

**List of Development Bureau's Initiatives  
in the 2017 Policy Agenda**

A list of Development Bureau's initiatives in the 2017 Policy Agenda is appended below. We have 29 new initiatives and 80 on-going initiatives mainly under the Chapters of "Economic Development and Innovation and Technology", "Land, Housing and Transportation", "Environment and Conservation" and "Education, Population and Human Resources".

**Economic Development and Innovation and Technology**

**New Initiatives**

*We will:*

- Devise, promote and co-ordinate project cost control and related cost reduction initiatives through the Project Cost Management Office established in mid-2016, with a view to bringing down the high construction cost in Hong Kong.
- Encourage innovation and apply technologies to enhance productivity of the local construction industry and support Construction Industry Council in establishing an innovation and technology application centre. The centre is expected to be in operation in the second half of this year, starting with collecting latest information on the local and overseas construction technologies to establish a knowledge hub, enhancing the productivity and safety performance of the construction industry. In the long run, the centre aims at establishing a global research network to promote interdisciplinary research and application on enhancement of productivity.
- Keep up the robust development of Hong Kong's construction and related professional services over the past years facilitated by the the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) measures for "Early and Pilot Implementation in Guangdong". According to the "Agreement on Trade in Services" signed under the CEPA framework in November 2015, most of the liberalisation measures implemented

in Guangdong are extended to Guangxi and Fujian. The Development Bureau is discussing the specific implementation arrangements with the two provinces, aiming to come to conclusion in 2017.

- Draw reference from the successful examples of Hong Kong's construction consultant companies participating in the country's foreign aid construction projects in Nepal and Cambodia, and continue to pursue with the Ministry of Commerce for provision of further opportunities for Hong Kong's consultant companies to take part in more and different types of construction projects, and expansion of their scope of work by allowing them to perform, in addition to supervision work, "full-range" Hong Kong-style services from project planning to completion.

### **On-going Initiatives**

*We are:*

- Investing in infrastructure development to improve people's livelihood, promote economic growth, create employment opportunities and enhance the long-term competitiveness of Hong Kong.
- Continuing efforts in the following respects with a view to building up the overall capacity and capability of the construction industry, facilitating its healthy growth and encouraging innovation and creativity:
  - timely reviewing and enhancing the current procurement system for public works to facilitate participation of more contractors in public works, introduce new knowledge and technology and promote fair competition;
  - improving the management practice and procedures of public works projects from design to construction so as to enhance the constructability of works, increase productivity, encourage innovation and creativity and strengthen cost control; and
  - promoting manpower development.

- With the public consultation on the proposed Security of Payment Legislation for the Construction Industry completed in 2015, taking forward the drafting of legislation on the security of payment for the construction industry. The new legislation aims to enhance the security of payment in construction-related contracts to improve cash flow of the supply chain in the construction industry.
- Enhancing our capability to resolve cross-bureau and cross-departmental issues relating to the delivery of major infrastructure projects, and addressing strategic issues which might impede the progress in such projects.
- Capitalising on the opportunities provided by the Central Government's Belt and Road Initiative, we will facilitate the relevant professions of the Hong Kong construction industry in their participation in the associated infrastructural projects to boost the development of our professional services.
- Reviewing and updating the long-term land use planning and development strategy in the light of the latest projection on future land requirement of major economic uses, including industrial uses.

