

**LegCo Members' meeting with
Southern District Council members
on 2 May 2002**

Issues raised by members of Southern District Council (SDC) at the meeting

- (a) SDC members generally supported the proposed development framework and conceptual development option for Aberdeen Harbour, and desperately hoped that the development programme could be implemented as early as possible, so as to promote the development of tourism in the Southern District.
- (b) SDC members considered it necessary to construct Route 7 between Kennedy Town and Aberdeen as well as the Second Ap Lei Chau Bridge so as to cope with the increased flow in traffic brought about by the development. They hoped that the Government would provide proper interface facilities for land transport (including provision of adequate parking spaces) and marine transport under the programme.
- (c) SDC members were also concerned about the removal and relocation of the shipyards and machinery plants at Po Chong Wan and Ap Lei Chau so that the viability of these industries would not be adversely affected in future.
- (d) SDC members suggested that the typhoon shelter be widened as a relief to the increasingly overcrowded harbour.
- (e) SDC members considered that in implementing the Fisherman's Wharf development project, the Administration should consider improving and controlling the water quality of the Harbour. As it was necessary to keep the water flow between Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau clear, the Administration should conduct a study and make reference to overseas experience in this regard.
- (f) According to the consultation paper provided by the Planning Department, the Administration would incorporate a number of tourism and recreational uses in the harbour area, including an entertainment complex and an outdoor performing venue. SDC members hoped that the Administration would examine the views of SDC in detail to see how the conceptual plan of constructing a civic centre could be incorporated into the harbour development programme so as to achieve a win-win situation.

- (g) SDC members proposed that a multi-purpose civic centre with 600 to 800 seats be constructed under the harbour development programme in order to provide a venue for tourists to enjoy district cultural and arts performances and meet the local demand for civic facilities. They considered that the Administration should, by making reference to the experiences of overseas countries, construct a performing arts complex at international standard, and organize cultural and arts programmes with characteristics of the Special Administrative Region or of oriental style.
- (h) Some SDC members considered that the focus of the redevelopment concept lacked a clear theme. It might not be able to attract overseas tourists to the District even if a wide range of tourism and recreational facilities were provided in the Harbour.