SUBCOMMITTEE TO FOLLOW UP ON OUTSTANDING CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS OF THE TWO PROVISIONAL MUNICIPAL COUNCILS FOR INCLUSION INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME

Head 703 - BUILDINGS

Progress Report on 45RG - Tai Kok Tsui Complex, phase 2 370RO - Hammer Hill Road District Park

PURPOSE

This paper reports on the latest position of the two captioned projects.

45RG - TAI KOK TSUI COMPLEX, PHASE 2

- 2. At the Subcommittee meeting held on 3 April 2000, we informed Members that the Working Group of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council (YTM DC) opted to retain the swimming pool facilities in the proposed Complex but requested us to work out administrative measures to ensure order and public safety at all operational hours including the peaks.
- 3. We followed up on their request and consulted the Working Group again on 25 April 2000 on the proposed improvement measures, which include installation of large capacity (21-person) lifts to channel passengers, designation of specific queuing areas and specific lifts for pool users, etc. The suggested measures were generally agreed by the Working Group who urged the Administration to commence construction of the Complex as soon as possible. The Working Group's resolution was affirmed by the full YTM DC at its meeting on 27 April 2000.

4. We will seek the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee's approval to directly inject the project into Category A of the Public Works Programme.

370RO - HAMMER HILL ROAD DISTRICT PARK

- 5. When we reported to Members on 1 February and 3 April 2000 respectively on this project, Members had the following comments:
 - (a) the project should seek to match with the Chi Lin development so that the entire area would become a landmark for tourism and be of strategic value to Hong Kong; and
 - (b) consideration should be given to changing the name of the project as "district park" may no longer reflect the strategic nature of the facility, and parties concerned should be involved more fully in the planning process.
- 6. As regards (a), we have revised the design of the project along the line as suggested by Members and the revised design was sent to Chi Lin inviting their views. As regards (b), this is under consideration. Our objective is to construct a park, the design of which is consistent with that of Chi Lin. Our intention is to co-operate with Chi Lin and to involve parties concerned in the process, including the securing of assistance from relevant outside experts in the park's design and construction. The dialogue with Chi Lin is continuing, and pending Chi Lin's response, we will consult the Wong Tai Sin District Council.

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