## **Land, Housing and Transportation**

### **New Initiatives**

*We will:*

- Conduct the study on “Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030” and its public engagement to examine the strategy and possible options for overall spatial planning and for land and infrastructure development of Hong Kong beyond 2030, with a view to planning for a liveable high-density city, embracing new economic challenges and opportunities, and creating capacity for sustainable development.
- Commence a review on the future use of the land released upon the relocation of the Ngau Tau Kok Divisional Police Station, which is expected to take place in around 2020.
- Consult the public this year on two studies related to the Kai Tak Fantasy project, one on the design plan of the former airport runway tip and the other on the preliminary proposals for development of the Kwun Tong Action Area.
- Carry out proof-of-concept trials relating to the Smart City development in Kowloon East to examine the effectiveness of different innovative concepts and their implementation modes and strategies. These trials cover a kerbside loading/unloading bay monitoring system; a persona-based pedestrian navigation system; crowd management for major events; and sharing of data on parking vacancies and energy consumption of buildings in the area.
- Collaborate with different research and academic institutions, using Kowloon East as a major component in investigating Smart City development, on subjects including indoor and outdoor geographical information system, data mining techniques and environmental air quality forecast, etc.
- Establish a “Sustainable Lantau Office” under the Civil Engineering and Development Department with a multi-disciplinary professional team equipped with relevant knowledge and experience in planning, engineering, traffic and

transport, and conservation to take forward the development and conservation work for Lantau more efficiently.

- Conduct a study on the traffic and transport network of Lantau and its capacity to receive visitors taking into account the needs arising from the development of the island and the increase in its visitor numbers.
- Draw up and implement measures to conserve nature, antiquities and monuments, and cultural heritage on Lantau and collaborate with the relevant interest organisations.
- Through the on-going land use reviews together with the newly identified potential housing sites, make available some 25 sites, most of which are expected to be ready for production of more than 60 000 flats (more than 80% for public housing) in the five years from 2019-20 to 2023-24, subject to timely amendments to the relevant statutory plans and/or completion of the necessary procedures.
- Commence a study on Agricultural Priority Areas through the joint efforts of the Food and Health Bureau and the Development Bureau later this year in accordance with the New Agriculture Policy announced in 2016 to identify relatively large area of quality agricultural land and formulate policies and measures for promoting rehabilitation of fallow agricultural land, with a view to supporting local agricultural development and improving the rural environment.
- The Government will first partner with the Harbourfront Commission and implement harbourfront enhancement initiatives through a dedicated team and with dedicated funding before further deliberations on the proposal of establishing a statutory Harbourfront Authority. The aim is to further extend the waterfront promenade along both sides of the Victoria Harbour, beautify areas in the vicinity and improve accessibility to the waterfront for the enjoyment of all. The Government has earmarked \$500 million for the first stage for taking forward harbourfront development.
- Continue to plan and develop the northwestern and northern parts of the New Territories where brownfield sites are concentrated and take Hung Shui Kiu as a pilot case area for considering

actively the possibility of accommodating some brownfield operations into multi-storey buildings, with a view to releasing land for development under the new town development approach. In parallel, we will conduct a comprehensive survey on the distribution, use and operation of brownfield sites in the New Territories in order to explore appropriate policies and measures to tackle brownfield sites in different areas, aiming to make optimal use of land and improve the rural environment.

- Undertake statutory planning procedures to prepare a draft Outline Zoning Plan for the Lok Ma Chau Loop area according to the proposed planning and land uses in order to support the development of the “Hong Kong/Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park”.
- Actively consider introducing new legislative provisions to strengthen our enforcement efforts against illegal domestic units in industrial buildings.
- In the light of the existing policy which places particular emphasis on utilisation, launch a pier improvement programme under a new initiative to enhance the structural and facility standard of a number of existing piers in remote areas in order to respond to the public requests and improve the accessibility to some remote scenic spots and natural heritages.

### **On-going Initiatives**

*We are:*

- Continuing to optimise the development potential of each public housing site and maximise and expedite flat production as far as possible by relaxing the maximum domestic plot ratio and other development restrictions where planning conditions permit and no unacceptable impact is caused, and providing additional staff and resources for the department.
- Continuing to rezone suitable sites identified in land use reviews (including government sites which are vacant, held under short-term tenancy or held for other short-term or government uses, sites in Government, Institution or Community zone, Green Belt zone and other non-residential zone, and sites for which the originally earmarked purposes will no longer be pursued) to

residential or other uses for which the community has more pressing needs.

