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Information on Lantau's Social Development

PURPOSE

This paper sets out the fundamental information on Lantau's social development (mainly provided by the Food and Health Bureau, Education Bureau (EDB), Housing Department (HD), Social Welfare Department (SWD), Census and Statistics Department (C&SD), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), Planning Department and Islands District Office (IsDO)), for Subcommittee Members' consideration when drawing up the proposals of social development strategy for Lantau.

BACKGROUND

- 2. The Chief Executive announced in his 2014 Policy Address the establishment of the Lantau Development Advisory Committee (LanDAC). Its terms of reference are to advise on the opportunities brought by major infrastructure projects in the area and the synergy between Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta, and to prepare the economic and social development strategy for Lantau, while striking a balance between development and conservation. According to the current work plan, the LanDAC expects that the draft of the relevant development strategy will be prepared around mid 2015 and the revised strategy will be completed in 2016.
- 3. At the third meeting of the LanDAC, Members agreed to set up four Subcommittees¹ under the LanDAC to expedite discussions and assist in taking forward the proposals submitted by LanDAC Members

¹ Four Subcommittees are Planning and Conservation Subcommittee, Economic and Social Development Subcommittee, Traffic and Transport Subcommittee and Public Relation and Engagement Subcommittee respectively.

and the public, which are adoptable and feasible. Among the four Subcommittees, the Economic and Social Development Subcommittee (ESD SC) is responsible for drawing up the proposals of economic and social development strategy for Lantau, and giving advice to the LanDAC.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS OF LANDAC

4. As at December 2014, the LanDAC received seven social development proposals from LanDAC Members and the public (**Annex 1**).

POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN ISLANDS DISTRICT

- 5. According to the statistics of C&SD, there were 50 200 domestic households in Islands District (including Lantau, Peng Chau, Hei Ling Chau, Lamma Island, Po Toi and Cheung Chau, etc.) in 2013, with 143 700 land-based non-institutional population² (accounted for 2.0% of the overall population). Analysed by type of housing, nearly 65% of the domestic households resided in private permanent housing, with the corresponding territory-wide figure of about 55%; nearly 30% of the domestic households resided in public rental housing, and the proportion was similar to the territory-wide situation (**Table 1 of Annex 2**).
- 6. Analysed by age, more than 75% of the population were in the working ages 15-64 (**Table 2 of Annex 2**), with a median age of 39. For educational attainment, nearly 30% of the persons in Islands District had attained post-secondary education, and the corresponding territory-wide figure was about 25% (**Table 3 of Annex 2**).
- 7. In 2013, the number of employed persons in Islands District were 76 900, among them 23.0%, 18.1% and 17.4% were respectively workers in elementary occupations, service and sales workers, and associate professionals (**Table 4 of Annex 2**). The median monthly employment earnings of employed persons in Islands District were \$12,500, slightly lower than the territory-wide figure of \$13,000. Besides, the number of unemployed persons was 2 500. The

² Land-based non-institutional population does not cover inmates of institutions and persons living on board vessels.

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unemployment rate was 3.1%, which was lower than the overall unemployment rate (3.4%).

- 8. In 2011, 29.2% of the employed persons residing in Islands District worked in the same district. Another 25.5% crossed district to work in Hong Kong Island, followed by Kowloon and other districts in the New Territories, at 15.1% and 10.1% respectively (**Table 5 of Annex 2**).
- 9. As at the end of November 2014, there was a total of 2 757 Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in Lantau. For case nature, please see **Table 6 in Annex 2**.

PLANNING ON FUTURE LANTAU POPULATION

10. The population of Lantau was about 110 000 in 2011, mainly concentrated in Tung Chung New Town, with the remaining in Discovery Bay, Mui Wo and Tai O etc. The future population growth will be mainly from the Tung Chung New Town Extension. According to the proposal of the Study, the new town extension will provide about 48 000 flats, accommodating a population of about 140 000. It is anticipated that the first population intake would be in 2023 the earliest. The total population of Tung Chung New Town would then reach about 260 000³. Besides, the 2015 Policy Address proposed the development of the East Lantau Metropolis in the eastern waters off Lantau which can be linked with Hong Kong Island, Lantau and the New Territories West by transport infrastructure. It can accommodate new population and serve as a new core business district in addition to Central and Kowloon East.

INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT IN LANTAU

11. For employment, there are currently over 90 000 employment opportunities in Lantau, with about 65 000⁴ in the Hong Kong

³ The existing population of Tung Chung New Town is about 80 000 (information from 2011 Population Census), and the planned population is about 120 000. With the new population of the extension areas, the total population of Tung Chung would reach 260 000.

⁴ According to the latest information of the Airport Authority Hong Kong, there are about 65 000 job vacancies in the HKIA.

International Airport (HKIA) and the remaining mainly concentrated in Tung Chung, the Hong Kong Disneyland resort area, Discovery Bay and Mui Wo etc. According to the information of the Labour and Welfare Bureau, there are about 4 000 to 5 000 job vacancies in the HKIA⁵.

