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Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs

**2017 Policy Address
Policy Initiatives of Home Affairs Bureau**

Introduction

The policy portfolio of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) covers a wide range of areas including mainly youth development, sport, culture and arts, and district administration. The 2017 Policy Address proposes a series of policy initiatives on these aspects. This paper presents our visions, new initiatives and major ongoing initiatives.

Our Vision

2. For youth development, our vision is to foster a culture of multi-faceted excellence and nurture young people as future masters of Hong Kong with vision, creativity, leadership and commitment. We strive to achieve this vision by providing diversified learning, training and development opportunities to young people with different aspirations; encouraging young people to develop an active approach to life and a positive sense of social awareness; deepening young people's understanding of the development of our country and that of Hong Kong; broaden young people's global perspectives; and helping young people understand their individual rights and preparing them to take on social obligations. We will continue to work closely with the Commission on Youth (CoY), the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE), community organisations and various Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) in fostering youth development work.

3. The SAR Government has been implementing the three policy objectives of its sports policy, i.e. promoting the pleasure and benefits of sports for persons of different ages and abilities, providing support to elite athletes from various aspects, and helping to attract more major international sports events to Hong Kong.

4. On culture and the arts, our vision is to develop Hong Kong into an international cultural metropolis. We support the freedom of artistic expression and creation and foster the vibrant development of our

cultures. We have been actively creating an environment conducive to the diversified development of culture and the arts; providing opportunities for wide participation in culture and the arts; devoting resources to nurturing talent and encouraging innovation; and supporting the preservation and promotion of our traditional cultures.

5. We will take forward the CE's concept of "addressing district issues at the local level and capitalising on local opportunities" in strengthening district administration. We have been providing support for District Councils (DCs) to facilitate them in playing an enhanced role in resolving district issues, participating in the management of livelihood related district facilities, and implementing District Minor Works Programme and community involvement activities.

New Initiatives

6. Having regard to the above-mentioned vision, we will launch the following new initiatives.

Youth Development

7. In the past few years, we have endeavoured to implement an array of youth development measures to nurture our next generation. Youth development work spans a wide spectrum and involves different policy areas. In order to articulate our work in youth development to the public, we have compiled a booklet, summarising the initiatives in this regard introduced by various Policy Bureaux during the past years. We hope that members of the public can learn more about our work through this booklet. Youth development work requires interaction among stakeholders so that it may evolve continuously in response to the needs of the time. We shall invite the CoY to explore the future direction of the youth development policy in Hong Kong in collaboration with the relevant Policy Bureaux, young people and other stakeholders involved in youth development.

Increase and enhance sports and recreation facilities

8. Following the population growth and the increasing number of people participating in sports activities, we need to increase public sports and recreation facilities. The Policy Address announced that \$20 billion will be spent in the coming five years to launch 26 projects to develop new or improve existing sports and recreation facilities, including two sports grounds, nine football pitches, one sports centre, four swimming pool complexes, two lawn bowling greens, one cycling ground, four

tennis courts, 11 outdoor basketball courts and 20 open spaces. In addition, we will also conduct technical feasibility study (TFS) for another 15 sports and recreation facility projects to prepare for their implementation in the future. The information and locations of the projects is at **Annex 1**.

9. These 41 projects cover all 18 districts - leading to the provision of at least one heated pool for each of the 18 districts, increasing or enhancing district sports and recreation facilities, and implementing 12 projects carried forward from the two former Municipal Councils. These projects are long-awaited by the districts and will provide, apart from popular sports and recreation facilities such as football pitches, swimming pools, sports grounds and outdoor basketball courts, a number of standard venues first provided in Hong Kong, including ice-rink, baseball field and cricket field at Sports Complex at Whitehead. These projects can significantly increase the provision of and improve sports and recreation facilities as well as open spaces, so as to encourage members of the public to exercise regularly and improve the quality of living. They will also provide additional training facilities for “national sports associations” (NSAs) and athletes, and facilitate the diversification of sports development.

10. The Government plans to consult the Legislative Council on five of the projects in the current legislative year, including Waterfront Promenade adjacent to the Hong Kong Children’s Hospital, Pre-construction Works for Sports Ground and Open Space in Area 16, Tuen Mun, Avenue Park at Kai Tak, Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong and Open Space at Sze Mei Street, San Po Kong. With the support of the respective Panels, we will consult the Public Works Subcommittee and seek funding approval from the Finance Committee.

Kai Tak Sports Park

11. The pre-construction works for the Kai Tak Sports Park project nearly complete. We plan to consult the Panel on Home Affairs and the Public Works Subcommittee in the first quarter of this year and seek funding approval from the Finance Committee for the main works. We hope that the main works of the Kai Tak Sports Park could commence in 2018 for completion in around 2022. When completed, the Kai Tak Sports Park will provide high quality and diversified sports facilities and a large landscaped park for the enjoyment of the public. It will also help attract more major sports events to Hong Kong that would allow members of the public to cheer for our athletes in person.

12. Following the implementation of the Kai Tak Sports Park, the Government will consider the role of the Hong Kong Stadium. We will carry out TFS for the Hong Kong Stadium (one of the 15 projects for conducting TFS as mentioned in paragraph 8 above) and consider redeveloping it into a sports ground. The Government will also consult Wan Chai District Council and other stakeholders on the proposal to use the Wan Chai Sports Ground for comprehensive development in due course.

Promotion of School Sport

13. Sporting habits developed in the young age help promote the health of students and enhance the sporting culture. Schools are the best place for school children to develop sporting habits. The Policy Address announced that the Education Bureau and the Home Affairs Bureau will encourage public sector schools to further open up their facilities, and to review the promotion of sports at schools. We are considering providing additional funding support for schools which open up their facilities, which could enable efficient use of resources on one hand and enhance sporting culture in schools on the other, enabling school children to enjoy and benefit from sports in classroom activities and beyond.

New Intelligent Sports and Recreation Services Booking and Information System

14. To promote sport for all and support the digital development and the development of Hong Kong as a “smart city” in the Chief Executive’s 2016 Policy Address, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will develop a new intelligent system for Hong Kong’s public sports and recreation services to allow more efficient, convenient and user-friendly booking of the sports and recreation facilities and participation in activities provided by the LCSD, thereby encouraging members of the public to exercise regularly and lead a healthy lifestyle.

15. The intelligent system is a newly designed computerised booking and information system, using the Internet and mobile technology as the main channels for booking of sports and recreation facilities and enrolment of activities. The system includes a network of smart self-service stations will be located in about 270 leisure venues to allow members of the public to access the intelligent system as well as a newly designed mobile application to enable members of the public to book sports and recreation facilities and enroll in activities in a more

relaxed way.

16. Apart from the basic booking functions, the new intelligent system will provide a series of enhanced and personalised functions, including instant viewing of booking records of sports and recreation facilities and activities, receipt of notifications and reminders, such as information about the available facilities and activities due to open for enrolment according to the users' preference, information about the emergency closure of venues due to inclement weather as well as cancellation of activities etc. In addition, the public can also make self check-in for the booked facilities or self-registration of attendance for the enrolled activities at the smart self-service stations. The public can also make instant registration as members of the system to enjoy a series of personalised functions.

Additional Funding for NSAs

17. The development of sport becomes more and more diversified. The community attaches increasing importance to the governance of NSAs and there is an increasing demand for NSAs to organise more sports events and international competitions. The LCSD will allocate additional resources to NSAs for enhancing their governance and management and organising more large scale sports events and international competitions so as to further promote sports development.

18. Furthermore, LCSD plans to organise a series of thematic courses on corporate governance for members of the Board / management of NSAs in 2017 and 2018. Such training will not only enhance capabilities of NSAs in performing their roles and responsibilities in organising, managing and strengthening internal controls for meeting the expectation and changing needs of the society, but will also better prepare them for the opportunities and the challenges ahead.

Supporting Elite Athletes

19. The Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF) was set up by the Government in 2012 to provide the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) with a stable and sustainable financial source so as to support the development of elite sports. Since the establishment of the EADF, the number of full-time elite athletes supported by the HKSI has increased significantly by over 80% to more than 330. Currently, the HKSI provides elite training support to over 1 200 athletes, including around 400 junior athletes and 60 athletes with disabilities. The Policy Address announced an injection of \$1 billion to the fund to enhance the support to

elite training, such as reinforcing the coaching team and training partner arrangements and enhancing scientific and medical support, with the aim of grooming athletes to achieve better results in international sporting events.

Supporting Retired Athletes

20. In 2008, the Government provided \$8.5 million to the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China to set up the Hong Kong Athletes Career and Education Programme (the HKACEP) and has provided recurrent subvention for its office expenses. Since its inception, the HKACEP has provided support to more than 1 000 athletes on employment, education and life skills to assist them in career planning. As the number of athletes increases, the services of HKACEP become more diversified to meet the needs of individual athlete. The Policy Agenda announced an injection of \$9 million will be made to the HKACEP to support its continuous development.

Manpower of the Recreation and Sport Branch at HAB

Duties of Recreation and Sport Branch

21. The Recreation and Sport Branch (R&S Branch) under HAB is in charge of policies relating to sports development. The duties and responsibilities of R&S Branch is at **Annex 2**. The Branch is headed by an Administrative Officer Staff Grade B (D3) (i.e. the Commissioner for Sports) who is currently supported at directorate level by a permanent Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (AOSGC) (D2) (PAS(RS)1) and her Recreation and Sport Division (1). There is another Principal Assistant Secretary (Recreation and Sport)² (PAS(RS)2), filled up by a supernumerary AOSGC until end-2017. After the lapse of the post, a supernumerary Government Architect post (designated as Project Director (Sports Park)) will take over and be responsible for overseeing the construction of the Kai Tak Sports Park, which includes evaluating tender submissions, vetting and approving designs, monitoring the construction programme, quality and cost. The post of PAS(RS)2 will then be deleted.

22. In recent years, the Government has allocated substantial resources to develop sports with new and improved measures, particularly in providing needed support to the sports sector and athletes and coordinating the work of stakeholders within and outside the Government. R&S Branch also need to provide advice on the improvement of existing events and projects, handle various types of funding applications,

formulate new projects as well as enhance promotion and publicity etc. The workload of relevant coordination and management has been on the rise.

23. PAS(RS)1 is fully occupied with a wide portfolio of duties as set out in items (a) to (f), (i) and (j) at Annex 2. It is operationally not viable for her to absorb from 2018 the substantial duties being undertaken by PAS(RS)2 but which will not be taken up by the Project Director (Sports Park), including planning for the operation of the Kai Tak Sports Park, overseeing the planning of new public sports facilities (particularly the five-year plan for sports and recreation facilities announced in the Policy Address) and the land matters relating to sports and recreation, without compromising the effective delivery of her existing duties.

24. We propose to create a supernumerary AOSGC post in HAB, designated as PAS(RS)2 for three years with effect from 1 January 2018. PAS(RS)2 will be reporting to the Commissioner for Sports. The proposed job description for PAS(RS)2 is at Annex 3.