- Reviewing and increasing the development density of individual residential sites, as well as reviewing and relaxing other development restrictions as far as permissible in planning terms, after appropriately increasing the maximum domestic plot ratios allowed in different Density Zones.
- Extending the Pilot Scheme for Arbitration on Land Premium to facilitate agreement between the Government and private land owners on land premium payable for lease modification and land exchange transactions through arbitration.
- Continuing to explore whether restrictions on uses in industrial buildings can be further relaxed suitably without compromising fire and building safety requirements.
- Continuing to take forward the planning for residential development at the Kam Tin South West Rail Kam Sheung Road Station, Pat Heung Maintenance Depot and the adjoining areas.
- Continuing to actively explore in collaboration with the MTR Corporation Limited the development potential of stations and railway-related sites along existing and future rail lines, such as Siu Ho Wan on Lantau Island, with a view to taking forward relevant projects having regard to the results of the studies.
- Continuing to take forward the planning and development of the former Diamond Hill Squatter Areas (Tai Hom Village), former Cha Kwo Ling Kaolin Mine, former Lamma Quarry and Anderson Road Quarry. We will also actively consider making use of private developers' capacity for development to provide infrastructure and ancillary facilities, and/or construct public and private residential units.

- Continuing with the implementation of new development areas and new town extensions:
  - taking forward and implementing the plans for the Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas as an extension to the Fanling/Sheung Shui New Town, tying in with the railway development of the Northern Link;
  - taking forward and implementing the development of Tung Chung New Town Extension to tie in with the development of Lantau, turning Tung Chung into a distinct and more comprehensively developed new town;
  - taking forward and implementing the plans for the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area as a regional hub in the North West New Territories to complement the new towns of Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long and Tuen Mun, providing housing, employment opportunities and civic facilities; and
  - taking forward the planning for deserted or damaged agricultural land and rural-based industrial sites in Yuen Long South as an extension to the Yuen Long New Town to meet housing and other development needs and improve the local rural environment.
  
- Conducting a new planning and engineering study for the future development of Tseung Kwan O Area 137, including exploration of residential, commercial and other suitable land uses, as well as the need for the originally reserved uses, with a view to making more optimal use of this piece of land in the urban area to meet the latest development needs of Hong Kong.
  
- In the light of the findings of the Preliminary Feasibility Study on Developing the New Territories North, conducting public consultation on the New Territories North strategic growth area within the framework of “Hong Kong 2030+” and exploring the scope for further developing a new town of similar scale as Fanling/Sheung Shui in New Territories North.
  
- Continuing to take forward near-shore reclamation by:
  - commencing a planning and engineering study for the reclamation in Sunny Bay, Lantau Island; and

- completing the technical studies on the reclamations in Siu Ho Wan on Lantau Island, Lung Kwu Tan in Tuen Mun and Ma Liu Shui in Sha Tin. For the Ma Liu Shui reclamation of about 60 hectares, we intend to commence a planning and engineering study as soon as practicable. The study will take into account the future planning of the adjoining 28-hectare site vacated after relocation of the Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works into caverns with a view to providing land for development of high technology and knowledge-based industries, housing and other uses. To provide land for industrial and other uses, we also plan to commence a planning and engineering study as soon as possible for Lung Kwu Tan reclamation of about 200 hectares.
- Continuing with the site investigation, detailed impact assessments and detailed design for the relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to caverns. We will implement the works in phases with a view to releasing the site of the existing sewage treatment works for development use as soon as possible.
- Conducting public consultation on the development options for relocating the Diamond Hill Fresh Water and Salt Water Service Reservoirs, Sai Kung Sewage Treatment Works and Sham Tseng Sewage Treatment Works to caverns, in preparation for the next phase of work.
- Implementing the recommendations of the study on the long-term strategy of cavern development, including promulgation of the Cavern Master Plans, implementation of guidelines to facilitate future cavern development and carrying out of a technical study on underground quarrying for carven development.
- Continuing with the detailed study on the underground space development in Causeway Bay, Happy Valley, Admiralty/Wan Chai and Tsim Sha Tsui West and conducting public consultation on potential sites for underground space developments, including Kowloon Park, Victoria Park and Southorn Playground, in preparation for the preliminary planning and technical assessment to be conducted in the next stage.

