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Annual Work Progress of Cyberport and the Cyberport Expansion Project
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Dear Chairman and Members,

The community in Pokfulam will lose 25% of its popular waterfront park with the expansion of Cyberport. Over 1,100 residents objected to the zoning changes.

To mitigate the loss of park space, we learned that there would be enhancements to the remaining park.

It was understood that some HK\$400million of the HK\$5.5bn funding would be set aside for this. The amount set aside for park enhancement is absent in the captioned paper.

Moreover, the budget presented has been prepared without first consulting the community. The enhancements listed in paragraph 39 fall short of community aspirations.

The residents love their open space lawn. They are not asking for ICT and smart living in the park. The residents would like a roof over the pier, play facilities such as swings, skateboarding and foremost, they ask for a connection with Sandy Bay along the sea.

The Southern District Council unanimously passed a motion on 18 July 2019:

“In consideration of the expansion of Cyberport, the Southern District Council requests the implementation of three associated projects which will improve the connection between Cyberport and the neighbouring communities, and provide greater convenience for everyone:

- *the improvement of nearby road junctions;*
- *a pedestrian bridge over Waterfall Bay; and*
- *an elevated walkway along the shore between Telegraph Bay and Sandy Bay.”*



We urge LegCo to investigate the budget for the Cyberport expansion, and future Pokfulam waterfront:

1. When will Cyberport consult the community on the mitigation for the loss of the park area?
2. When will Cyberport consult the community on the enhancement of the park?
3. How can Cyberport determine a budget without first communicating with the local residents?
4. In the absence of consultation of the community, what enhancements of the park and waterfront are included in 4.792b budget?
5. Does the budget include improving connectivity of Cyberport with Sandy Bay?
6. Does the budget include a roof over the pier?
7. Does the budget include play facilities such as slides and swings? Skateboarding? Others?
8. Who will pay for the promised road junction improvements to alleviate traffic generated by the additional office space? What are the latest schemes of such important works?
9. What funding will be set aside for associated projects identified above?

I call on LegCo to redirect Government on the above, to support the users of the park, and to support the community of Pokfulam.

The Town Planning Board increased community oversight over the new building by requiring prior approval of the Master Layout Plan. However, there has been no consultation on the development of the park. It is disturbing and regrettable to see that “You take their park. But you don’t give back.”

Yours sincerely

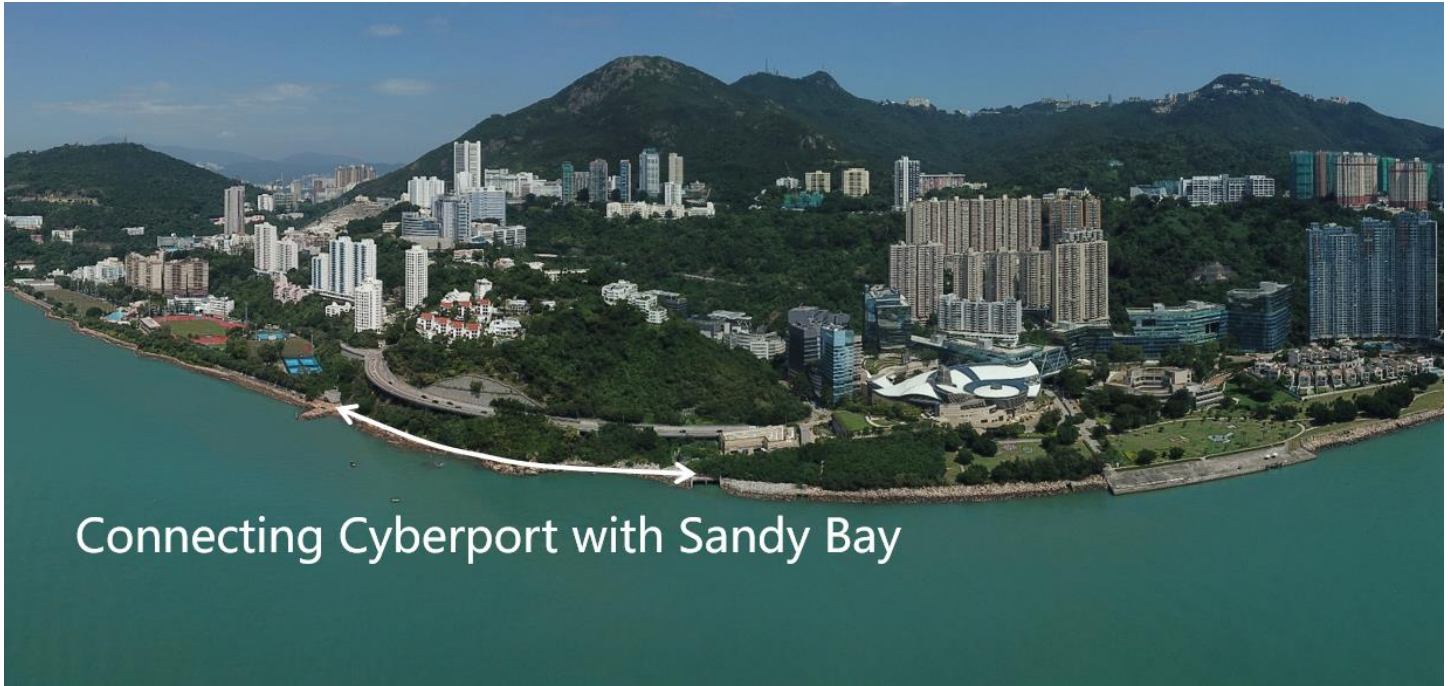
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Annex

Connecting Cyberport with Sandy Bay



Example at Deep Water Bay:
Mills & Chung Path
例子：深水灣苗鍾徑



An elevated walkway along the shore
between Telegraph Bay and Sandy Bay
於鋼線灣與大口環的兩岸
建設高架行人走廊



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Connecting Cyberport with Wah Fu Estate over Waterfall Bay





Examples of facilities residents would like to see as compensation for the loss of open space

Play facilities for children





Play facilities for older children





A roof over the pier