25. We also propose to restructure the R&S Branch at the same time. The proposed PAS(RS)2 post will then be supported by 11 non-directorate officers, including five time-limited posts¹ and six permanent posts which are internally redeployed from the R&S Branch. To support the restructuring, we propose to create seven time-limited posts in 2017-18, including a Chief Leisure Services Manager, an Administrative Officer, a Senior Executive Officer, two Architects, a Structural Engineer and a Personal Secretary I. The proposed organisation chart after the restructuring is at Annex 4. We have considered alternatives to cope with the relevant duties. The alternatives considered and the financial implications of the proposal are set out in Annex 5. We will include the necessary provision in the draft Estimates of the relevant financial years to meet the cost of this proposal.

Enhanced Financial Arrangement for the West Kowloon Cultural District

26. The West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) is gradually moving towards the operating stage, and its first permanent facility, the M+ Pavilion, has opened in July last year. Design and construction works of various facilities are moving full steam ahead and will be completed in the coming few years with the target opening of the Xiqu Centre in 2018 as well as the target opening of M+ in 2019. The Art

¹ Among the five time-limited posts, one Chief Leisure Services Manager and one Senior Leisure Services Manager will support the Project Director (Sports Park) at the same time to ensure that the design of the Kai Tak Sports Park will meet the requirements of users.

Park and the Freespace within (including a Black Box Theatre and the Outdoor Stage) is targeted for opening by phases starting from 2018. The detailed design for the Lyric Theatre Complex has been substantially completed with target opening in 2021/22. With the development of the WKCD facilities going full steam ahead and the organisation of a variety of quality pre-opening arts and cultural programmes by the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCDA), the WKCD is bringing cultural, social and economic benefits to Hong Kong.

27. However, with a host of unforeseeable developments since the upfront endowment was granted in 2008 including significant escalation in construction costs in general in Hong Kong, high volatility in the global investment markets, prolonged public engagement exercise for the Development Plan and, the complexity involved in implementing the “City Park” design concept, the \$21.6 billion upfront endowment is insufficient for the WKCDA to deliver all the planned WKCD facilities and the WKCDA will incur deficits when WKCD proceeds to the operating stage. Since 2013, the Chairman of the Board of WKCDA has, in her annual report to the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project (Joint Subcommittee) of the Legislative Council on the financial situation of and arrangements for the WKCD, mentioned the financial challenges faced by WKCDA.

28. To ensure the WKCD can fully attain its vision of meeting the long-term infrastructural and development needs of Hong Kong’s arts and culture and fostering organic growth of cultural and creative industries, the Government will implement an enhanced financial arrangement to address the financial shortfall of the WKCDA under which the government-owned development right of the hotel/office/residential portion of the WKCD will be granted to WKCDA. WKCDA may develop the hotel/office/residential facilities jointly with private sector through open tender and Build-Operate-Transfer arrangement and share rental revenue from such facilities to sustain the operation of the WKCD. With financing arrangement, it can also develop the third batch of arts and cultural and related facilities, particularly a world-class Music Centre to provide opportunities for local and overseas music troupes and musicians to showcase their talents in the WKCD, thereby delivering a world-class integrated arts and cultural district with diverse facilities for a wide spectrum of major art forms. Government and WKCDA will brief the Joint Subcommittee on the enhanced financial arrangement further at its next meeting on 21 February 2017. We will also set out the enhanced financial arrangements for the WKCD in the Legislative Council Brief to be issued

on 19 January 2017.

On-going Initiatives

Youth Development

Youth Development Fund

29. In July 2016, we formally set up the \$300 million Youth Development Fund (YDF). We will collaborate with NGOs, in the form of matching grants, to assist young people in starting their own business and subsidise innovative youth development projects which are not covered by existing schemes. We plan to announce the list of NGOs that have secured funding from the YDF to support young entrepreneurs in February this year.

“People-to-people Bond” under the Belt and Road Initiative

30. Under the Belt and Road Initiative framework, we will continue to step up our efforts to facilitate “people-to-people bond”. For youth exchanges, HAB and the CPCE rolled out the Funding Scheme for Exchange in Belt and Road Countries on a trial basis in 2016/17, by providing funding support to NGOs to organise exchange programmes to the Belt and Road countries. It promotes in-depth exchange between young people in Hong Kong and those in the Belt and Road countries, to achieve the target of fostering “people-to-people bond”. Under this funding scheme, a total of 690 Hong Kong young people visited 23 Belt and Road countries. We shall continue to implement this funding scheme next year.

31. In addition, together with the CoY, we shall continue to expand the International Youth Exchange Programme and Summer Exchange Programme to cover more Belt and Road countries, opening up more exchange opportunities for local young people with their counterparts in the Belt and Road countries.

Youth Hostel

32. The six projects under the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS) are moving ahead. For the three projects in Tai Po, Yuen Long and Sheung Wan, they are in a more advance stage and the technical feasibility studies have been completed, while various procedures, such as lease modification, are being undertaken. For the Hong Kong Federation of

Youth Group's project in Tai Po and the Po Leung Kuk's project in Yuen Long, funding approval have been obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (LegCo) and they have commenced the main construction works and detailed design respectively. It is expected that funding approval to commence the construction works for the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals' project at Sheung Wan would be sought within this year. For the two projects in Mongkok and Jordan, the preparation of the technical feasibility studies is in the final stage. Both projects have secured support from the Yau Tsim Mong District Council. In addition, we are liaising with other interested NGOs with a view to assisting them to launch new YHS projects.

Volunteerism

33. With a view to promoting positive values among young people, the Government has been endeavouring to foster the development of youth volunteerism. We have partnered with three local volunteer bodies (i.e. Agency for Volunteer Service, Hong Kong Volunteers Association and The Peace and Development Foundation) and the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) in launching UNV – Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Programme in 2015, to support local university students to work in various UN agencies in the Southeast Asia for about 6 months. With the successful experience of the 2-year pilot scheme, we have decided to double the volunteer places from 10 to 20 each year starting from this year, so that more university students may participate in overseas voluntary work. Besides, we will continue to implement the Service Corps and the Guangdong – Hong Kong Youth Volunteer Service Programme to provide more opportunities for young people to work as volunteers in underprivileged areas in the Mainland to serve those in need.

Promotion of Civic Education

34. We will continue to work with the CPCE to promote civic education outside schools, focusing on the core values of “Respect and Inclusiveness”, “Responsibility” and “Love”. This would enhance social harmony by promoting mutual respect and accommodating people with diverse cultural background, and different views and perspectives.

Sports Development

Leisure Facilities

35. In view of an ageing population, the Government endeavours

to create an age-friendly environment in the community. To better meet the needs of the elderly, we will provide about 150 additional sets of elderly fitness equipment at selected outdoor leisure venues in 18 districts. The installation works of elderly fitness equipment is in progress. It is anticipated that all installation works will be completed by the first quarter of 2018. Besides, we have provided about 1 000 priority seats for the elderly at indoor sports facilities including swimming pool complexes and sports centres.

36. To promote a water-friendly culture, we have been preparing for the pilot scheme of angling corners in 2016. The LCSD will conduct enhancement works of leisure angling ancillary facilities in Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section) of Hong Kong Island and Public Pier on the eastern side of Tai Po Waterfront park in Tai Po of New Territories East so that the public may take part in angling activities in a more pleasant environment. The LCSD consulted with the District Councils and organisations concerned about the locations and details. Among them, the LCSD had consulted the Central and Western District Council and Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island of Harbourfront Commission and gained their support for the enhancement works of the leisure angling ancillary facilities in the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section). For the proposed location and relevant facilities in Tai Po, LCSD consulted Tai Po District Council and obtained the support. The facilities will be open for public use by March 2017.

Supporting Retired Athletes

37. Last year, the Chief Executive announced in his Policy Address the establishment of a new platform to support NSAs and schools in recruiting retired athletes to assist the retired athletes in their transition to the future career and on the other hand, to help develop sports talents. This transformation scheme was launched at the end of last year and will benefit athletes who had received full-time training in specific sport for four years or more.

Supporting Sport for People with Disabilities

38. The Chief Executive announced in the 2015 Policy Address that the Government would commission a consultancy study on how to support athletes with disabilities and promote sports participation by persons with disabilities in a more comprehensive manner. The HAB has completed a public consultation on the consultancy report and follow-up work is in progress.

Major sports events

39. The number and the scale of the major sports events hosted in Hong Kong has been increasing over the years. The level of participation has also significantly increased. Last year, Hong Kong staged the newly introduced Formula-E Championship and the second Hong Kong Cyclothon which were both well received. In addition, Hong Kong will host the first ever UCI Track Cycling World Championships in April this year. We will continue to enhance the existing funding mechanism with a view to providing better support so as to allow Hong Kong to adopt a more pro-active approach in relation to the hosting of more major international sporting competitions.

Culture and the Arts

Development of Arts Space

40. We have been actively exploring opportunities to provide spaces for young artists and budding arts groups to support their artistic creation. In the past year, we secured funding from the Legislative Council for the provision of arts space and arts facilities in the development at a land sale site in Aberdeen which will also accommodate a permanent office for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC). Facilities to be provided at the arts space include arts studios, an exhibition gallery and an arts information centre, etc. We will continue to follow up on the project together with the HKADC, in order to ensure that the construction of the art facilities will meet the requirements prescribed in the land sale conditions and the needs of the sector. In addition, we will continue to support the collaboration between the Tai Po District Council and the HKADC to establish an arts centre by retrofitting Tai Po Government Secondary School. As for the first Arts Space Scheme launched by the HKADC in 2014 (i.e. the "ADC Arts Space" located on the 12th floor of the Genesis, Wong Chuk Hang), 29 local artists had benefited under the first phase of the Scheme which ended in October 2016. The second phase of the Scheme provides art spaces for 26 local visual artists and media artists to support their artistic creation.

On-going Support for Local Arts Groups

41. We have launched the Art Development Matching Grants Pilot Scheme in June 2016 for application by eligible local arts groups.

Donations/sponsorships solicited by these arts groups will be matched on a one-to-one ratio with a view to widening their sources of funding and inculcating a donation culture in the community for arts and cultural development. Eligible arts groups under the Pilot Scheme include arts groups which had completed two rounds of Springboard Grants Scheme under the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS), the nine major performing arts groups (MPAGs), the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society and HKADC. As at December 2016, 11 applications had been received under the Pilot Scheme involving matching grants of around \$50 million. With the matching grants it receives under the Pilot Scheme, HKADC has launched its own matching fund scheme to match with the donations/sponsorships solicited by other small and medium arts groups, so that arts groups of different sizes and at different development stages will have the opportunity to benefit.

42. We will continue to strengthen support for small and medium arts groups through the support schemes implemented by HAB, HKADC and LCSD, including the continued implementation of the ACDFS, which supports large scale and cross-year arts and cultural initiatives/projects to enhance capacity development of promising arts groups and arts practitioners, and encourage the community and private sector to sponsor the arts. Since its launch in 2011, a total of 24 Springboard Grant and 49 direct Project Grant applications have been approved.

43. HKADC will continue to implement its grant schemes, i.e. the “Project Grant Scheme” and the “Annual Grant Scheme”, and a wide range of proactive projects to provide local artists and arts groups with opportunities to pursue their creative works and showcase their talents. In recent years, HKADC has proactively participated in international arts extravaganzas with a view to establishing networks for Hong Kong artists, assisting the arts sector in developing overseas markets, as well as accumulating experience in marketing their works. Besides participating in the Venice Biennale since 2001, HKADC has led delegations of arts groups and arts practitioners to participate in the Performing Arts Market in Seoul, Internationale Tanzmesse, the Gwangju Biennale and the OzAsia Festival, etc. in recent years to showcase their works and engage in other exchange activities at the festivals. To bring Hong Kong’s art to the international forum, we will continue to support the HKADC's efforts in exploring opportunities for local arts groups and artists to promote their work overseas.

