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**Panel on Development**

**Meeting on 23 February 2021**

**Background brief on the Invigorating Island South initiative**

**Purpose**

This paper provides background information on the Invigorating Island South initiative and a brief account of the views and concerns expressed by members on the subject.

**Background**

2. In the 2020 Policy Address delivered on 25 November 2020, the Chief Executive announced that the Administration would implement the Invigorating Island South initiative to develop the Southern District into a place full of vibrancy, vigour and velocity for people to work, live, explore new ideas and have fun. According to the 2020 Policy Address, the Invigorating Island South initiative being contemplated includes the following key projects:

- (a) formulating a proposal for the rebirth of the Ocean Park, with emphasis on enhancing and leveraging its strengths in education and conservation, making use of its natural landscape, strategic seaside location and the Water World which will open next summer to offer diversified entertainment, leisure and travel experiences;
- (b) revitalizing the Jumbo Floating Restaurant, which is a historic landmark in Hong Kong. The owner of the floating restaurant has recently agreed to donate it to the Ocean Park at no cost. The Government will facilitate the collaboration

between the Ocean Park and non-governmental organizations for the rebirth of the floating restaurant in the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter on a non-profit-making basis, so that it will become a distinctive cultural heritage and tourist attraction in the Southern District;

- (c) enhancing the cultural and leisure facilities in the vicinity of Aberdeen and Wong Chuk Hang, including the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter, Aberdeen Promenade and Ap Lei Chau Main Street to enable members of the public and visitors to immerse in the ambience, history and culture of a fishing village and enjoy eco-tourism in the area;
- (d) exploring new marine tourism routes by taking advantage of the district's seaside location with the Ocean Park as the core to link up with other districts and islands, as well as exploring the expansion of the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter area and the vessel berthing area as well as providing more landing facilities along the coastal area;
- (e) exploring the development of a water sports centre at the rehabilitated Shek O Quarry site under public private partnership to provide advanced training facilities for athletes and water sports enthusiasts;
- (f) expediting the redevelopment or conversion of old industrial buildings in Wong Chuk Hang through the Government's policy of revitalizing industrial buildings, so as to provide more operating space for emerging industries and the arts and culture sector;
- (g) exploring room for redevelopment or consolidation of the existing Government, Institution or Community sites or facilities in the district so as to promote "single site, multiple use"; and
- (h) taking the opportunities brought by the large scale topside development project at the Wong Chuk Hang Station, which will commence population intake two years later, to beautify public space and cityscape through "place making"; as well as enhancing pedestrian connectivity of the Wong Chuk Hang Business Area and the waterfront area nearby while improving

the pedestrian environment along Shum Wan Road and Po Chong Wan through minor works.

3. The Administration will set up a multi-disciplinary professional team under the Development Bureau ("DEVB") to form the Invigorating Island South Office, which will interact and collaborate with relevant bureaux and departments and other stakeholders to coordinate and implement the various projects under the Invigorating Island South initiative.

### **Major views and concerns expressed by members**

4. The major views and concerns expressed by members on the Invigorating Island South initiative and related issues at the policy briefing of the Panel on Development ("DEV Panel") on 1 December 2020 are summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

#### Implementation of Invigorating Island South initiative

5. Some members enquired how the Administration would implement the initiative through "place-making" strategy and minimize its impact on the local community, as well as whether the Administration would involve the Southern District Council in the planning process. In view of the expected increase in tourist flow in the district, members were concerned whether the Administration had any plan to construct new roads to improve traffic in the Southern District.

6. The Administration advised that the purpose of the Invigorating Island South initiative was neither to engage in large scale construction nor to bring in a large number of visitors to the district. It would base on the implementation experience of the Energizing Kowloon East initiative and establish the Invigorating Island South Office in the Southern District to take forward various public space and cultural facility development, beautification, connectivity enhancement and aged building revitalization projects through collaboration and consultation with local stakeholders.

#### Development of South Island Line (West)

7. Members sought details on the implementation schedule of the South Island Line (West) ("SIL(W)") project. Given the long length of SIL(W), there was a suggestion on constructing SIL(W) in phases, first with the section from the Wong Chuk Hang Station to the Wah Fu Station

and the Cyberport Station and followed by the section between the Cyberport Station and the HKU Station.

8. The Administration indicated that as the Wah Fu Station would be constructed along SIL(W), SIL(W) implementation schedule should tie in with the phased redevelopment of Wah Fu Estate, during which reception estates would be developed at Pokfulam South for rehousing of the affected tenants.

### **Latest development**

9. At the meeting of DEV Panel to be held on 23 February 2021, the Administration will brief members on the proposal of creating a non-civil service position equivalent to Directorate Pay Point 2 in the Planning and Lands Branch of DEVB to head an inter-disciplinary team to coordinate and implement the measures under the Invigorating Island South initiative.

### **Relevant papers**

10. A list of the relevant papers on the Legislative Council website is in **Appendix I**.

**Invigorating Island South initiative**

**List of relevant papers**

Committee	Date of meeting	Paper
Panel on Development	1 December 2020	<p>Administration's paper on "Initiatives of Development Bureau in the Chief Executive's 2020 Policy Address and Policy Address Supplement" [<a href="#">LC Paper No. CB(1)275/20-21(01)</a>]</p> <p><a href="#">The Chief Executive's 2020 Policy Address</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Chief Executive's 2020 Policy Address Supplement</a></p>