



**Panel on Development**  
**Special meeting on 1 June 2013 to receive public views on**  
**Enhancing land supply strategy: reclamation**  
**And rock cavern development – Stage 2 public engagement**

On account of the information made available in the Stage 2 Public Engagement Digest, Dashun would not be in a position to offer **specific** views on:

- i. The land uses we wish to include in the proposed reclamation and rock cavern development; and
- ii. The land uses we wish to include on the artificial islands in the central waters.

Therefore Dashun's comments/ observations submitted herewith are generic in nature rather than specific. We are of the view that reclamation and cavern development are viable sources of land supply. However, a strategic approach for both reclamation and rock cavern development is essential. Moreover, site specific enhancement measures for each development are necessary.

On **reclamation**, we consider that:

- i. In all reclamations, the existing ecological value should be preserved as far as practicable.
- ii. Reclamations should be delicately designed to create opportunities to restore ecological conditions that are preferred.
- iii. Apart from meeting the objectives of individual reclamation projects, multiple types of eco-shorelines should be considered along a particular length of the shore. In this respect, there are plentiful overseas experiences and applications in other parts of the world for Hong Kong to share. Many countries have also issued Guidelines on Eco-shorelines which are extremely good references on the subject.

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On the **rock cavern** development initiative, equally we support a holistic approach in the planning and execution of the initiative to ensure it will become not only a strategic and sustainable means in Hong Kong's land supply, it will support Hong Kong's economic and social development. The formulation of a long term strategy for rock cavern development is the first and foremost step to this end. Based on that, rock cavern master plans could then be prepared, and relevant policy guidelines are issued for use by the relevant departments and public authorities.

On the above, Dashun would be willing to offer further views and expertise in the process.