44. Besides the above on-going initiatives, HAB will also continue to facilitate the development of the nine MPAGs, including refinement of the Contestable Funding Pilot Scheme in mid-2017, with a view to further strengthening support for the MPAGs.

Cultural Exchange

45. In fostering cultural exchanges with the Mainland and Taiwan, we will continue to pursue co-operation projects under the ‘The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cultural Exchange and Co-operation Development Plan 2014-2018’ and ‘Implementation Plan on Cultural Exchange and Co-operation between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2016-2018’, with a view to enhancing cultural cooperation and exchanges between arts groups, artists and the people of the two places. We will continue to support the work of the Hong Kong–Taiwan Cultural Cooperation Committee, including the organisation of ‘Hong Kong Week’ in Taipei, to showcase the artistic creations of local artists and art groups and promote Hong Kong’s arts and culture to the audience in Taiwan. To commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the Government will allocate additional resources in 2017/18 to support the MPAGs and other local performing arts groups and artists to perform in major cities overseas and in the mainland, in order to showcase our cultural capacity.

46. To strengthen our cultural exchange with other places in the Asian Region, we organise the Asia Cultural Co-operation Forum (ACCF) in alternate years to facilitate experience sharing on cultural co-operation. More Asian countries along the Belt and Road region will be invited to participate in the 10th ACCF to be held in late 2017 which is also one of the important celebration events to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

47. We will continue to enhance cultural exchange and cooperation with other countries (especially countries along the Belt and Road) through the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) and other channels with a view to promoting the cultural and art development of Hong Kong.

Cultural Facilities

48. We endeavor to provide more cultural facilities in support of the cultural and art development of Hong Kong. To meet the

needs of the communities and arts sector for performing arts venues, the construction of the East Kowloon Cultural Centre is underway and its main superstructure is expected to be completed in 2020.

49. We will continue to plan and enhance library facilities and services, which include launching three self-service library units on a trial basis, one each on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and in the New Territories to provide round-the-clock services for borrowing and return of library materials; and the reprovisioned Yuen Long Public Library which is expected to be opened for use in mid-2017.

50. We are dedicated to promoting the appreciation of culture, art, history and science, and to encouraging more visits to the museums to widen the audience base. Since 1 August 2016, we have made free admission to permanent exhibitions of designated museums² of the LCSD a standing practice. The permanent exhibitions of the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Hong Kong Space Museum have also offered free admission to full-time students. After implementation of the new initiative, except the Hong Kong Museum of Art and the exhibition halls of the Hong Kong Space Museum which have been closed for renovation, the total attendance of the aforesaid museums has shown a rise of around 33% during August to December 2016 in comparison with the total attendance during the same period in 2015. The LCSD will conduct a review on this new admission arrangement in the fourth quarter of 2017 and will report the outcome of the review to the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs.

51. We will continue to launch major exhibitions and extended educational activities at public museums, and renew their permanent exhibitions. After the expansion and renovation of the Hong Kong Museum of Art which is expected to be completed in early 2019, additional gallery space will be provided for displaying the works of local and international artists.

Intangible Cultural Heritage

52. We will continue to actively safeguard intangible cultural heritage (ICH) by strengthening various aspects of work, including the identification, documentation, research, preservation, promotion and

² The designated museums include the Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Museum of History, Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence and Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum.

transmission of such heritage, and through encouraging public engagement. We will select items of high cultural value and urgent need for preservation from the Hong Kong ICH inventory, which covers 480 items, for drawing up the first ICH representative list for Hong Kong this year.

53. Through nurturing new talents, supporting artistic creations, facilitating the transmission of the artistry of Cantonese opera master artists and broadening the audience base, the promotion of the sustainable development of Cantonese opera, a world ICH, will continue to be one of the major areas of work. Upon the opening of the Xiqu Centre in the West Kowloon Cultural District in 2018, this world-class arts venue will further enhance vibrancy of the Cantonese opera culture in Hong Kong.

District Administration

Community Involvement Programme

54. To further enhance the implementation or sponsorship of community involvement projects by DCs, we plan to provide an additional \$100 million for the Community Involvement Programme starting from 2017-18 to enable DCs to implement or sponsor more community involvement projects to meet local needs. The total annual provision will be increased to more than \$460 million. The projects include community building activities, district sports activities, arts and culture programmes, greening activities and volunteer activities, etc. DCs are responsible for identifying suitable projects for implementation and sponsorship and examining the funding applications to ensure the use of funds will meet the needs of the districts and benefit more people in the community.

District-led Actions Scheme

55. Since 2016-17, we have provided an annual funding of \$63 million for 18 districts to implement the District-led Actions Scheme. The 18 District Offices, in collaboration with DCs, local communities and related government departments, are pressing ahead with 39 projects under the scheme to improve environmental hygiene, enhance management of public space and capitalise on opportunities in the district. The districts will also set their work plans in the coming year taking into account local needs and priorities.

Signature Project Scheme

56. The Chief Executive announced in his 2013 Policy Address that a one-off allocation of \$100 million would be earmarked for each district to initiate one to two projects under the Signature Project Scheme (SPS) which would address local needs, and have a visible and lasting impact on the community. All the SPS projects are proposed, discussed and agreed by the district councils (DCs) before they are put to implementation. All of the 18 DCs have reached consensus on the proposals of a total of 27 SPS projects following consultation with local residents and organisations. Of them, funding approval from FC has been obtained for 23 projects. FC had yet to decide on the funding application of another 3 projects by end of the last legislative session. The DCs concerned are considering the way forward of their respective projects. The remaining DC (Southern DC) decided to shelve the implementation of its original selected project proposal and is exploring alternative project proposal(s). We plan to submit the alternative project proposal(s) to the LegCo as soon as possible upon the DC's selection of the same.

57. Looking ahead, we will continue to support DCs in implementing the SPS projects with a view to completing the construction works of the projects the soonest possible for the benefit of the local residents.

Building Management

58. The Home Affairs Department will roll out Phase 3 of the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme in April 2017. Under the Scheme, professional property management companies will be engaged to provide owners of old buildings aged 30 years or above and with a low rateable value with professional support, and to assist owners of “three-nil” buildings in forming owners' corporations and discharging their responsibilities in building management.

Advice Sought

59. Members are invited to note the initiatives of HAB as set out above and to give comments on staffing proposal as stated in para. 21 to 25 of this paper. Subject to Members' comments, we plan to submit the staffing proposal to the Establishment Subcommittee for recommendation to FC for approval.

Home Affairs Bureau
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**The list of new and improved sports and recreational facilities
announced in 2017 Policy Address**

Projects to be launched in the coming five years

1. Avenue Park at Kai Tak (including one outdoor basketball court and open space)
2. Football-cum-Rugby Pitch in Area 33, Tai Po* (including one 11-a-side football pitch cum rugby pitch)
3. Hoi Sham Park Extension, To Kwa Wan (including four tennis courts and open space)
4. Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong (including one 5-a-side football pitch and open space)
5. Improvement of Lam Wah Street Playground and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong (including one 5-a-side football pitch and open space)
6. Kwai Chung Park (open space)
7. Open Space at Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui (open space)
8. Open Space at Hoi Fan Road, Tai Kok Tsui (including one 7-a-side football pitch, two outdoor basketball courts and open space)
9. Open Space at Hung Hom Waterfront (including one outdoor basketball court and open space)
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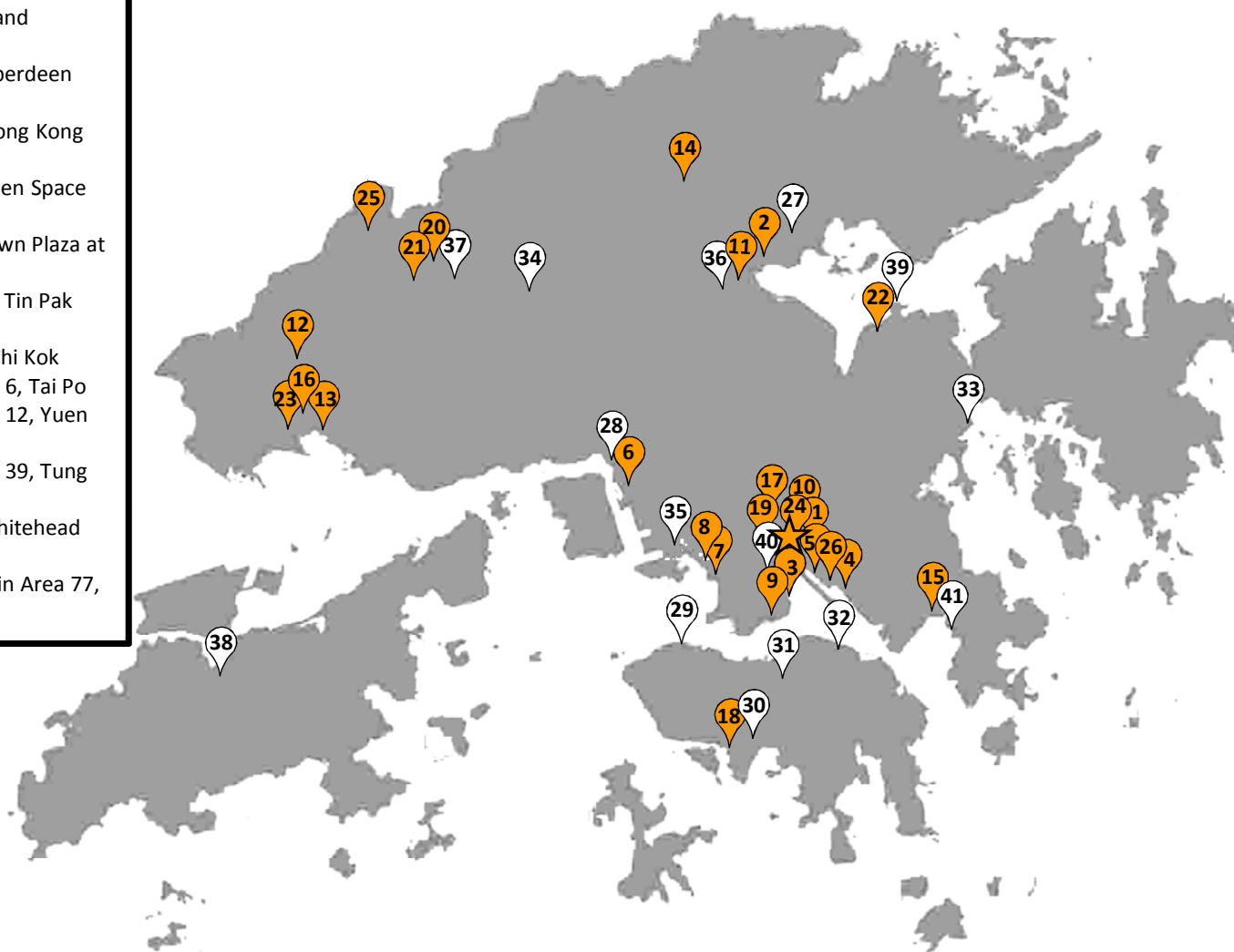
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Five-Year Plan for Sports and Recreation Facilities



