

Proposal for Development Strategy for Lantau

Introduction

Tung Chung has been developed into a new town in phases. In 1997, the Airport Core Programme project was completed in Tung Chung Development Phase 1. Later on, the construction of the associated infrastructure was commenced under Tung Chung Development Phase 2. Due to capacity of infrastructure, reclamation of land, construction of seawall and extension of drainage culverts were conducted in Tung Chung Development Phase 3A.

Nowadays, there is significant population growth after several development phases. In order to boost the development of the community, Tung Chung New Town Extension Study is being carried out. I am writing to express my opinions over housing, social and local needs, economic and environmental.

Housing

One of the principle objectives of the development is to increase land supply for satisfying housing and other development needs. I appreciate this idea the most since the housing problem in Hong Kong is an issue relating to most of the citizen. The supply of residential land use is very tight. The new generation, especially the 1980s and 1990s, found it much more difficult to own their house after marriage.

The proposed development raised that 4 residential areas will be developed in Tung Chung East and 4 residential areas will be constructed in Tung Chung West. In my opinion, the ratio of private housings and public housings should be decided after deeply consideration. As the richer people are comparatively easier to own a living place in downtown, they may not consider Tung Chung as the first priority of living. Larger percentages of public housings, in my words, 70%, should be built. The increase of population can benefit other aspects throughout Tung Chung Development.

Social and Local Needs

Another aim of the development is to increase job opportunities and to enhance

community facilities. As the major parties of new population intakes are younger generations, they make the supply of labor force sufficient. Under the new development, they can participate in the service, construction, tourism and several labor-intensive industries. And the increase of citizen can attract employers to offer more career opportunities in Tung Chung. Government should focus on providing support to employers to develop their business in Tung Chung.

Moreover, the rapid growth of citizen also indicates the need of social infrastructures. For instances, schools, hospitals, police force, leisure center, parks and etc. I strongly hope government can not only focus on other aspects, but also give deeply consideration to social aspects.

Economic

In order to completely develop a community, well planned economic development is a must. Government should have good cooperation with large scale business corporations to develop different investments. Hotels, shopping malls, business centers are ideas for development.

Environmental

In order to develop a sustainable community, green development must be considered. In my opinion, the number of trees cut should be as least as possible. Cutting trees should be considered as the last method at any time. And more trees should be planted. And the main strategy of development is green.

Conclusion

The development for Tung Chung can benefits most parties of the society, if the government can lead it to a well-planned way.

I sincerely hope that my opinions are considered.

Regards,

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