Urban Planning and Design for the Central Waterfront

Designing Hong Kong Initiatives

 Rezoning amendments for Central waterfront

HK\$1million international planning and design competition

Expand objectives of Central reclamation review

Central Waterfront Amendments

- 23 rezoning amendments summarizing November 2006 workshop
- Give more and smaller developers a chance to own the waterfront
- Increased competition and vibrancy
- Improved air ventilation and visual corridors
- Lower development density and less cars
- Smaller roads and priority on rail

Central Waterfront Amendments

- Reduce height and size of buildings between IFC and ferry piers
- Convert Statue Square Corridor into street level parks
- Split groundscraper into 3 separate properties
- Split festival market into 2 separate properties
- Re-instate Queen's Pier and Star Ferry Clock Tower in original location
- Convert half of PLA barracks into open space
- Built a pier for the PLA to free up the waterfront
- Reduce height and size of buildings in front of APA
- Reduce width of P2
- Reserve land for a tram along the waterfront, built underground rail now

Expand Central Waterfront Review

An independent transport review

- Largest transport interchange in HK
 - · Review transport services and infrastructure
- Prioritize rail
 - · Reserve land for a tram along the waterfront, built underground rail now
- Reduce land sterilized by roads
 - Reduce width of P2 (without significant reduction in capacity)

Review development timeline

Reduce construction time by building rail tunnel now

Review urban planning

- Plot sizes and land uses
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- Prioritize heritage
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Expand Central Waterfront Review

Review to be managed by HEC

Government's conflict of interest limits legitimacy of outcome

Comprehensive Harbour Study

- How to use the entire harbour-front to satisfy territorial requirements
- Expand CBD along the entire harbour-front

International competition

 200 international registrations, designs in September

