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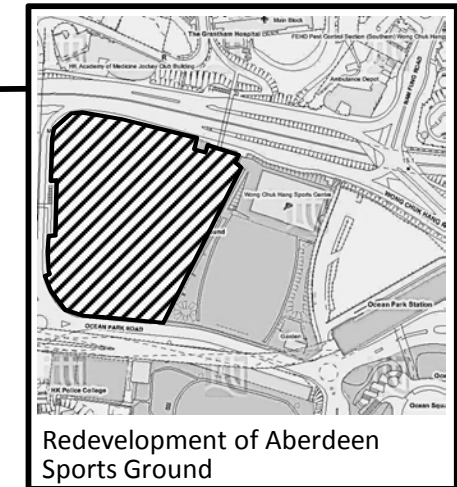
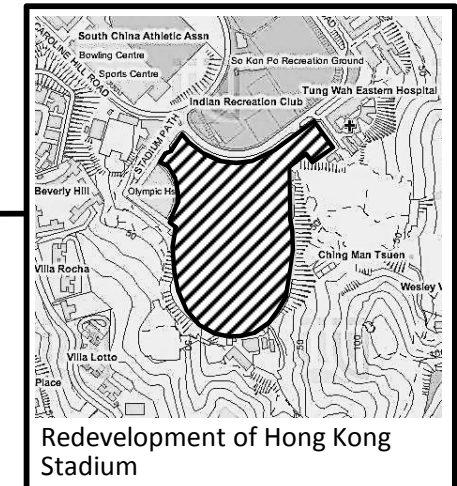
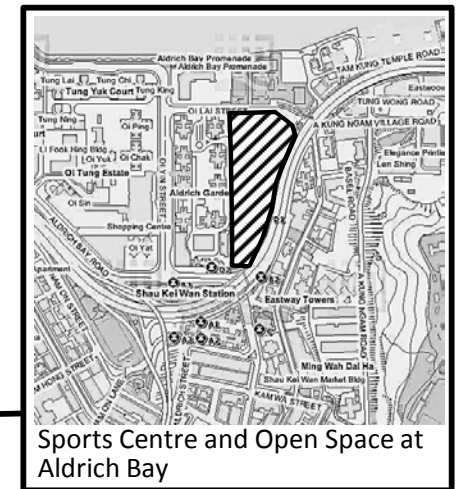
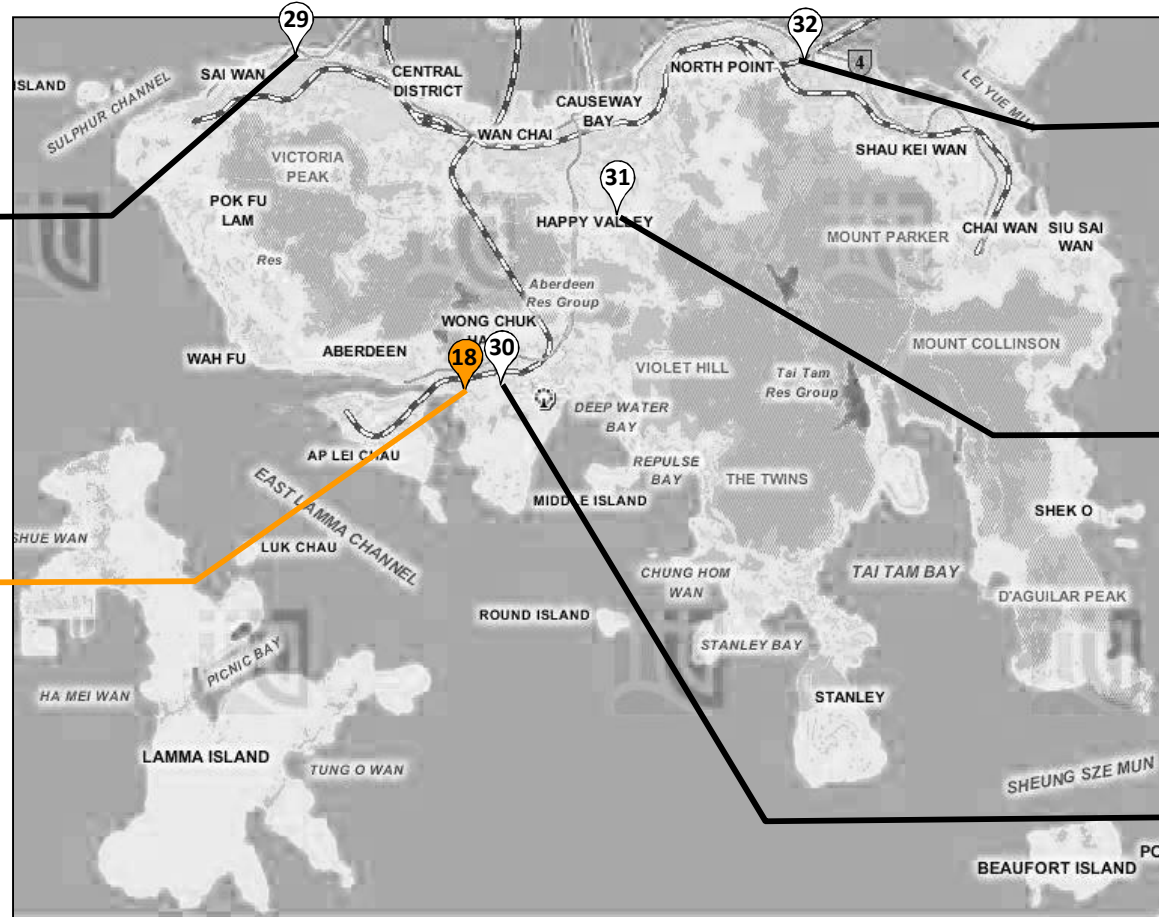
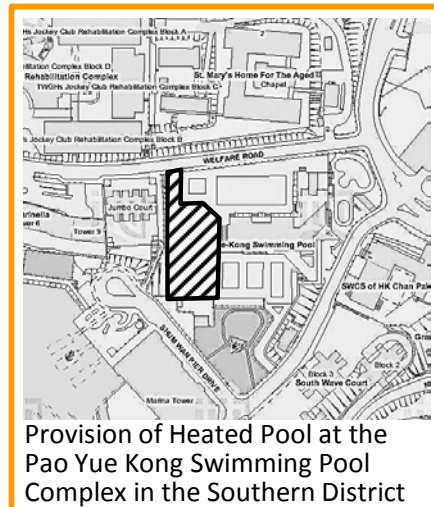
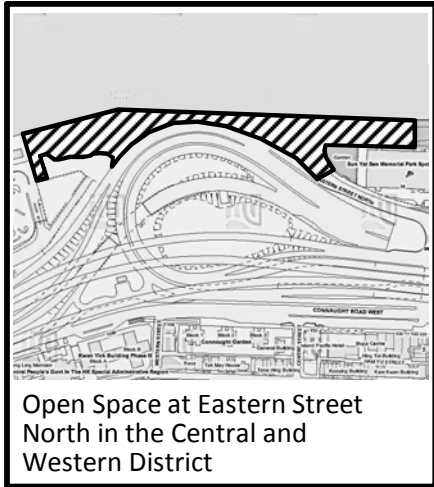
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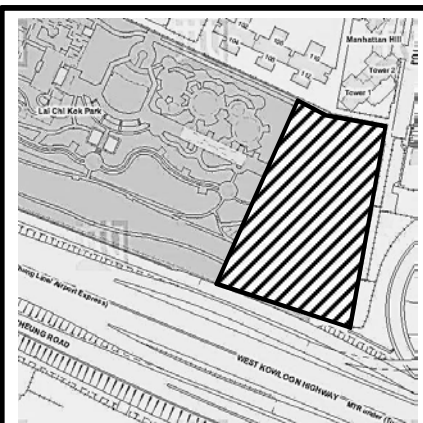


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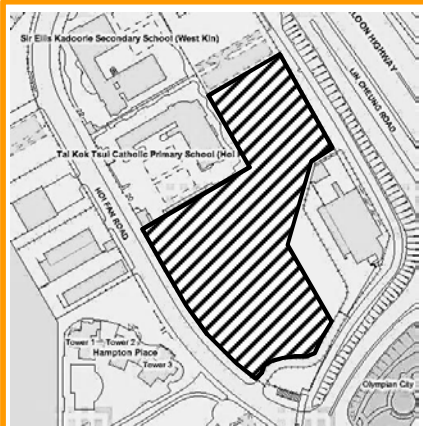


