

**Supplementary Note for Information
on 16 December 2010**

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
PANEL ON DEVELOPMENT**

**Planning and Engineering Study on
Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop – Investigation
Stage One Public Engagement**

There is a recent enquiry from Members on whether the Administration, in presenting at this meeting the planning proposals of the Planning and Engineering Study on Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop – Investigation, can also update Members on the progress of the North East New Territories New Development Areas (NENT NDAs) Planning and Engineering Study. The purpose of this supplementary note is to provide Members with updated information on the NENT NDAs Planning and Engineering Study as well as the planning and engineering study for the Hung Shui Kui New Development Area (HSK NDA) in the North West New Territories.

NENT NDAs Planning and Engineering Study

2. The Stage Two Public Engagement of the NENT NDAs Planning and Engineering Study was carried out between November 2009 and early this year. The aim was to solicit public views on the Preliminary Outline Development Plans (PODPs) of the proposed NDAs. During the said period, we consulted the LegCo Panel on Development and sought Members' views on the PODPs on 24 November 2009. The Stage Two Public Engagement Digest issued to Members at that time is at **Enclosure 1** for easy reference. Besides, we have undertaken a series of public engagement activities to gauge public views on the PODPs. The study consultants is now revising and refining the study proposals in the light of the public comments received, with a view to formulating the Recommended Outline Development Plans (RODPs) and undertaking the necessary detailed technical assessments. We plan to commence the Stage Three Public Engagement early next year to consult the public and Members on the RODPs.

HSK NDA Planning and Engineering Study

3. The aim of the HSK NDA Planning and Engineering Study (the Study) is to formulate feasible development proposals for the HSK NDA in addressing the long-term housing, social, environmental and economic needs; and to propose a development scheme and programme for the timely implementation of the HSK NDA project. The Administration is now conducting preparatory work for appointment of consultants to undertake the Study and will seek funding approval from the Legislative Council in May 2011. The Study is scheduled to commence in the third quarter of 2011.

4. In order to collect public views and comments on key issues of the NDA including its vision, strategic role/function and planning principles etc. as early as possible, the Planning Department (PlanD) and the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) commenced the Stage 1 Community Engagement mid last month in advance of the Study so that the views collected can be considered in the Study upon its commencement.

5. During the Stage 1 Community Engagement, PlanD and CEDD will consult the relevant District Councils and Rural Committees, Heung Yee Kuk, Town Planning Board and other relevant statutory and advisory bodies. We plan to consult the LegCo Panel on Development and seek Members' views in January 2011. Consultation materials will also be provided to professional institutions, green groups, village representatives, port back-up/open storage operators and other organisations. For Members' reference, the consultation materials are at **Enclosure 2**, which have also been uploaded onto PlanD's website at <http://www.pland.gov.hk> and CEDD's website at <http://www.cedd.gov.hk>.

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