

For information

Legislative Council Panel on Economic Services

**Environmental Impact Assessment
for the Development of Hong Kong Disneyland**

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on progress of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies in connection with the development of Hong Kong Disneyland (HKD).

EIA Studies

2. In accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO), the Civil Engineering Department has completed the following EIA studies and submitted the reports to the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) on 1 March 2000 -

- (a) an EIA study under the Northshore Lantau Development Feasibility Study (NLDFS) which looked at, among other things, the cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed developments at north-east Lantau, including Penny's Bay, Tsing Chau Tsai East and Yam O, and the construction of the Chok Ko Wan Link Road; and
- (b) an EIA study for the construction of an International Theme Park at Penny's Bay of North Lantau and its essential associated infrastructures, including reclamation, a water recreation centre, roads, a pedestrian walkway, a rail link, a public transport interchange, piers, stormwater drainage system, sewerage facilities, irrigation, water supply and utility services, slope formation and stabilization, screening and landscaping works.

3. Findings are set out in -
 - (a) Highlights of the two reports at Annexes I and II;
 - (b) Executive Summaries of the two reports at Annexes III and IV; and
 - (c) the full reports which have been deposited with the Secretariat.

Position To-date and Way Forward

4. On 11 March 2000, DEP decided that the two EIA reports had met the requirements of their respective Study Briefs and the Technical Memorandum of the EIAO. Following this, the reports have been made available for public inspection since 13 March 2000 for a period of 30 days. Members of the public can provide their comments to DEP within this period.
5. The two EIA reports are scheduled to be presented to the EIA Sub-Committee of the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) in early April 2000 and the ACE full Council in mid April 2000.
6. After receiving the comments of the public and the ACE, DEP will decide whether the EIA reports should be approved and Environmental Permits (EPs) should be issued. The reclamation contract for Penny's Bay will only be awarded after the EPs have been issued.

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