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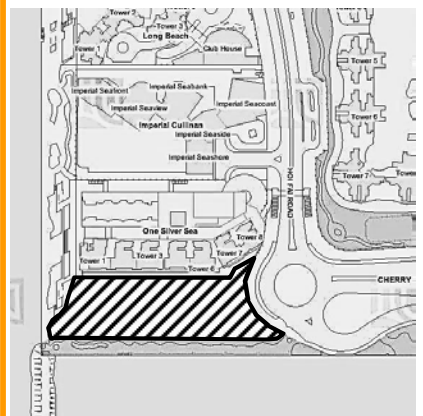
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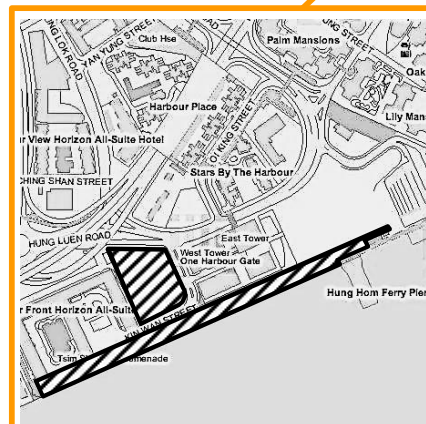
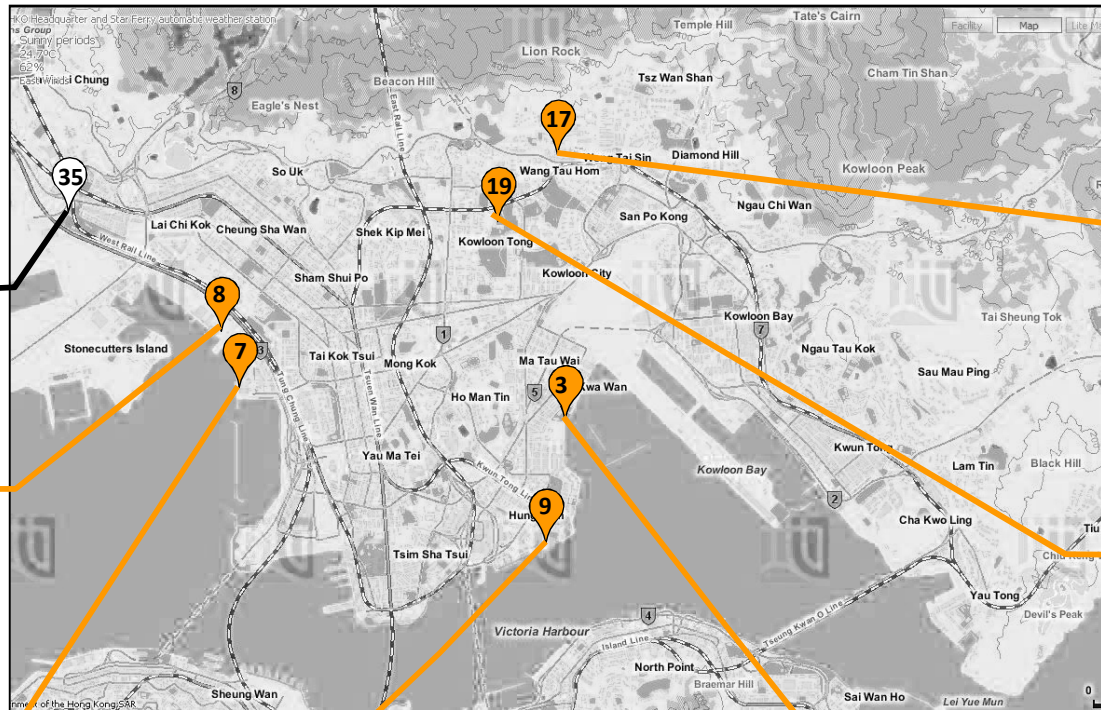
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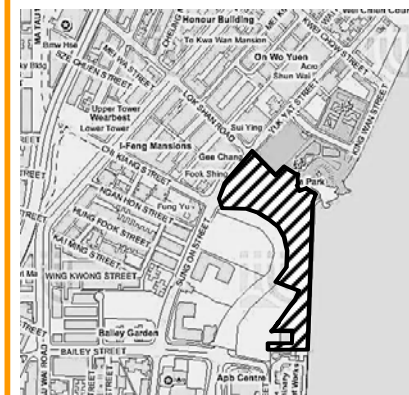
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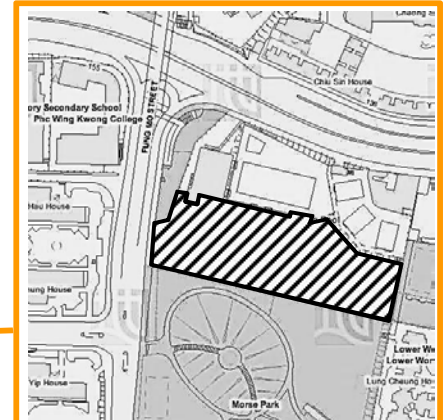
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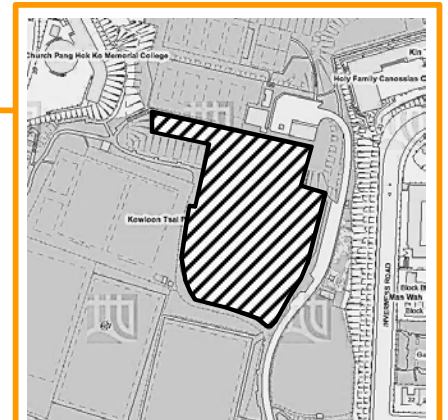
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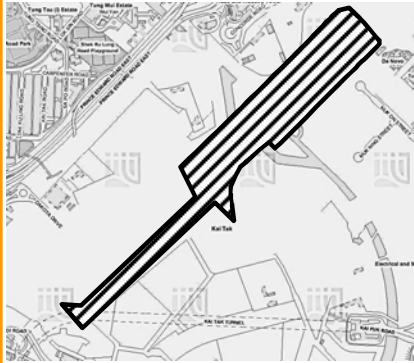


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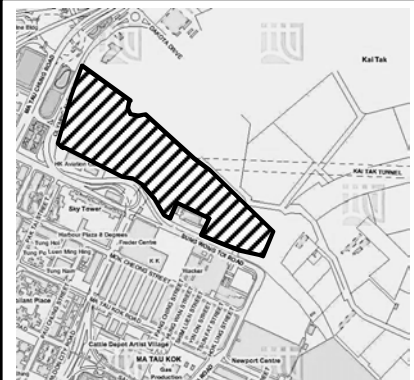


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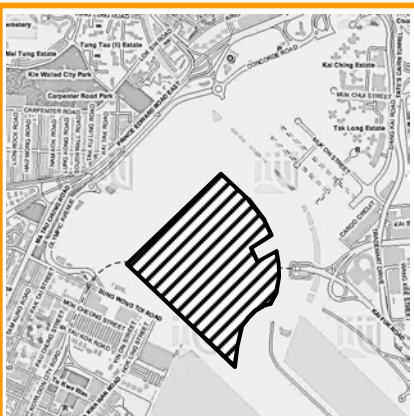
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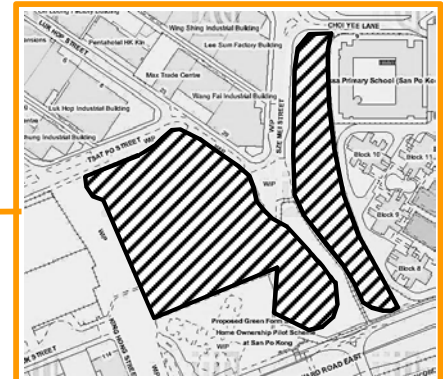
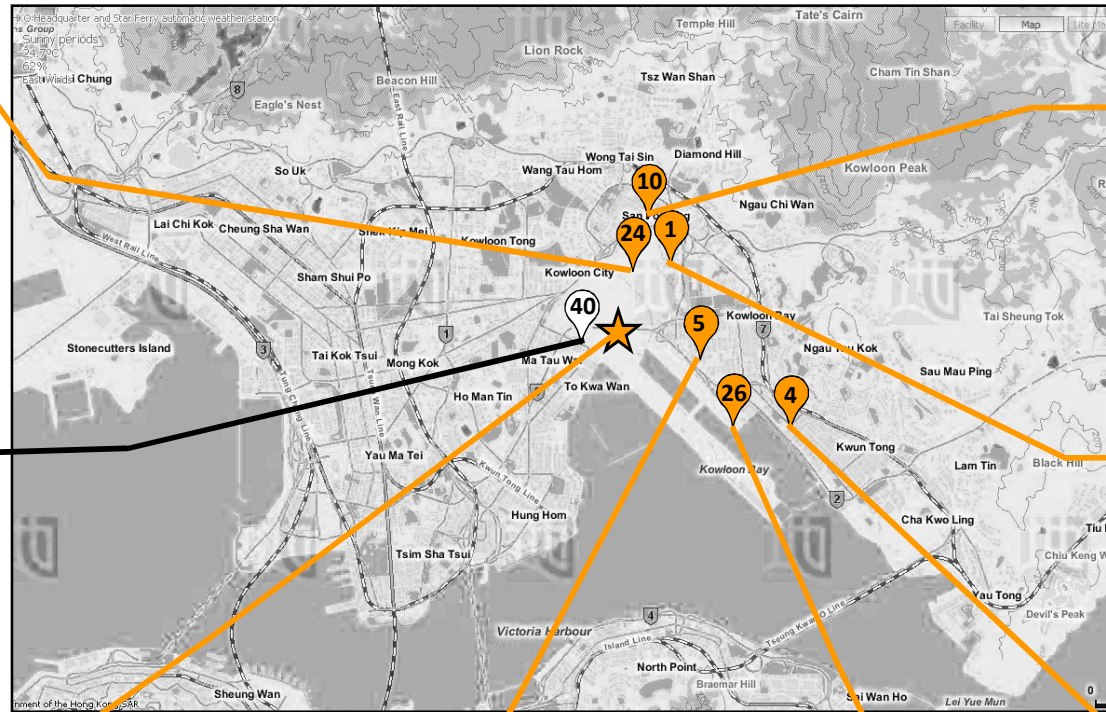
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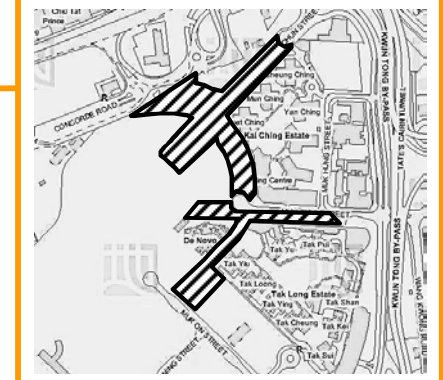
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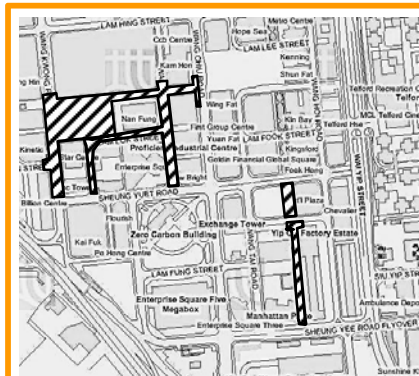
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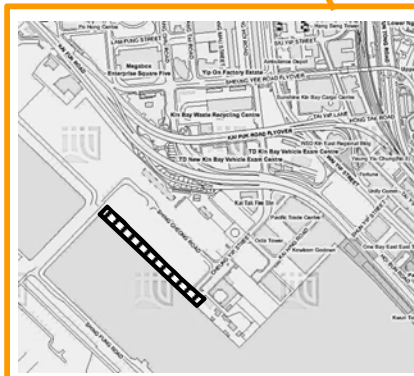
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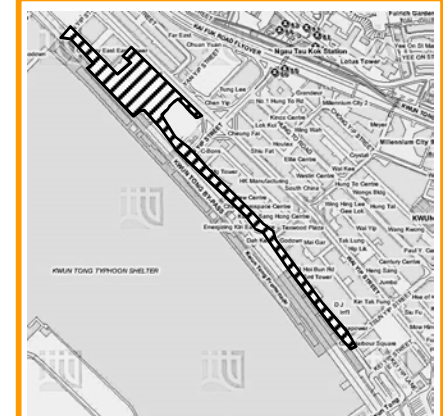
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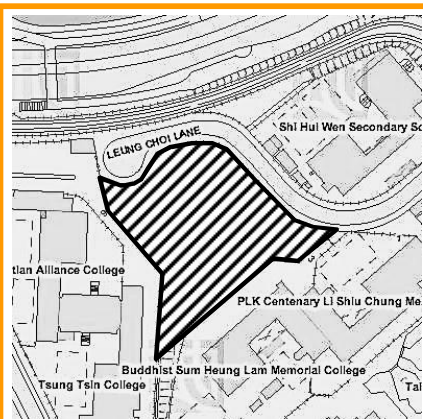


