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Enhancing Land Supply Strategy
Reclamation and Rock Cavern Development

Since year 2011, Chun Wo Foundation had been following and supporting the study on enhancing land supply development for Hong Kong. In March this year, DEVB launched the stage II public engagement and commenced a series of public forums and roving exhibitions. From the stage I PE report, we understand that five reclamation and three rock cavern sites are selected. Over the years, supply of land is crucial to the people's living and continuous development of Hong Kong. We welcome the ideas of building a land reserve through different means and would like to share our views for the well-being of our society.

On the five selected reclamations, we noticed that the study had addressed concerns of the public and had specifically indicated the potential uses of the land. Although they all come along with a theme, we would like to see in this Stage II PE uses to include parks, recreation areas, marine sports center, business centers, data centers, exhibition areas, outlet malls, temporary pre-fabrication yards, high and low density housing and high-ended industrial area. A center man-made island is also a viable source to provide land reserves. Hong Kong has to maintain its competitiveness to its neighboring cities and we shall increase our economic pillars for internal consumptions and international businesses. But we have to take into account the effect to the dwellers, minimize its impact to ecology and the environment as well as infrastructure burden when we carry out the Stage II public engagement.

In Hong Kong, there are treatment plants, waste transfer facility and explosive magazine in caverns already. We shall speed up the feasibility study of these selected sites. Materials coming out from the caverns can serve as construction material for the reclamation and infrastructure development. Relocating these plants will enhance access to the seafront and shall be promoted. As in central, we shall try to return part of these lands to the public. Sai Kung is known for its water sports and marina, a place for leisure and recreation. We see caverns can provide an alternate mean to regenerate land.

Reclamation and Caverns can generate land, but we have to bear in mind the protection of our shore-line, our ecology, the environment and create a harmonious living and city with room for continuous development. Chun Wo foundation will continue to attend the PE and will contribute our ideas in a timely manner to make this Pearl of the Orient an ever lasting city.