (a) Western District
 - (i) Sai Ying Pun Civil Elegance (文城雅樹)
 - (ii) Kennedy Town Joyful Renaissance (「喜」動之城)
 - (b) Southern District
 - (i) Repulse Bay/Stanley/Shek O Ruby Shores (赤映灣畔)
 - (ii) Pok Fu Lam Bauhinia Neighbourhood (楓林紫影)
 - (iii) Aberdeen Incense Harbour (香樹漁港)

(c) Eastern District

- (i) North Point Royal Palm Boulevard (東城棕調)
- (ii) Chai Wan Tranquil Garden (安逸薪園)
- (iii) Shau Kei Wan Elegant Bay (翠榕雅灣)
- 12. A map showing the locations of the photomontages, the proposed themes and photomontages of some of the major schemes in the districts of Hong Kong Island are at **Annex 3**.

Proposed Greening Works for Kowloon East

- 13. After consulting the DCs and the local communities, the following themes will be adopted
 - (a) Wong Tai Sin
 - (i) Wong Tai Sin/Diamond Hill/Chuk Yuen Celestial Garden (華園仙踪)
 - (ii) Choi Wan/Choi Hung Vibrant Rainbow (繽紛彩虹)
 - (iii) San Po Kong Shady Palm Garden (蒲園綠蔭)
 - (b) Kwun Tong
 - (i) Ngau Tau Kok/Sau Mau Ping/Lam Tin Sunny Prospect (曉靜翠景)
 - (ii) Kowloon Bay/Kwun Tong/Cha Kwo Ling/Lei Yue Mun Jade Crescent (翠堤灣畔)
- 14. A map showing the locations of the photomontages, the proposed themes and photomontages of some of the major schemes in the districts of Kowloon East are at **Annex 4**.

FUNDING APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO PWSC/FC FOR GREENING WORKS OF GMPS FOR REMAINING URBAN AREAS

15. We intend to seek Members' advice and support for the implementation of the greening works of the GMPs for the remaining urban areas in the districts mentioned above. To implement the works, we propose to seek endorsement from the Public Works Sub-committee (PWSC) of FC to upgrade the remaining parts of –

- (a) **35CG** Greening master plan for Kowloon West;
- (b) **36CG** Greening master plan for Hong Kong Island; and
- (c) **40CG** Greening master plan for Kowloon East.

at its meeting on 22 April 2009.

- 16. The scope of works involved comprises
 - (a) planting and establishment of about 11 500 trees and 2 690 000 shrubs, including:
 - (i) about 3 700 trees and 980 000 shrubs in Kowloon West;
 - (ii) about 3 600 trees and 560 000 shrubs on Hong Kong Island; and
 - (iii) about 4 200 trees and 1 150 000 shrubs in Kowloon East.
 - (b) ground preparation, soil improvement and tree mounting fixtures;
 - (c) construction of associated raised/kerb planters and other landscape works; and
 - (d) ancillary works including irrigation facilities.
- 17. It can be seen that the largest number of plants to be planted will be in Kowloon East. It is because, unlike Kowloon West and Hong Kong Island where some GMP works have already been or are being implemented under previously approved projects, this is the first time that the GMP works are extended to Kowloon East.
- 18. The area coverage of the whole project is shown in the plan at **Annex 5**.
- 19. We estimate that the capital cost of the project will be \$464.7 million (\$163.8 million for **35CG**, \$111.1 million for **36CG** and \$189.8 million for **40CG**) in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices, made up as follows:

		<u>\$ million</u> 35CG 36CG 40CG							Total
(a) Greening works			125.2		84.9		145.6		355.7
(i)	planting and establishment of trees and shrubs	77.0		51.3		89.6		217.9	
(ii)	ground preparation, soil improvement and tree mounting fixtures	17.2		12.8		19.9		49.9	
(iii)	construction of associated raised/kerb planters and other landscape works	12.7		7.3		15.0		35.0	
(iv)	ancillary works	18.3		13.5		21.1		52.9	
(b) Consultants' fees			14.9		10.1		16.9		41.9
(i)	construction stage	2.6		1.7		2.6		6.9	
(ii)	resident site staff costs	12.3		8.4		14.3		35.0	
(c) Contingencies			14.0		9.5		16.2		39.7
Sub-total			154.1		104.5		178.7		437.3 (in September 2008 prices)
(d) Provision for price adjustment			9.7		6.6		11.1		27.4
	Total		163.8		111.1		189.8		464.7 (in MOD prices)