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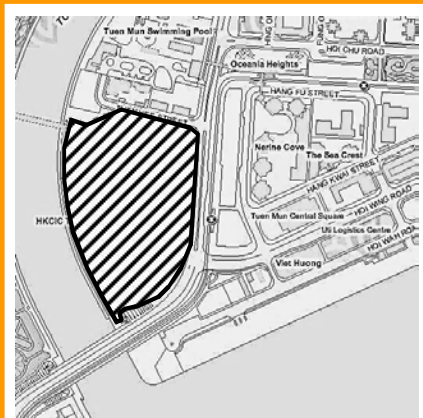
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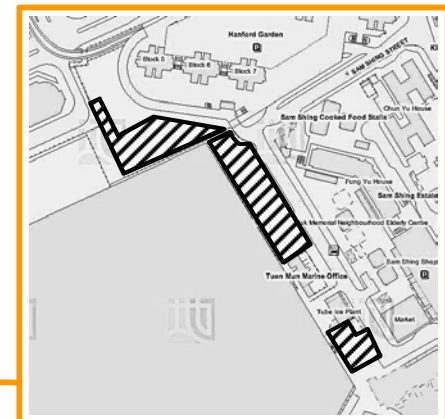
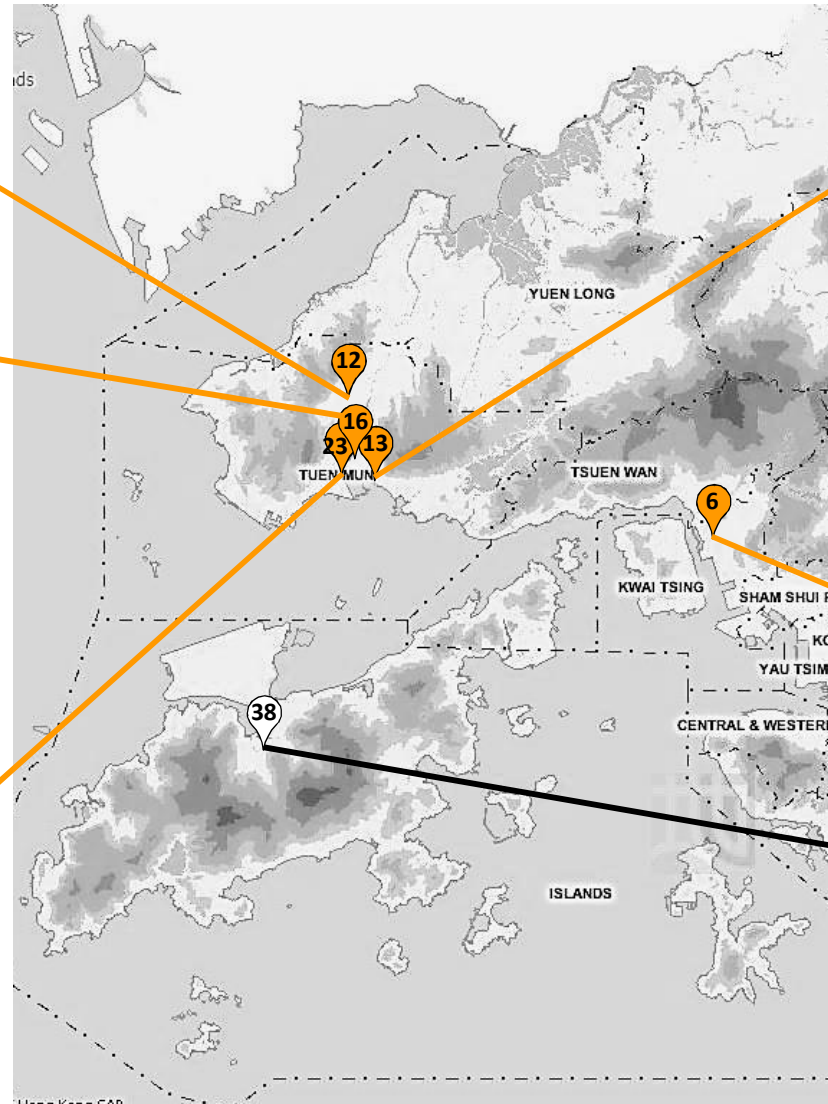
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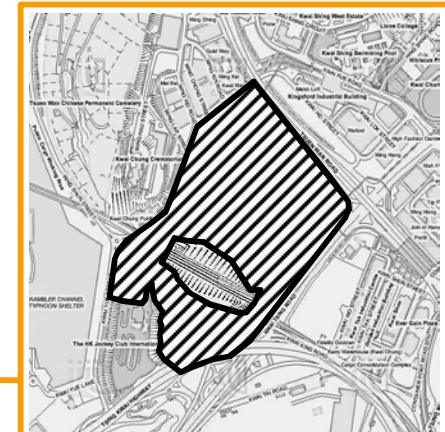
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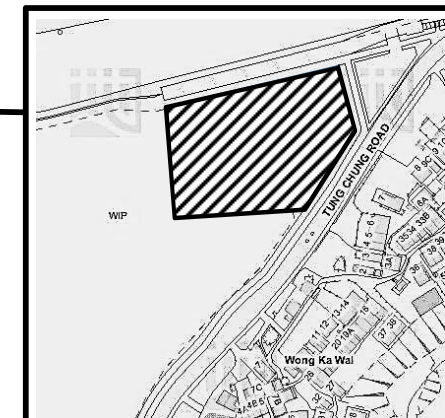
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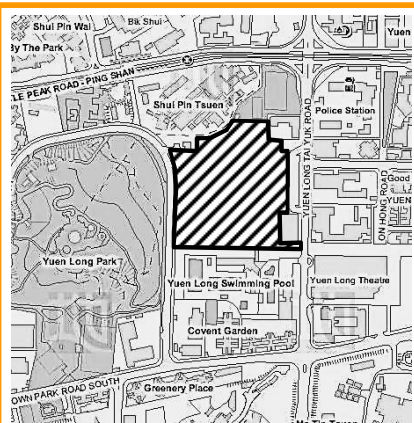


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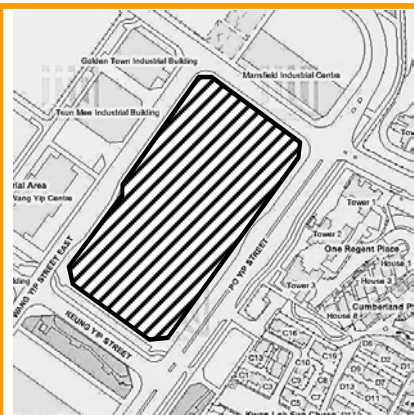


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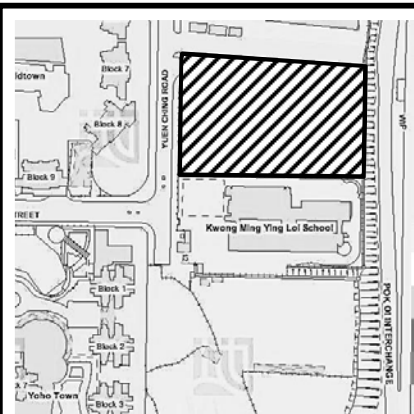
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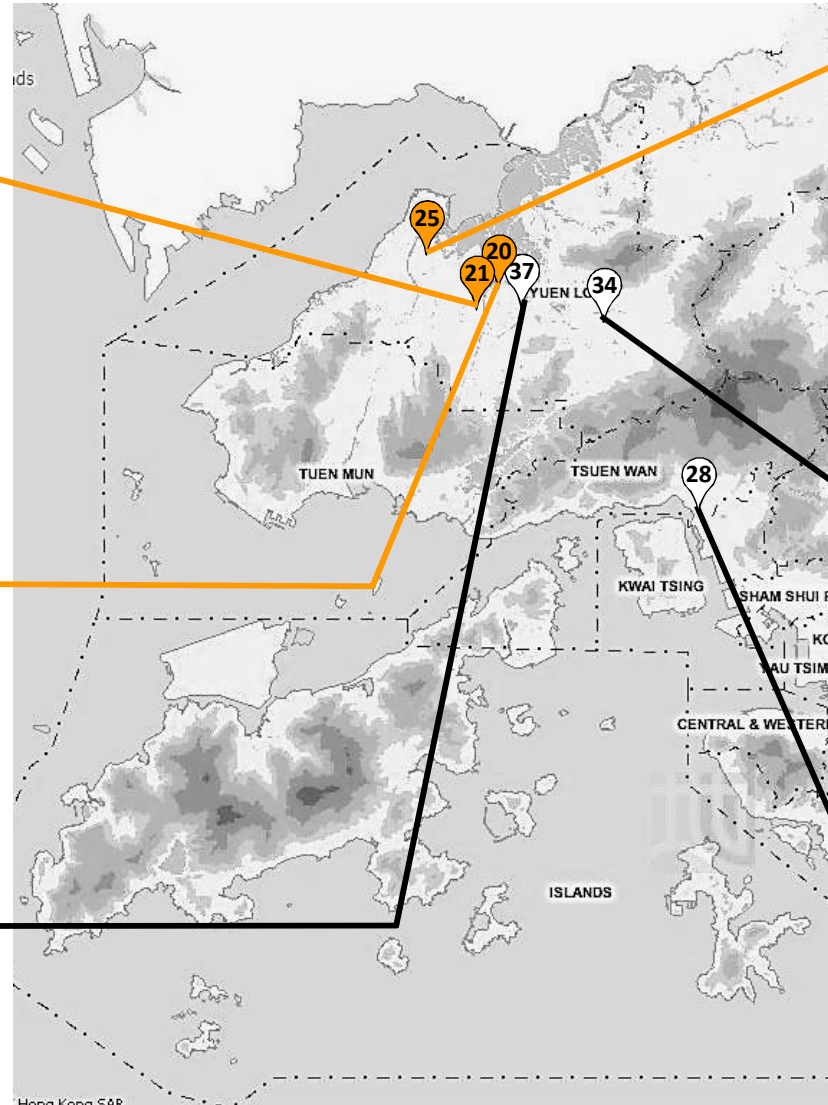
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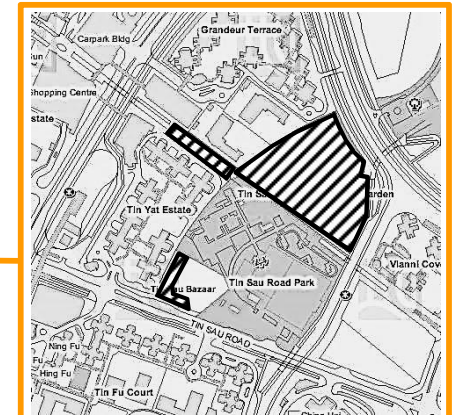
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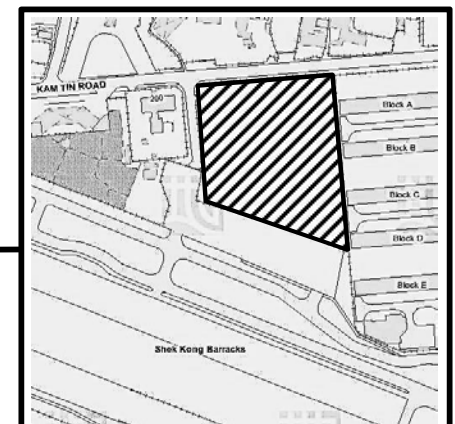
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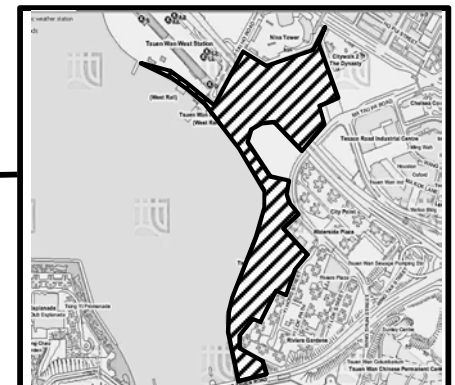
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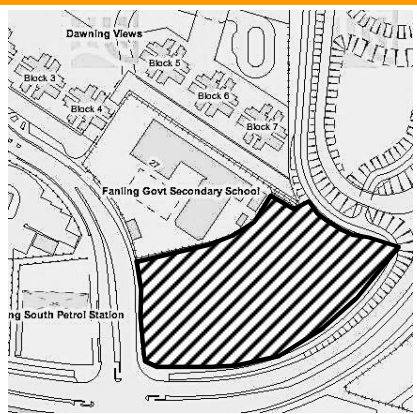