- Continuing to provide the market with more prime office and commercial space to support economic activities by converting into commercial use suitable government sites and offices in the Central Business Districts, including the Murray Road Public Carpark, the Rumsey Street Public Carpark and the three government office buildings at the Wan Chai waterfront.
- Keeping up the efforts to facilitate transformation of Kowloon East into another attractive core business district. At present, Kowloon East has more than 2.3 million square metres of commercial/office floor area. The sale of six sites in Kowloon East since 2012 provides a total of about 370 000 square metres of commercial/office floor area. Kowloon East has potential to further supply about 4.7 million square metres commercial/office floor area in future, bringing the total supply in the district to about 7 million square metres.
- With the recent completion of the review for further increasing the residential development intensity of the Kai Tak Development Area and the confirmation that additional residential flats can be provided, consulting the public on the proposal and will amend the Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan in accordance with the Town Planning Ordinance.
- Continuing with the detailed feasibility study for the Environmentally Friendly Linkage System of Kowloon East and the public consultation on the recommended transport mode before commencing the next phase of study.
- Endeavouring to facilitate hosting of mega events and activities in Kowloon East that are popular with Hong Kong people and tourists, and promoting a water-friendly culture.
- Implementing gradually the relocation of the existing government facilities in the Kowloon Bay Action Area and Kwun Tong Action Area to tie in with the development of the two areas, providing 560 000 square metres of commercial/office floor area. We would provide cultural, creative and technology spaces in the Kowloon Bay Action Area and continue to explore development opportunities for the industries in the Kwun Tong Action Area.

- Developing the spaces underneath Kwun Tong Bypass into the “Fly the Flyover 0123” project. The “place-making” concept will be applied to the project to transform the space into uniquely designed and vibrant venues with facilities related to culture, art, recreation as well as green and healthy city to tie in with the development of the Kwun Tong waterfront. The venue facilities are under construction, expected to be open for use around mid-2017.
- Continuing to enrich and update the Green Map on the Energising Kowloon East Office’s website, showing buildings which have obtained Building Environmental Assessment Method (BEAM) Plus Gold or above rating in Kowloon East. A total of 23 buildings in the area have achieved such accredited rating.
- Continuing to take forward a detailed consultancy study on transforming the King Yip Street nullah into a green and vibrant Tsui Ping River with environmental and landscaping upgrading of the vicinity to achieve synergy effect.
- Continuing to showcase the industrial culture of Kowloon East at the Tsun Yip Street Playground and other parks in the district that will undergo improvements under the theme of “The Spirit of Creation”.
- Continuing to implement the concept of “walkability” in Kowloon East with a view to improving the pedestrian environment and traffic conditions. This includes carrying out detailed design for an additional footbridge next to Kowloon Bay MTR Station to enhance connectivity with the future East Kowloon Cultural Centre and nearby residential areas. In parallel, we are working on the design for the extension and face-lifting of the pedestrian subway network connecting to Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station, face-lifting of a public transport interchange and improvement of pedestrian facilities to create a comfortable walking environment for pedestrians heading for the business area and the promenade. We continue to collaborate with different organisations and government departments to further take forward the Back Alley Project with the spirit of co-creation and social inclusion to improve pedestrian connectivity.

