Attn: Subcommittee to Study Matters Relating to Typhoon Shelters and Sheltered Anchorages

## <u>Submission of Suggestions Relating to</u> Typhoon Shelters and Sheltered Anchorages

Dear Subcommittee members,

As the Chairman of Aberdeen Promenade Fishery's Association (香港仔海濱水產同 業聯盟): An organization of members with vessels positioned along Aberdeen Promenade New Reclamation Area 2A. We would like to take this opportunity to propose ideas and raise our concerns to the development of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter and its peripheral area, rather than serving just as a vessel mooring location, there is untapped potential to develop and beautify the Shelter and its periphery which also helps bring in more local and foreign visitors.

The vessels along Aberdeen Promenade New Reclamation Area 2A are seafood dealing vessels, they are notably known as Aberdeen's morning market (香港仔朝日市場), we encourage the involvement of Invigorating Island South Office to develop the strip of land, along with Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market, into a Tourist-friendly, local seafood oriented district / attraction, similar to the Fisherman's Wharf in Australia, Taiwan or Japan's Tsukiji Market. Allowing for the curation of a unique local seafood shopping and consumption experience for both locals and foreign tourists. To achieve such goals, the government can assist in the following matters:

- 1. Issuing related licenses (i.e. Restricted Food License, Shell Fish License, and Sashimi License) to respective vessels, ensuring all vessels are being regulated, with hygiene and environmental standards being met, in turn offering high quality and safe for consumption products.
- 2. Allow the vessels to apply for Food Factory License, enabling vendors to process unsold seafood into dried seafood delicacies, which reduces seafood wastes and minimizes the negative impacts to the environment. In addition, this helps promote Aberdeen as a region that offers unique and traditional local seafood, providing an additional opportunity for cultural exchange between visitors and locals.
- 3. Provide an opportunity for small (fisherman) business to operate in designated zone(s) within the Typhoon Shelter, selling their catch as long certain standards are met (i.e. prohibiting the processing of the seafood)

The Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter is also known for its rich and immersive cultural significance as Hong Kong's major Fishing Village. Education and cultural preservation can co-exist which draws in tourism, bringing in major economic benefits to the local economy. We also advocate Leisure and Sustainable Fishery (休閒漁業) by providing new opportunities

to local fisherman as they continue to practice their skills which also helps preserve and prevent the loss of unique intangible cultural heritage.

4. Allowing the public to visit unique vessels only to be found in Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter (i.e. Fish Drying Hulk, Old Fisherman Houseboats, Fish Dealing Vessels...etc). By relaxing the restrictions of the utilization of such vessels, or enabling visitors to visit as long safety measures are met. This provides job opportunities to practitioners in the fishing industry (promoting leisure and sustainable fishery) and provides an engaging experience for visitors to learn about Hong Kong's fishing industry, which also helps preserve the region's unique culture and heritage.

We hope the subcommittee can help relay our vision in developing and beautifying the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter into a bustling region that highlights the local seafood scene, coexiting with Cultural and Educational Tourism which also benefits the local economy and provides job opportunities to local fisherman. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (+852)

Best Regards,

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