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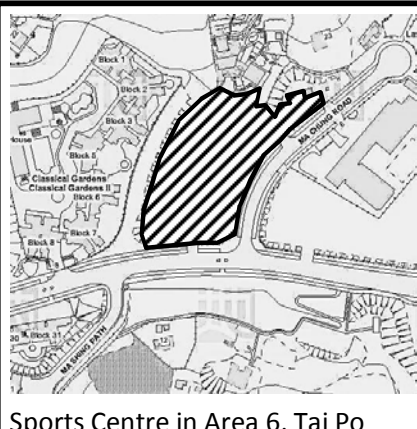


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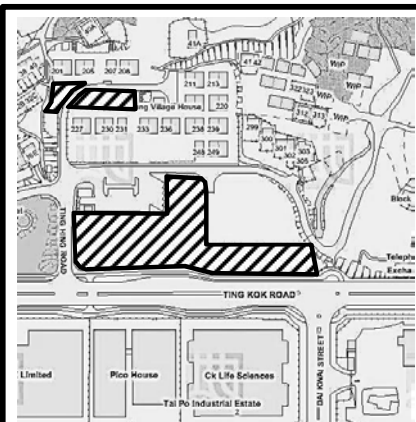
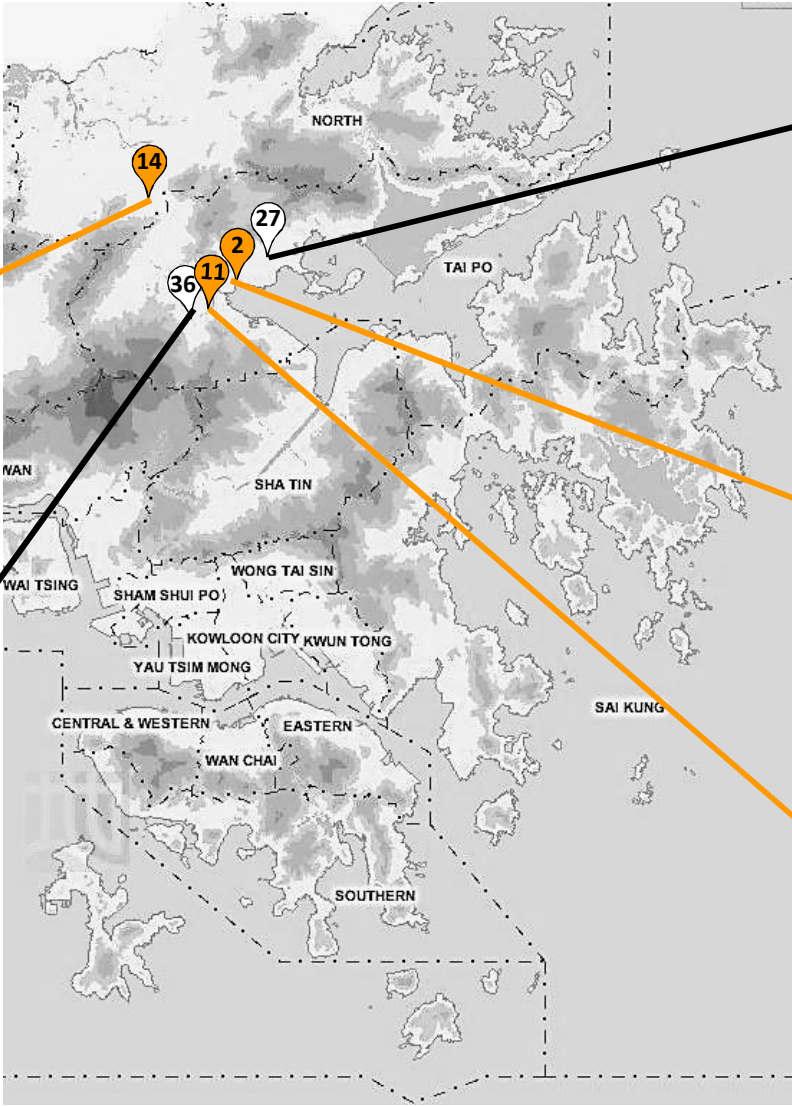
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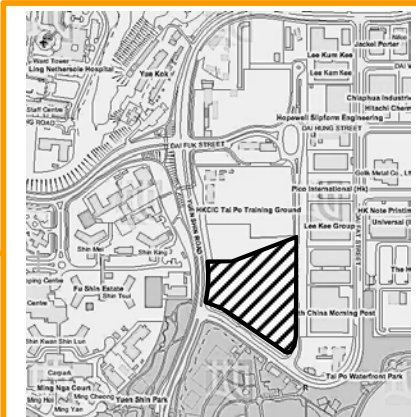
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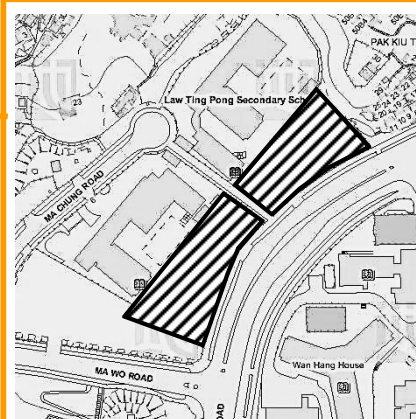
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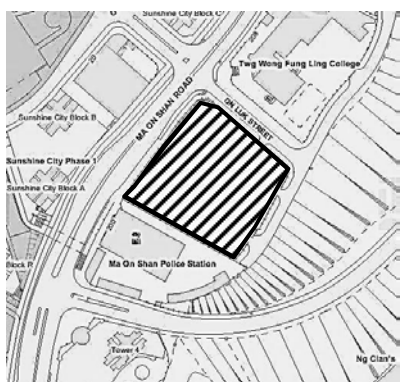
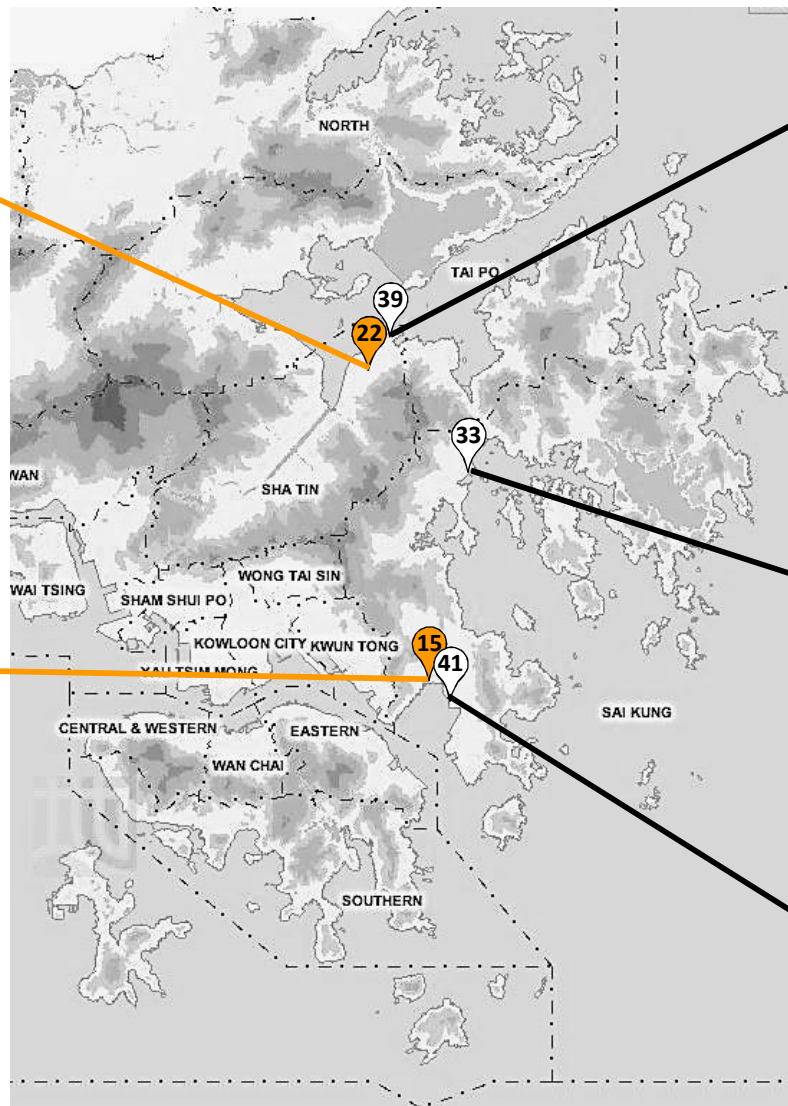


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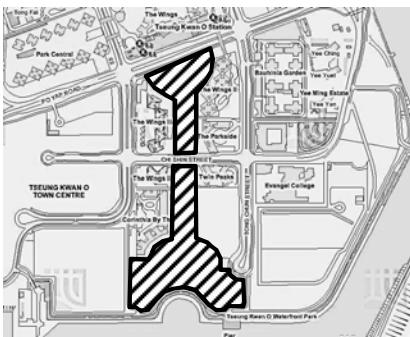


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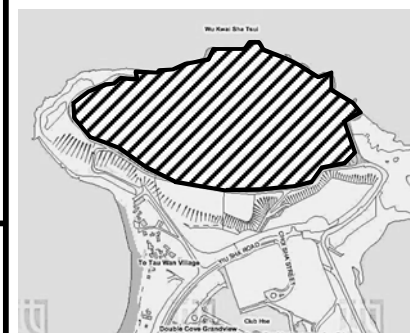
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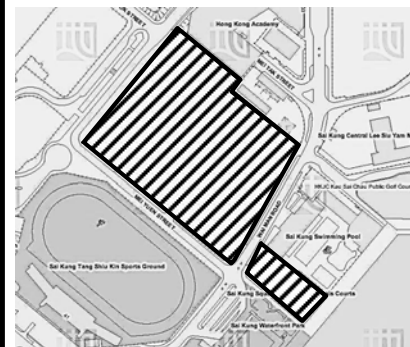
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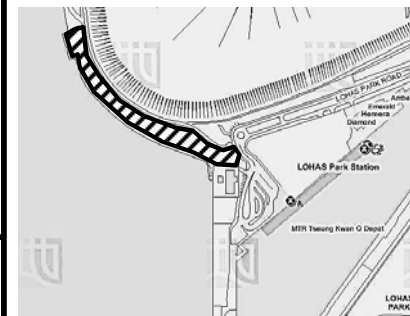
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**Duties and Responsibilities of
Recreation and Sport Branch in the Home Affairs Bureau**