- 20. Subject to funding approval, the works will be implemented through multiple contracts, which will be tendered in close succession such that the first contract will start in September 2009 and all contracts will be completed by July 2011, followed by a one-year establishment period.
- 21. The implementation of the greening works will create about 360 jobs (309 for labourers and 51 for professional/technical staff) providing a total employment of 7 400 man-months.

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- 22. We would in particular like to highlight the following points
 - (a) In implementing the proposed greening works, we shall adopt wider application of vertical greening (e.g. on footbridges, flyovers and retaining walls) to enhance greenery in the congested urban areas;
 - (b) In designing the greening works, we shall consider the use of both native species and non-native species, taking into account the planting objectives, the environmental conditions of the planting sites, the characteristics of the plant species and the aspirations of the DCs and the local communities (as reflected in their choice of planting themes). Under the project, we target to plant more than 70 different kinds of native species, which will constitute around 30% of the total quantity (compared with 15% for previously completed GMP works). The non-native species proposed (such as *Delonix regia* (鳳凰木), *Peltophorum pterocarpum* (雙翼豆), *Pterocarpus indicus* (紫檀)) are mainly those which have settled in Hong Kong or Southeast China and have proved to survive well; and
 - (c) In view of the economic downturn brought by the financial tsunami, we shall divide the works such that Group A and Group B contractors (which can tender for works contracts of value up to \$20 million and \$50 million respectively) as well as Group C contractors (which can tender for works contracts of any value exceeding \$50 million) can participate actively in the works as long as the works efficiency is not adversely affected.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- As mentioned in paragraph 8 above, in developing the GMPs for the remaining urban areas, we followed the Enhanced Partnering Approach whereby the DCs and the local communities were closely involved. In general, the relevant DCs formed a District Participation Group (DPG) to partner with the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), from inception to finalisation of the GMPs. In addition, community forums were organised jointly by the DPGs and CEDD to collect the views of the public and major stakeholders such as Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited, Hong Kong Housing Society and the utility undertakers.
- 24. The greening works for the GMPs proposed in this round received

the support of the respective DCs at the following meetings –

Kowloon West

- (a) Sham Shui Po DC meeting on 4 November 2008;
- (b) Kowloon City DC meeting on 13 November 2008;

Hong Kong Island

- (c) Central and Western DC's Food, Environment, Hygiene and Works Committee meeting on 24 July 2008;
- (d) Southern DC's District Development and Environment Committee meeting on 28 July 2008;
- (e) Eastern DC's Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee meeting on 10 October 2008;

Kowloon East

- (f) Wong Tai Sin DC's Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee meeting on 16 September 2008; and
- (g) Kwun Tong DC meeting on 4 November 2008.

WAY FORWARD

- 25. Subject to endorsement by this Panel, we shall proceed to seek funding approval from PWSC and FC in April and May 2009 respectively.
- With the approval of greening works for all GMPs in the urban areas, we shall proceed to develop GMPs in the New Territories (NT). Starting from mid 2009, we shall consult the DCs and other stakeholders in the NT for the development of the GMPs. Furthermore, pending the development of GMPs for the NT, we have implemented/will implement, as interim measures, greening enhancement schemes at focal points of various NT districts. In the past two years, a total of 34 schemes have been carried out, including beautification of the roadside amenity areas at the junction of Nam Wan Road and On Po Road of Tai Po, roundabout at Wong Chu Road of Tuen Mun, roadside amenity areas at Yuen Wo Road of Sha Tin and Fanling public transport interchange of the North District. More schemes will be identified in consultation with the NT DCs in due course.