- Continuing to take forward the policy of waiving the land premium for lease modification to encourage private landowners to construct footbridges or subways at their own cost.
- Continuing to use Kowloon East as a pilot area to explore the feasibility of developing a smart city. This includes stipulating conditions for achieving BEAM Plus Gold or above ratings, provision of smart water meter system and electric vehicle charging facilities for land sale sites for private development. We will also require real-time parking information to be provided in commercial car parks at appropriate sites.
- Proceeding to establish a Common Spatial Data Infrastructure, a geo-platform for the integration, exchange and sharing of geographic spatial data, to support the development of a smart city.
- Exploring the development of public housing at six government sites (including the redevelopment of Wah Fu Estate), which are expected to provide about 11 900 additional public housing units, following the partial lifting of the administrative moratorium on the development of Pok Fu Lam.
- Publishing the “Sustainable Lantau Blueprint” in the first half of this year. We will undertake various studies and development projects and expedite the conservation work for Lantau Island in accordance with the blueprint.
- Completing the feasibility study for topside development at the Hong Kong boundary crossing facilities island of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and preparing for the design and site investigation works for the associated infrastructures to support the topside development.
- Taking forward strategic studies for constructing artificial islands in the central waters between Hong Kong Island and Lantau Island for the development of the East Lantau Metropolis.
- Continuing to implement the planned improvement works for revitalisation of Mui Wo and Tai O, and the improvement and expansion works for the mountain bike trail networks in South Lantau.

- Strengthening the prosecution action against owners who fail to comply with statutory orders in the context of enforcement actions against industrial buildings suspected to have sub-divided flats for domestic use.
- Working closely with the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Urban Renewal Authority to assist building owners in need to carry out repair and maintenance works through various schemes, including:
  - the Operation Building Bright;
  - the Building Maintenance Grant Scheme for Elderly Owners;
  - the Integrated Building Maintenance Assistance Scheme;
  - the Mandatory Building Inspection Subsidy Scheme; and
  - “Smart Tender” Building Rehabilitation Facilitating Services (Pilot Scheme).
- Continuing with the efforts to enhance maintenance of private buildings through public education, publicity and participation of professional bodies.
- Continuing to enforce the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance, including the registration of qualified persons, for regulatory control over lift and escalator safety, and continuing to draw the attention of Responsible Persons to their obligations under the ordinance through education and publicity.
- Overseeing the implementation of the Urban Renewal Strategy.
- Working closely with the Urban Renewal Authority to support its implementation of redevelopment projects under a holistic and district-based approach with a view to enhancing overall planning benefits for the community.
- Continuing to implement the Pilot Scheme on Outreach Support Service for Minority Owners to provide relevant information and appropriate support services to owners of old buildings affected by compulsory sale.

- Continuing with the review of the small house policy and overseeing its implementation and related matters.
- Engaging key stakeholders to refine the proposed amendments to the Land Titles Ordinance.
- Continuing to take forward the development of the cycle track network in the New Territories by constructing the Tuen Mun to Sheung Shui section; commencing the detailed design for the Tuen Mun to So Kwun Wat section; and reviewing the alignment of the remainder of the Tsuen Wan to Tuen Mun section. We will continue to foster a “bicycle-friendly environment” in new towns and new development areas.
- Continuing to oversee the construction of the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point on Hong Kong side and going full steam ahead with the construction of the connecting road and the Passenger Terminal Building, with a view to completing the Boundary Control Point in 2018.
- Conducting a consultancy study on the formulation of a set of design standards for seismic-resistant buildings, with a view to further enhancing building safety in Hong Kong.

## **Environment and Conservation**

### **New Initiatives**

*We will:*

- Take places such as Tai O, Shui Hau and Pui O on Lantau as the pilot areas for implementing rural conservation policies, under which Government and community resources will be deployed to take forward, as appropriate, various rural conservation initiatives including nature conservation and education, revitalisation of old village buildings, village life experience enhancement and promotion of ecological and cultural tourism, to support the efforts in developing and conserving Lantau.
- Review the current arrangement under which a development project is only required to register for BEAM Plus as a prerequisite for application for gross floor area concession for amenity features, with a view to further promoting green buildings in the private market.
- Formulate an urban forestry management strategy and develop proper urban arboricultural practices with a holistic approach. Develop sustainable urban landscape and promote vegetation diversity, and draw up a practice note on urban arboriculture.
- Raise public awareness on urban forestry through publicity and education.
- Promote capacity-building for the arboriculture and horticulture industry and assist the Arboriculture and Horticulture Industry Training Advisory Committee in developing a qualification framework.
- Continue to press ahead to follow up the recommendations put forward by the Commission of Inquiry into Excess Lead Found in Drinking Water to address the grave public concern about the incidents of excess lead in drinking water in public rental housing estates and other premises and to restore public confidence in the quality of drinking water. These measures include:

