Delivering a Quality Harbourfront for Hong Kong

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The Commission

- Successor to Harbourfront Enhancement Committee (HEC)
- 28 members of which 12 represent professional and civic organisations, 8 are appointed as individuals and 6 are representatives of relevant Government departments
- Harbour Unit provides the Secretariat and Secretary for Development is Vice Chair

Terms of Reference

- To play an advocacy, oversight and advisory role in the envisioning, planning, urban design, marketing and branding, development, management and operation of the harbourfront areas and facilities
- To exercise overall coordination and monitoring of harbourfront planning, urban design, development and management to ensure effective integration of these major aspects

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■ To foster and encourage the development, management and maintenance of the harbourfront through a wide range of contractual entrustment/partnership arrangements with the private sector, including the community, social enterprises and non-governmental organisations

Remit

- Both sides of the harbour from Tsing Yi to Chaiwan
- To champion improved harbourfront planning, design and management so as to create a world class waterfront for public enjoyment
- To explore new partnering arrangements for the harbourfront - different options for different situations/locations

Government Support

- Circular signed by CS to all heads of Bureaux and Departments and relevant Government officers sets out principles and guidelines for harbourfront enhancement
- Emphasises that waterfront should be used for public enjoyment
- Provides means of resolving conflicts and incompatible uses

- Understand all existing initiatives; examine and prioritise these in the context of a strategic vision and master plan so that holistic solutions can be identified
- Coordinate implementation and delivery and look into improved contractual and partnership options for future management so as to ensure accessibility, greening, programming, attractive facilities, etc.

- Form 3 Task Forces to drive and steer the various current and future initiatives around the waterfront
- Form Panels to ensure consistency in relation to design, partnering, programming, engagement and management proposals for waterfront projects

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- Be pro-active initiate/invite proposals from the private sector for a vibrant and attractive waterfront
- Engage
 - With the public
 - With business
 - With professionals
 - With Government departments

Generate real interest and active support in the community for a better, more enjoyable harbourfront

Immediate Challenges

- Refine master concept for Central
- Monitor plans for Kai Tak
- Mitigate impact of the Central Wanchai Bypass on the north shore of HK Island
- Look into plans for Tsim Sha Tsui, Island East and Hung Hom
- Review plans for Wanchai reclamation
- Interface with marine users to understand their needs

Any and all (constructive) ideas welcome!

Thank you