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以尖沙咀及中環完成工程的照片展示綠化主題

(a) Tsim Sha Tsui 尖沙咀

Greening Master Plans

尖沙咀 Sha Tsui











Jade Necklace 翡翠玉帶



The concept of 'Jade Necklace' is intended to connect the existing and planned green nodal point such as Kowloon Park and Centenary Garden with new planting to form a green network in the congested urban fabric.

尖沙咀錢化總綱圖以「 灩 翠 玉 帶」 為主題,我們加入新的綠化 種種,把九雕公園,百週年紀念公園等一些現有及計劃中的綠化點 連繫起來,為市區建立一個綠色網絡



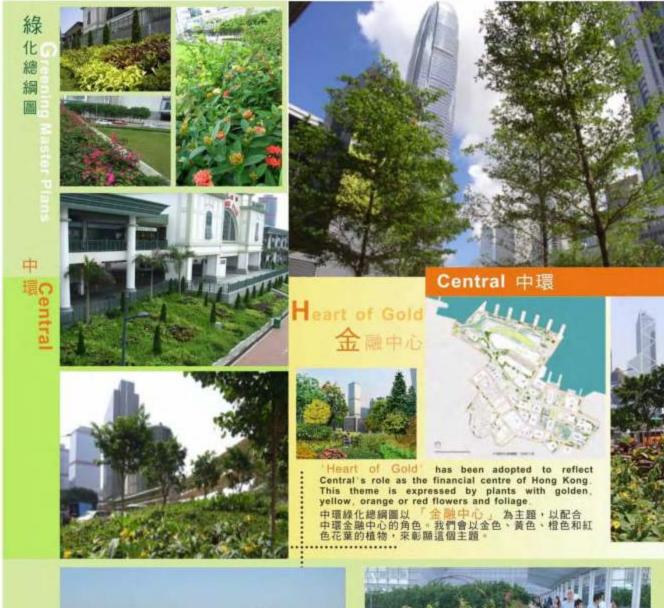






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(b) Central 中環



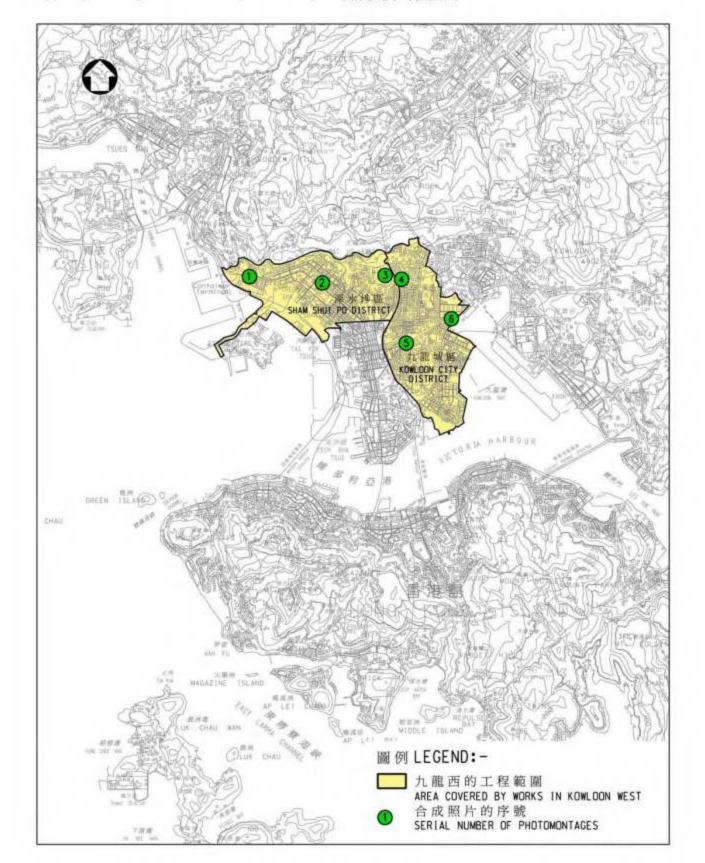






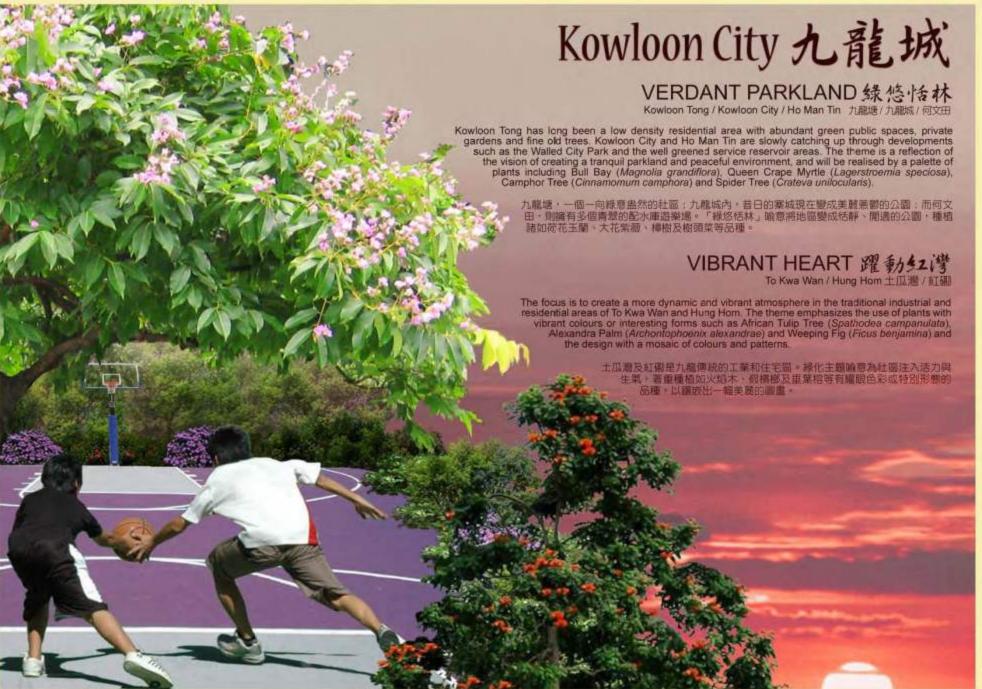
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(a) Map showing locations of the photomontages 合成照片的位置圖







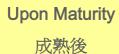


(c) Photomontages of some of the major schemes 部份主要綠化計劃的合成照片 (i) Sham Shui Po 深水埗

Proposed Greening Works 建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前





Example 1 – Mei Foo, adjacent to Lai Chi Kok Bridge Sham Shui Po

例1-深水埗美孚荔枝角大橋側

建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前

Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 2 - Cheung Sha Wan Road, Sham Shui Po 例2- 深水埗長沙灣道

建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前

Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 3 - Tat Chee Avenue, Sham Shui Po 例3 - 深水埗達之路

Proposed Greening Works 建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前

Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 4 - To Fuk Road near MTR Station Exit, Kowloon City

例4- 九龍城多福道近地鐵站出入口

建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前

Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 5 - Junction of Argyle Street and Waterloo Road, Kowloon City