- studying overseas practices with a view to developing drinking water standards and water sampling protocols suitable for Hong Kong; further enhancing the Water Safety Plan of the Water Supplies Department; and developing templates for Water Safety Plan for buildings;
  - consulting the International Expert Panel appointed by the Development Bureau on the various items of follow-up work;
  - reviewing the Waterworks Ordinance and its Regulations for submitting some of the amendments, including those defining the duties of licensed plumbers and plumbing workers and updating the standards for plumbing materials in the inside service, to the LegCo for deliberation in the 2016-17 legislative session; and
  - stepping up the regulation of pipe materials and fittings of the inside service.
- Continue to strengthen enforcement action against leakage cases in order to minimise water loss caused by the lack of proper maintenance or prolonged repairs of the inside service. In the meantime, we will also collaborate with other government departments to take forward the Pilot Scheme for Leakage Detection for underground water pipes and to promote leakage detection and maintenance for private underground water pipes.
  - Develop a holistic plan for safeguarding drinking water quality and put forward proposal on introducing legislation on drinking water safety, which include developing a set of drinking water standards suitable for the local situation and a water quality regulatory framework, as well as putting in place a comprehensive programme for monitoring the safety and quality of drinking water from the source to the consumers' taps.
  - Actively seek to apply the Building Information Modelling (BIM) technology in the design of major government capital works projects from 2018 onwards. Consultants and contractors undertaking the design and construction work for these projects will be required to use the BIM technology.

- Conduct investigations and, where necessary, carry out rehabilitation works for aged drainage systems to minimise flooding risk and safety hazards arising from pipe collapse.

### **On-going Initiatives**

*We are:*

- Continuing with the review of the Total Water Management Strategy to ensure sustainable use of precious water resources and timely introduction of new initiatives to strengthen our resilience and preparedness against challenges brought about by climate change. The related work is expected to be completed in 2017.
- Continuing with the design work for the desalination plant at Tseung Kwan O and seeking to complete the design of its associated infrastructure as early as possible.
- Taking forward gradually the establishment of a comprehensive Water Intelligent Network to continuously monitor the health condition of the water mains network. The work includes continuous installation of sensors in the water distribution network for establishing District Metering Areas (DMAs); undertaking design for the remaining DMAs; and preparing a tendering exercise for an intelligent network management computer system for analysing the data collected from the sensors. We are also preparing to commission a consultant to use data mining technique to predict the possibility of water main bursts for early identification of defective water mains and follow-up actions.
- Continuing to adopt a multi-pronged approach and more proactive strategy to step up the promotion of water conservation in Hong Kong. In respect of promotion, the Water Conservation Week 2016 was launched in mid-November 2016. Through this large-scale public event, we engaged different sectors of the community, including education, environmental protection, catering, hotels and property management, to promote water conservation. On the education front, the “Cherish Water Campus” Integrated Education Programme was introduced to primary schools at the start of the 2015/16 school year. To date, over 200 primary schools have joined the programme. Furthermore, the design work for the Water Resources Education

Centre at Tin Shui Wai for replacing the existing temporary centre has commenced. As regards high water consumption industries, we have developed best practice guidelines for water usage in the catering and hotel industries and encouraged the private sector to conduct review on water usage.

