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SUBCOMMITTEE TO FOLLOW UP THE OUTSTANDING CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS OF THE FORMER MUNICIPAL COUNCILS

Progress Report

PURPOSE

This paper reports on the progress of the Stanley Complex and Hammer Hill Road Park projects.

PROGRESS TO DATE

3046RG – Stanley Complex

We consulted the Southern District Council on the tree preservation plan of the project on 8 July 2002. It supported the plan and requested two Bombax trees to be transplanted as far as possible. We are making arrangements for this, and aim at upgrading the project to Category A before end of this year. Assuming everything goes smoothly, construction works would start in mid-2003 for completion in early 2006. The estimated capital and recurrent costs of the project are \$172.4M and \$6.3M per annum respectively.

3370RO – Hammer Hill Road Park

3. We briefed Members on 2 May 2002 on the background and progress of the Hammer Hill Road Park project, followed by a presentation of the proposed layout design by the Chi Lin Nunnery (CLN). We reported to the Wong Tai Sin District Council again on 24 September 2002 on how we had followed up their suggestions for some minor refinement to the layout design of the park. CLN is now in the course of finalizing the design incorporating all subsequent proposals where possible.

4. We have been actively discussing with CLN to work out details of the proposed entrustment arrangement to ensure proper monitoring and smooth delivery of the project. We intend to make a submission to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee to upgrade the project to Category A of the Public Works Programme by the end of 2002. The estimated capital and recurrent costs of the project are \$245M and \$5.476M per annum respectively. Since part of the construction work, comprising the add-on work like the Tang Dynasty style buildings and pavilions/matured old trees/features rocks/Bonsais, etc, will be contributed by CLN at an estimated cost of \$68M, Government's total commitment for the entire project, in terms of capital cost, will be capped at \$177M. We are in discussion with CLN to explore ways to minimize the annual management and maintenance costs of the park such as using materials requiring less maintenance.

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