例5- 九龍城亞皆老街及窩打老道交界處

建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前

Upon Maturity 成熟後

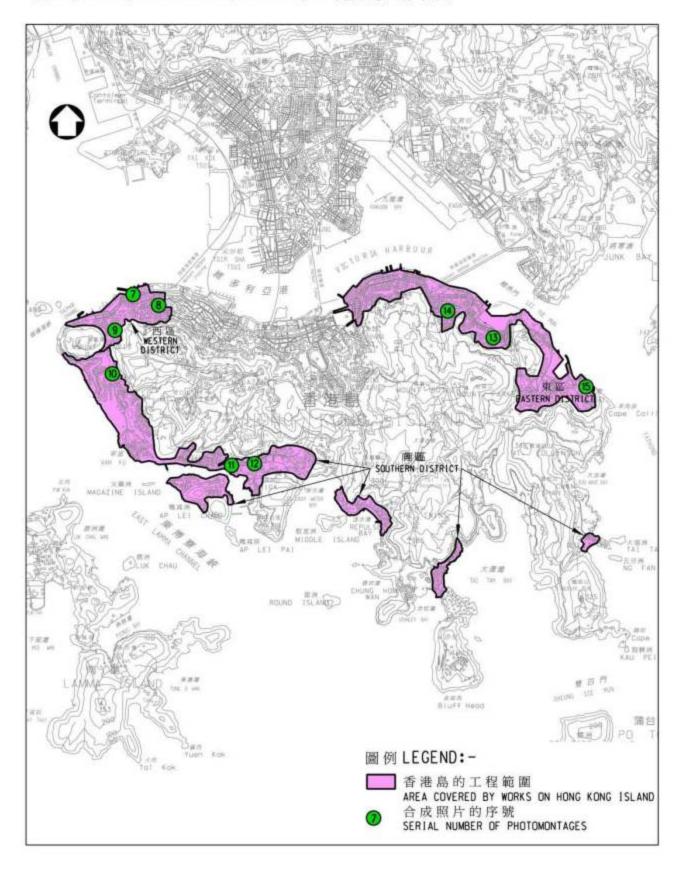


Example 6 - Argyle Street near Olympic Garden roundabout, Kowloon City

例6- 九龍城亞皆老街近世運花園迴旋處

Map showing locations of the photomontages, proposed themes and photomontages of some of the major schemes in the districts of Hong Kong Island (36CG) 香港島地區 (36CG)合成照片的位置圖、建議主題及部份主要綠化計劃的合成照片

(a) Map showing locations of the photomontages 合成照片的位置圖



Civil Elegance 文城稚樹 Sai Ying Pun 西灣館

Sai Ying Pun is an area enriched with historical monuments, educational institutions and Dr. Sun Yat-sen Historical Trail. The theme 'Civil Elegance' is appropriately chosen with the Scholar Tree (Sophora Japonica) and White Jade Orchid Tree (Michelia x alba) as the area's proposed signature trees to highlight the historical relationship between Dr. Sun and the University of Hong Kong, thereby creating an intellectual ambiance to the area.

西營盤是一個充滿歷史意義的地方,是歷史文物。著名院校和孫中山史蹟徑的所 在地。選擇有學者樹之稱的槐樹與白蘭映襯「文城雅樹」主題。不但能帶出孫中 山先生及香港大學與西營館園的歷史淵源。也讓書卷製魚融入社區、營造一個農

Western District 西區

Joyful Renaissance 『喜』動之城 Kennedy Town 堅尼地城

Kennedy Town is in the process of major revitalization through various redevelopment schemes, notably the MTR West Island Line. The theme 'Joyful Renaissance' depicts the bright prospect that would dawn on the area in the near future. Happy Tree (Camptotheca acuminata) is selected to hightlight the theme.

> 一系列發展項目包括港鐵西港島線將為堅尼地城換上一個嶄新 而富有動力的市區景象。「『喜』動之城」描畫出未來

Being situated at the guiet seashore of Southern District, these areas enjoy the panoramic seaview of South China Sea. Plant species with leaves which turn reddish in colour seasonally such as Terminalia catappa will be recommended to create a romantic atmosphere.

遺離緊靠層市的淺水灣、赤柱及石濱、在南區海灣自 成一角,坐擁南中國海的碧藍景色。建議栽種樹葉會 踏季節轉紅的植物,如微仁樹,以營造浪漫的氣氛。

RUBY SHORES赤映灣畔 Southern District 南區 Repulse Bay / Stanley / Shek O 遠水淵 / 赤柱 / 石澳 BAUHINIA NEIGHBOURHOOD 超 社 整 Aberdeen 李琪区

BAUHINIA NEIGHBOURHOOD 楓林紫影

Pok Fu Lam 薄扶林

Hong Kong's emblem tree, Hong Kong Orchid Tree (Bauhinia blakeana), was first discovered in Pok Fu Lam. Together with species like Sweet Gum (Liquidambar formosana), the theme Bauhinia Neighbourhood would be realised.

