Tung Chung Cable Car Project

Presentation to
Bills Committee
Legislative Council

31 March 2003

The Presentation

- Project Description
- Progress Status
- Project Benefits
Project Description

Major Milestones

- July 2001 ➤ Competitive Bids submitted to Government
- July 2002 ➤ Government entered into a Provisional Agreement with MTRC in preference to others
- Mid 2003 ➤ Project Agreement (PA)
- Immediately after PA ➤ Construction commences
- Third quarter of 2005 ➤ Public opening
Scope

- Tung Chung Terminal Complex
- Walkway to Citygate
- Cable Car system
- Angle stations at Airport Island and Country Park
- Ngong Ping Terminal and Theme Village
Cable Car System

- Tung Chung to Ngong Ping via Airport Island
- Total 5.7km in length
- 2 angle stations
- 8 towers

The Journey

- Travelling time circa 20 minutes
- Magnificent views
  - Tung Chung Area
  - Airport
  - South China Sea
  - Statue of Buddha
  - Po Lin Monastery
Ngong Ping Terminal and Theme Village

Project Objectives

- 30 year BOT franchise
- Integrated cultural and environmental tourism experience
- High quality, “must-see”
- Complement Ngong Ping environment
- Reasonable financial return
Project Framework

- Cable Car System + Terminal Buildings
  - Build-Own-Operate-Transfer basis
  - Enabling Ordinance for 30 years franchise period
  - No land title
- Ngong Ping Theme Village
  - Private Treaty Grant for 30 years
- Aerial Ropeways (Safety) Ordinance

Government Organization

- Tourism Commission
  - Project owner
  - Providing overall direction of the Project
- Territory Development Department
  - Government agent to handle technical issues
  - Focal point of contact with government departments
  - EMSD, BD, EPD
  - LandsD, PlanD, HyD
  - TD, DSD, WSD
Growing the Pie

![Bar chart showing increase in visitors to Ngong Ping (M) from 2001 to 2016.]

Business Viability

- MTRCL listed company
- MTR patronage forecasts and market research
- Viable business case, set out in project proposal
- No subsidy from Government
- $1 royalty/passenger to Government
- Parallel works by Government
  - Sewage Treatment Plant
  - Piazza area
  - Water supply and drainage systems
  - Public Transport Interchange

Entrusted Works

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Progress Status

Project Framework

- Tung Chung Cable Car Bill
  - Gazetted on 30 January 2003
  - To LegCo on 12 February 2003
- Aerial Ropeways Amendment Regulation 2003
  - To be gazetted in April/May 2003
- Project Agreement
  - At drafting stage
Environmental Focus

- Close liaison with EPD, CMPB
- On-going consultation with Green Groups
  - Friends of the Earth
  - Green Lantau
  - Green Power
  - Conservancy Association
  - Kadoorie Farms
- EIA submitted to EPD on 30 January 2003
- EIA published in March 2003

Tourism Issues

- Consultation with
  - Hong Kong Tourism Board
  - Tour Operators
- Two distinct markets
  - Mainland/Taiwan
  - Others
- Further research required in the Mainland/Taiwan
Community / Interest Groups

- On-going consultation with
  - Monastery / Buddhist Groups
  - Green Groups
  - Country and Marine Parks Board
  - Schools
  - Islands District Council
  - Bus operators
  - Rural Committees
  - many others

Supply Chain - Key Members

- Skyrail-ITM - Operator and Consultant
- Leitner - Cable Car Supplier
- Aedas LPT - Design Consultant
- Maeda - Building Contractor
Project Management

- Experienced MTRCL project team
  - includes site supervision, coordination and PR
  - Proven systems
- Expert cable car operating input from Skyrail-ITM and Leitner

Cable Car System

- Alignment, location of angle stations, towers confirmed
Cable Car System

- Bi-cable System
- Cabin 17 person capacity with 10 seats

Ngong Ping Development

- Themed attractions
- Educational
- Food outlets
- Retail
Integration with Ngong Ping

- Consistent design approach for the Cable Car facilities and neighbouring developments
  - **Piazza area**
  - **Public transport interchange**
  - **Sewage treatment plant**
Benefits of the Project

♦ New employment
  ➤ 300 people during construction stage
  ➤ 300 people for operation
♦ Growing the pie at Ngong Ping
♦ New tourism attraction for Hong Kong
♦ Supporting Lantau as a tourism destination

Thank You