- (1) Liaison with bureaux/departments, sports organisations and other parties to facilitate the formation and implementation of the prevailing sports policies and strategies, to promote sport in the community, to support elite sport and to make Hong Kong a centre for major international sports events;
- (2) Managing the resources allocation to the Hong Kong Sports Institute, supporting the development of elite athletes, including supports to the retired athletes;
- (3) Administration of the Arts and Sports Development Fund (Sports Portion) to projects and programmes that will promote sport in the community; encourage young people's involvement in sport (from entry level to elite performance), in particular in team sports; allow local sports associations to host high quality international events; and ensure full support for Hong Kong athletes preparing for and participating in major international competitions; and enhance the sports activities at schools and district level;
- (4) Cooperating with the Hong Kong Football Association, Hong Kong Jockey Club and other stakeholders in the implementation of long-term sustainable strategies to promote and develop football;
- (5) Coordinating the follow-up work of the Consultancy Study on Sports for Persons with Disabilities;
- (6) Providing secretarial support to the Sports Commission and its committees;
- (7) Planning and coordination of territory-wide sports and recreation public works projects;
- (8) Providing policy advice on land matters relating to sport and recreation (including the review of the policy on Private Recreational Leases);

(9) Administration of the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation;

(10) Housekeeping the Leisure Services Division of Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

**Job Description of
Principal Assistant Secretary (Recreation and Sport)²**

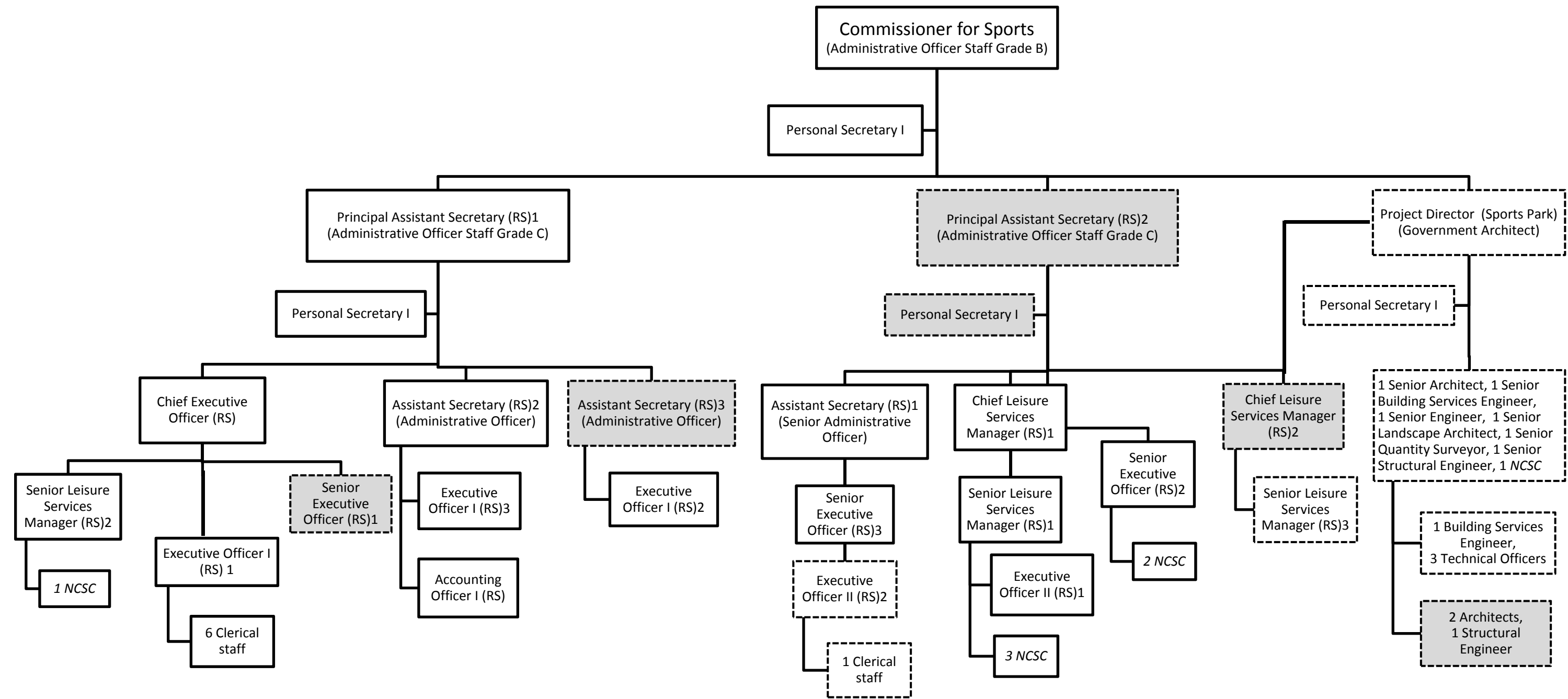
Rank : Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2)

Responsible to: Commissioner for Sports

Main Duties and Responsibilities –

1. To oversee the operation of the Kai Tak Sports Park;
2. To oversee the planning of new public sports facilities, including the five-year development plan for new sports and recreation facilities announced in the Policy Address;
3. To plan and coordinate the public works projects on sports and recreation facilities in Hong Kong;
4. To oversee land matters relating to sports and recreation, including the policy review on Private Recreational Leases;
5. To oversee the implementation of the Government's sports policy in upgrading Hong Kong's position as a venue for major international sports events;
6. To oversee the administration of the Main Fund of the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation; and
7. To housekeep the Leisure Services Division of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department except for financial matters.

Proposed Organisation Chart for the Recreation & Sport (RS) Branch of Home Affairs Bureau



Post	Proposed posts
Post	Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC)
Post	Time-limited posts

Alternatives considered and financial implications

Alternatives considered

- We have examined whether the other eight AOSGCs under HAB can absorb the duties of the PAS(RS)2 post. As set out in preceding paragraphs, PAS(RS)1 is responsible for a lot of work pertaining to sports policy and cannot effectively take up the proposed duties of PAS(RS)2. Other AOSGCs under HAB are working on a wide range of policy issues, including civic affairs, culture matters and the West Kowloon Cultural District Project. It is not feasible for any of them to take up the tasks of PAS(RS)2 without adversely affecting the performance of their duties. The new post of Project Director (Sports Park) will be taken up by a Government Architect and be responsible for taking forward the construction of the Kai Tak Sports Park. It is not suitable for the officer concerned to formulate sports policy. Therefore, it is necessary to create a dedicated AOSGC to take forward the five-year plan for sports and recreation facilities, to formulate the monitoring regime on the operation of the Kai Tak Sports Park, to oversee land matters relating to sports and recreation, to implement Government's sports policy in enhancing Hong Kong's position as a venue for major international sports events and other measures that promote our sports policy. The detailed work schedules of the other AOSGCs in HAB are at **Appendix**.

Financial implications

- The proposed creation of the supernumerary AOSGC post will require an additional notional annual salary cost at mid-point of \$2,056,200. The additional full annual average staff cost, including salaries and staff on-cost of the AOSGC post is \$2,916,000. The total additional notional annual salary cost at mid-point for the non-directorate posts concerned is \$7,020,300.

**Duties and Responsibilities of
Other Principal Assistant Secretaries in the Home Affairs Bureau**

- (1) PAS (Civic Affairs) 1 is responsible for youth development policy, matters related to subvention for Youth Uniformed Groups, Youth Square, Service Corps, Youth Hostel policy and steering of relevant projects, civic education/national education outside schools, supporting the development of volunteerism, youth exchange and internship, life planning activities, Youth Development Fund and Multi-faceted Excellence Scholarship. The post also serves as the secretary to the Commission on Youth and the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education.
- (2) PAS(Civic Affairs)2 is responsible for legal aid policy and reviews, policies on free legal advice and assistance, Family Council matters and promotion of family perspectives, maintenance policies relating to enforcement of maintenance orders, wills, intestate, inheritance and probate legislation, postage stamp policy and Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects. The post is also responsible for housekeeping matters of the Legal Aid Department and subventions for the Duty Lawyer Service and the Legal Aid Services Council, and serves as the secretary to the Family Council.
- (3) PAS (Civic Affairs) 3 is responsible for gambling policy, social enterprises policy, entertainment licensing, matters relating to advisory and statutory bodies of bureaux and departments, liaison with religious bodies, matters relating to the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries and the Chinese Temples Committee, and housekeeping of the Information Services Department. The post is also responsible for the Trust Fund in Support of Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas, and the Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated properties and trust funds, and serves as the secretary to the Betting and Lotteries Commission, the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee and the Social Enterprise Advisory Committee.
- (4) PAS (Community Care Fund)(a supernumerary post) is responsible for leading the Community Care Fund (CCF) Secretariat to serve and support the CCF Task Force (CCFTF) and the Commission on Poverty (CoP) on all matters in relation to the administration of the CCF, including policy formulation, strategic planning and evaluation

from time to time of the modus operandi and implementation of the CCF initiative; coordinating efforts with bureaux / departments and stakeholders on supporting the CCFTF and the CoP in assessing the implications on proposed assistance programmes, prioritizing competing demands for assistance under the CCF as well as monitoring and evaluating the assistance programmes; engaging the public and stakeholders in mapping out assistance programmes; assisting the CCFTF and the CoP in overseeing the financial management and overall funding allocation of the CCF and monitoring its operation and use; and implementing some assistance programmes under the CCF.

- (5) PAS (Recreation and Sport) 1 is responsible for sports policy and strategic initiatives, matters relating to the Sports Commission and the Sir David Trench Fund Committee, and administration of the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (Main Fund) and the Arts and Sport Development Fund (Sports Portion), and resources management of Hong Kong Sports Institute Ltd, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China and the Outward Bound Hong Kong. The post is also responsible for the Football Task Force and redevelopment of the Hong Kong Sports Institute.
- (6) PAS (Culture) 1 is responsible for policy on arts and cultural software, performing arts policy and funding, subvention for the major performing arts groups, cultural exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland, Macao and Taiwan, housekeeping of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, matters relating to the Advisory Committee on Arts Development as well as its Sub-committee on Funding for Performing Arts and the Sub-committee on Arts Education under the Committee.
- (7) PAS (Culture) 2 is responsible for policies on public and private museums, visual arts, public libraries, public art with regard to visual arts, intangible cultural heritage, development of Cantonese Opera and related matters, and planning of cultural and performance facilities of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), as well as cultural exchange between Hong Kong and other countries. The post is also responsible for matters relating to the Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund, the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust and the Hong Kong Arts Centre.
- (8) PAS (West Kowloon Cultural District)(a supernumerary post) is responsible for monitoring the performance of the West Kowloon

Cultural District Authority (WKCDA) in fulfillment of its objectives and roles as stated in the WKCDA Ordinance (Cap. 601) and overseeing the interface issues between arts and cultural facilities operated by WKCDA and those operated by LCSD, as well as liaising with WKCDA to oversee the institutional set-up and establishment of the governance mechanism for museum and performing arts venues. The post is also responsible for monitoring the progress in planning of programmes and services by WKCDA for the opening of arts and cultural facilities in West Kowloon Cultural District and overseeing WKCDA's policy and work in nurturing local arts talents, engaging stakeholders and building up audiences, as well as housekeeping of WKCDA.