- Continuing to take forward the initiative of the use of reclaimed water for toilet flushing and other non-potable purposes in the north-eastern part of the New Territories (including Sheung Shui and Fanling). The design of advance infrastructure works is almost completed while the study on the financial and legal framework for the supply of reclaimed water is currently underway.
- Implementing measures for low carbon construction, emission reduction and use of recycled materials in public works projects, including:
  - continuing to promote the use of electric vehicles in works projects;
  - continuing to use biodiesel as fuel for construction machineries in construction sites;
  - continuing to adopt green site offices; and
  - continuing to conduct trials on the use of waste glass as fill materials for reclamation.
- Delivering higher quality landscape planning and design in the upstream by adopting a multi-pronged approach and proactive strategy for enriching vegetation diversity and enhancing place ecology, while undertaking more diligent vegetation management and maintenance in the downstream.
- Further promoting the concepts of lifecycle planning and life expectancy for trees and continuing to enforce “Right Tree, Right Place”.
- Continuing to improve the current risk management strategy and handle trees in the urban areas according to priorities.

- Implementing a more effective risk management strategy for stonewall trees.
- Strengthening co-ordination amongst departments and communication with stakeholders and the public.
- Taking forward progressively new funding schemes for public engagement projects and thematic research under the new Built Heritage Conservation Fund, which has also expanded the scope of the Financial Assistance for Maintenance Scheme and raised the grant ceiling for each works project.
- Continuing to work closely with the selected non-profit-making organisations to implement the first four batches of projects under the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme which now falls within the funding scope of the Built Heritage Conservation Fund.
- Taking forward the assessment work for Batch V of the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme.
- Taking forward the conservation and revitalisation of the Central Police Station Compound in partnership with the Hong Kong Jockey Club.
- Continuing with the Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme to:
  - upgrade and landscape government man-made slopes;
  - mitigate the landslide risk of natural terrain with known hazards; and
  - conduct safety screening studies for private slopes.
- Completing the River Flood Study and putting in place progressively the flood warning systems and mitigation measures for flood-prone rivers in the rural areas.
- Continuing with Phase 2 construction works of an underground stormwater storage tank in Happy Valley to relieve further the flood risks in the district and adjacent areas.

- Continuing to review the Drainage Master Plans of Sha Tin, Tai Po, Sai Kung, North Hong Kong Island, Lantau and the outlying islands to assess the flood risks in these districts and formulate improvement measures.
- Continuing with the reconstruction and rehabilitation works of the Kai Tak River to alleviate the flood risks in the areas concerned.
- Continuing with the design of the improvement works for the Yuen Long Town Centre Nullah to enhance the quality of the local environment and the ecological value of the nullah.
- Continuing with the consultancy study for exploring the practicable options for applying the concept of revitalising water bodies to nullahs and river channels when carrying out large-scale drainage improvement works and drainage planning for new development areas. Apart from achieving efficient drainage, such objectives will promote greening, biodiversity, beautification and water friendliness; build sustainable drainage facilities; and provide a better living environment.

## **Education, Population and Human Resources**

### **On-going Initiatives**

*We are:*

- Developing policy and support measures necessary for the further development of four clusters of sectors (namely transportation; convention and exhibition industries and tourism; manufacturing industries, innovative technology, and cultural and creative industries; and professional services) through the Economic Development Commission and its four working groups with a view to diversifying our economy and creating more employment opportunities.
- In the context of the “Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030” study and its public engagement exercise, examining the strategy and possible options for the development of Hong Kong beyond 2030, aligning with the objectives of our population policy from the perspectives of creating capacity for improved living space and better quality of life, enhancing economic competitiveness and facilitating sustainable development.
- Continuing to collaborate with the Construction Industry Council and other key stakeholders to monitor the manpower situation in the construction industry and implement measures to maintain a construction workforce of sufficient strength and quality to meet the industry’s manpower demand in the future.
- Working closely with the Construction Industry Council to implement the “designated workers for designated skills” requirement under the relevant legislation in April 2017 in order to fully launch the construction workers registration scheme.
- Continuing to assist local construction workers in finding jobs, and employers of the industry in recruiting workers, through the Construction Industry Recruitment Centre.