市花洋紫荊是首先在薄扶林發現的,配以楓香等植物、將可被托出「楓林紫影」這

'Incense Harbour' reflects Aberdeen as a traditional fishing harbour and once a port for export of incense. Aquilaria sinensis, which is commonly known as 'Incense tree' is chosen to highlight the origin of the Chinese name of Aberdeen.

「香樹漁港」既反映香港仔作為漁港的特色,亦點出曾經在邁 裏出口香料的歷史。建議種植用作製香原料的土沉香以點出香





- (c) Photomontages of some of the major schemes 部份主要綠化計劃的合成照片
 - (i) Western 西區

建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前





Example 7 - Fung Mat Road, Western 例7- 西區豐物道

Proposed Greening Works 建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前

Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 8 - Third Street near Sai Ying Pun Market, Western

例8- 西區第三街近西營盤街市

建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前

Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 9 - Pokfield Road, Western 例9-西區蒲飛路

(ii) Southern 南區

Proposed Greening Works 建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前

Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 10 - Pok Fu Lam Road near Queen Mary Hospital, Southern

例10- 南區薄扶林道近瑪麗醫院

Proposed Greening Works 建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前

Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 11 - Aberdeen Waterfront near Kwun Hoi Path, Southern

例11-南區香港仔海傍近觀海徑

Proposed Greening Works 建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前

Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 12 - Wong Chuk Hang Road near Nam Long Shan Road, Southern

例12-南區黃竹坑道近南朗山道

(iii) Eastern 東區

Proposed Greening Works 建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前





Example 13 - Shau Kei Wan Bus Terminus, Eastern

例13- 東區筲箕灣巴士總站

建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前

Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 14 - King's Road near Kornhill Garden, Eastern

例14- 東區英皇道近康山花園

Proposed Greening Works 建議的綠化工程



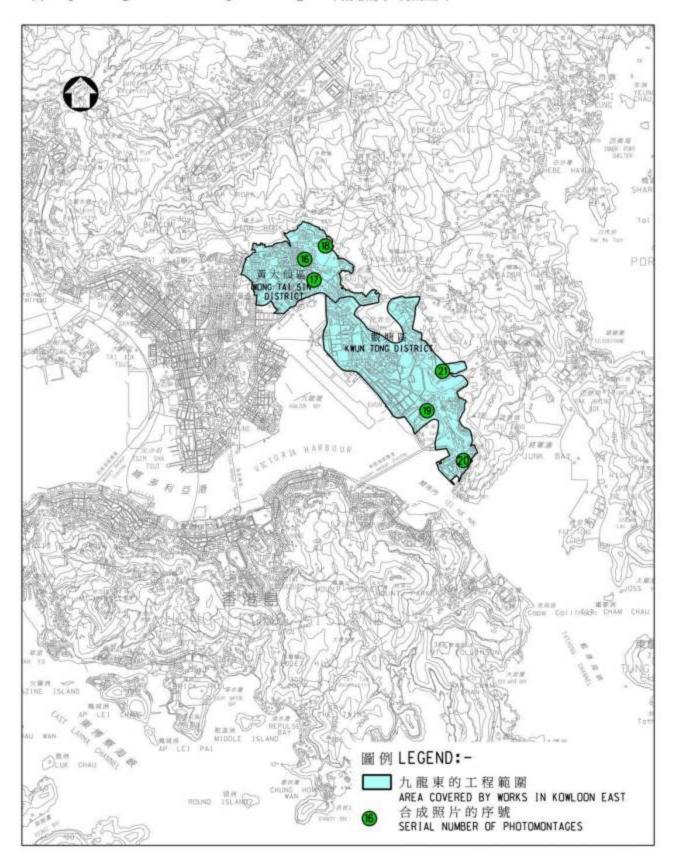
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Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 15 – Harmony Road, Eastern 例15- 東區富欣道 Map showing locations of the photomontages, proposed themes and photomontages of some of the major schemes in the districts of Kowloon East (40CG)
九龍東地區 (40CG)合成照片的位置圖、建議主題及部份主要綠化計劃的合成照片

