

Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development

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Energizing Kowloon East - Revitalization of Tsui Ping River

PURPOSE

This paper aims to brief Members on the project “Energizing Kowloon East - Revitalization of Tsui Ping River” to be implemented by the Drainage Services Department, and to seek Members’ views on the project.

BACKGROUND

2. The Government has pledged to adopt a visionary, co-ordinated and integrated approach to facilitate the transformation of Kowloon East into an attractive alternative Core Business District – CBD2 to sustain the economic growth of Hong Kong. To achieve this policy objective, the latest Conceptual Master Plan version 4.0 promulgated by the Energizing Kowloon East Office (EKEO) in January 2015 advocates 5 main focuses (See **Annex A**). One of them is to develop Kowloon East into a Green CBD. The proposed project for revitalizing King Yip Street nullah into Tsui Ping River is one of the main tasks to achieve this work focus.

REVITALIZATION OF TSUI PING RIVER

3. King Yip Street nullah was constructed more than 50 years ago and the nullah serving the old Kwun Tong industrial area had been polluted by the developments in the vicinity over the past years. The Environmental Protection Department and Drainage

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Services Department had carried out different measures with the aim of ameliorating the situation.

4. We propose to further enhance the potential of this urban element as an integral part of the Green Master Plan for the Kwun Tong Business Area to link up various open spaces in this area and connecting them to the waterfront. We propose to revitalize the nullah into Tsui Ping River with riverside walkways and landscaped decks with improved pedestrian facilities and greening. Apart from revitalizing the nullah, EKEO will relocate the Shing Yip Street Rest Garden to the adjacent public car park site for more efficient use of land resources. The new 4,700 square metres Tsui Ping River Garden will be in harmony with the Tsui Ping River project. With the connection of Tsui Ping River to Kwun Tong Promenade, art and creative spaces beneath the flyover along Hoi Bun Road and the adjacent landscaped pedestrian network, this proposal will not only improve the vibrancy of the waterfront, but also enhance connectivity, release potential of public spaces and create diversity in the area. The proposed project, together with Tsui Ping River Garden, will create synergy in turning Kowloon East into a Low-carbon Green Community.

THE PROJECT PROPOSAL

5. The scope of the project comprises the revitalization of the existing nullah of about 1 km long between its outfall and Kai Lim Road, alongside King Yip Street, King Yip Lane and Tsui Ping Road into Tsui Ping River with environmental, ecological and landscape upgrading. It also includes the associated works to match with the project theme such as beautification of adjoining walkways, enhancement of connectivity and walkability by means of provision of walkways and landscaped decks beside the river. The layout plan of the project is shown in **Annex B** for reference.

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The Project comprises, but not limited to, the following items:-

- (i) beautification of existing nullah by provision of attractive waterscape design, water retention features or deepening the existing nullah to retain water during low tide;
- (ii) provision of landscaped walkways along Tsui Ping River to enhance walkability;
- (iii) provision of landscaped decks over Tsui Ping River;
- (iv) modification and face-lifting of Kwun Tong Road Footbridge;
- (v) pedestrian path enhancement in the vicinity of Tsui Ping River; and
- (vi) beautification of utilities crossing over the River.

WAY FORWARD

6. We are now inviting consultants for the investigation assignment under the Innovation and Creativity Screening (ICS) Approach, which aims to encourage new ideas for the project. Our target is to commence the investigation assignment in mid-2015 and to carry out the public engagement exercise in late 2016.

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VIEWS SOUGHT

7. Members' views on the project are welcome.

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ATTACHMENTS

Annex A – Conceptual Master Plan 4.0

Annex B – Project Layout Plan for Revitalization of Tsui Ping River

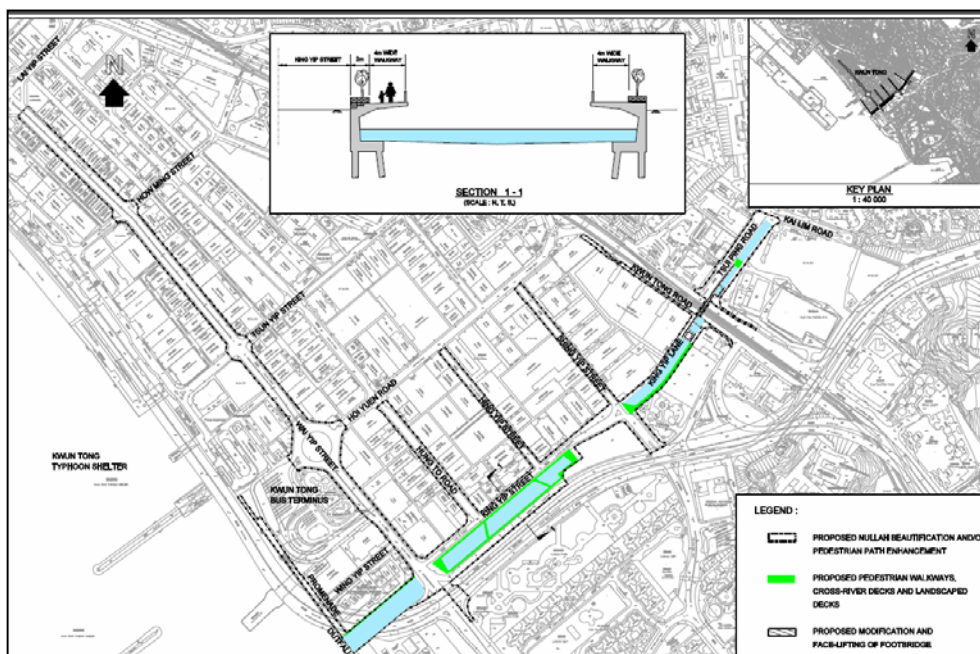
Annex A

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Annex B

Project Layout Plan for Revitalization of Tsui Ping River



Conceptual Layout for Revitalization of Tsui Ping River