(a) Map showing locations of the photomontages 合成照片的位置圖



Wong Tai Sin 黃大仙

CELESTIAL GARDEN 華園仙踪

Wong Tai Sin / Diamond Hill / Chuk Yuen 黃大仙 / 鑽石山 / 竹侧

The theme reflects the spiritual and religious significance of 'Wong Tai Sin Temple' and 'Chi Lin Nunnery' to the region, and species commonly found in traditional Chinese gardens, such as Dragon Juniper (Juniperus chinensis 'Kaizuca') will be selected. Such species will be supplemented by others like Peepul Tree (Ficus religiosa) which has a religious connection and Yellow Pui (Tabebula chrysantha) whose golden flowers echo with the golden roof of Wong Tai Sin Temple.



SUNNY PROSPECT 曉巒翠景 Ngau Tau Kok / Sau Mau Ping /Lam Tin 牛頭角 / 秀茂坪/藍田

The theme depicts the fine view of sunrise between Victoria Harbour and the green mountainous backdrop behind Ngau Tau Kok, Sau Mau Ping and Lam Tin. This symbolizes the bright prospect of the region. The plant palette, including Camel's Foot Tree (Bauhinia variegata), Jacaranda (Jacaranda mimosifolia) and Batavia Cinnamon (Cinnamomum burmannii), creates a matrix of vivid and lively colours that echo with the uplifting energy.

「曉巒翠景」描繪在牛頭角、秀茂坪及藍田一帶遠眺維港兩岸及翠綠群山的日出美景,並祝願該區美好的發展前景。栽 種宮粉羊蹄甲、藍花楹及陰香等色彩繽紛的喬木,能營造一個既和諧又優美的居住環境。

JADE CRESCENT 翠堤灣畔 Kowloon Bay / Kwun Tong / Cha Kwo Ling / Lei Yue Mun 九龍灣 / 觀塘 / 茶果嶺 / 鯉魚門

The sheltered bay setting connects the coastal areas from Kowloon Bay to Lei Yue Mun. The theme 'Jade Crescent' accentuates the evolution and progress of these areas and the greening opportunities along the coast through redevelopment. The palette contains species of vivid colours like Purple Tabebuia (Tabebuia impetiginosa) and Kassod Tree (Cassia siamea), which allude to the bright potential of the region, and species, like Cuban Bast (Hibiscus tiliaceus) and Chinese Elaeocarpus (Elaeocarpus chinensis), which adapt to the coastal environment.

「翠堤灣畔」不但描繪九龍灣至鯉魚門一帶的海灣地形,亦揭示沿海地區未來重建所帶來的綠化機 會。選擇的品種有風鈴木及鐵刀木等有艷麗花朵的喬木,代表地區的亮麗發展前景,配以黃槿及 野杜英等適合岸邊栽種的品種。

Kwun Tong 觀塘



- (c) Photomontages of some of the major schemes 部份主要綠化計劃的合成照片
 - (i) Wong Tai Sin 黄大仙

建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前

Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 16 – Fung Tak Road near Fung Tak Park, Wong Tai Sin

例16- 黄大仙鳳德街近鳳德公園

建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前

Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 17 - Choi Hung Road, Wong Tai Sin 例17- 黃大仙彩虹道

建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前

Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 18 - Po Kong Village Road, Wong Tai Sin

例18- 黄大仙蒲崗村道

建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前





Example 19 – Intersection of Lei Yue Mun Road and
Tseung Kwan O Road, Kwun Tong
例19-觀塘鯉魚門道與將軍澳道交界

建議的綠化工程

Before Planting 種植前



Upon Maturity 成熟後



Example 20 - Junction of Lei Yue Mun Road and Ko Chiu Road, Kwun Tong

例20- 觀塘鯉魚門道及高超道交界處

建議的綠化工程



Before Planting 種植前





Example 21 - Junction of Sau Mau Ping Road and Po Lam Road, Kwun Tong

例21- 觀塘秀茂坪道及寶琳路交界處

Area covered by GMPs for remaining urban areas 市區餘下地區級化總網圖的覆蓋範圍