The major infrastructure and development projects in Lantau 12. (**Plan 1** and **Annex 3**⁶) involve considerable commercial land uses, including office, retail, dining and hotels etc. It is expected that these would bring more employment opportunities to Lantau. For example, the proposed commercial uses in Tung Chung New Town Extension would create about 40 000 employments. According to the estimate of the Airport Authority Hong Kong, direct employment associated with HKIA would reach 141 000⁷ in 2030 with the operation of the third runway system. In addition, the Airport North Commercial District and the Topside Development at Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities Island of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge under planning will also create huge employment opportunities. With the East Lantau Metropolis which has the potential to be developed as a new core business district, employment opportunities in Lantau will be further increased in the long-run. How to suitably match and balance the growth of population and employment is one of the major topics of economic and social developments of Lantau.

INFORMATION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

(1) VOCATIONAL EDUCATION/ TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

13. For the vocational education/ training and employment support services provided for residents in Lantau, please refer to the information to ESD SC Paper No. 02/2015.

http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201410/28/P201410280865.htm

⁵ Media Conversation of the Secretary for Labour and Welfare related to employment issues (2014), website:

⁶ Annex 3 gives a brief account on the latest progress of the major projects in Lantau. For details, please refer to the Lantau Development Advisory Committee Paper No. 02/2014 and Planning and Conservation Sub-committee Paper No. 03/2014.

⁷ Source: http://info.threerunwaysystem.com/pdf/en/TR 24May Eng Full.pdf

(2) EDUCATION

- Currently there are altogether 5 aided secondary schools, 3 Direct Subsidy Scheme secondary schools and 11 aided primary schools on Lantau Island (including Tung Chung, Tai O, Pui O, Mui Wo and Discovery Bay). In the 2014/15 school year, the 8 secondary schools operating a total of 179 classes have over 40 vacant classrooms while the 11 aided primary schools operating 173 classes (excluding classes operating under the Intensive Remedial Teaching Programme) still have over 70 vacant classrooms. Hence, on the provision of public sector primary and secondary school places, schools on Lantau Island have the capacity to meet the demand. With the implementation of school-based medium of instruction (MOI) arrangements from 2010/11 school year, secondary schools are no longer divided as schools using Chinese or English MOI. In fact, under the fine-tuned MOI framework, secondary schools are allowed to adopt the most appropriate MOI arrangements for the school after taking into consideration the school-based situation (including English teaching proficiency of teachers, support measures etc) and exercising professional judgement on students' learning needs. For choice of schools, EDB has all along encouraged parents to take into consideration the needs and aspirations of their children as well as their expectations when making choices for their children.
- 15. Regarding the proposal to build more international schools, the Government facilitates the development of a vibrant international school sector mainly to meet the demand for school places from overseas families living in Hong Kong and families coming to Hong Kong for work or investment. According to the findings of an EDB-commissioned consultancy study completed at the end of 2012, it was anticipated that, taking into account the local expansion plans of the business sector, the increase in student population contributed by incoming expatriate families, the local demand for non-local curriculum, and the unmet demand for school places indicated by the waiting list of international schools, there would be a shortfall of around 4 200 primary places in our international school sector by the 2016/17 school year.
- 16. As such, EDB allocated three vacant school premises for international school development in April 2013, which are expected to provide an additional 1 150 primary places and 210 secondary places by the 2016/17 school year. Separately, EDB is conducting a school allocation exercise for two vacant school premises and three greenfield sites in the Southern District, Sai Kung and Tai Po to further increase

the supply of international school places to make up the projected shortfall. The exercise is scheduled for completion later this year (within the first quarter of 2015). EDB will also continue to encourage international schools to better utilise their existing premises and land to provide more school places, and will provide information through the internet to facilitate expansion or redevelopment projects of international schools.

- 17. In addition, EDB is conducting a new round of consultancy study on the latest demand for and supply of international school places to update the findings of the previous exercise. The study is anticipated to be completed by the end of this year.
- 18. As for the proposal to build new international school in Lantau, to address the public demand for more diversified education facilities in Tung Chung, EDB has proposed to set aside about four hectares of land in the draft Recommended Outline Development Plan of the Tung Chung New Town Extension Study jointly commissioned by the Civil Engineering and Development Department and the Planning Department for educational uses including tertiary institutes and other school purposes. EDB will consider allocating sites, including those in Tung Chung New Town, for international school development having regard to the findings of the study on the provision of international school places in Hong Kong.

(3) HOUSING

- 19. Three new public rental housing (PRH) /Home Ownership Scheme projects, providing a total of about 8 400 flats, will be completed in the coming few years in Tung Chung, Lantau Island. In the medium and longer term, another 30 000 new public housing flats will be provided in the Tung Chung New Town Extension Area. Hence, HD believed that there will be adequate flats in this area to meet the demand from the PRH applicants.
- 20. Regarding the proposal to allow people working in the same district to have priority in PRH application, as Hong Kong has developed into a mature city, with improved linkages through convenient transportation networks, the locational choice of individual applicant is no longer limited to the locality of their work. As there is a huge number of PRH applicants and they in general are expecting to have early allocations, HD thus has to observe the principle of rational allocation of PRH resources and arrange offer of flats in a fair and

equitable manner in strict accordance with the registration dates/equivalent registration dates of general applicants and the points under the Quota and Points System for non-elderly one-person applicants.

(4) HEALTHCARE SERVICES

- 21. The North Lantau Hospital (NLTH) of Hospital Authority (HA) has commenced services in phases since September 2013. It currently provides 24-hour accident and emergency services, general out-patient services and specialist out-patient services in medicine and geriatrics, psychiatry, surgery and orthopaedics. It also has acute beds and rehabilitation/convalescent beds, a day rehabilitation centre and a day procedure centre to meet the needs of patients in the district. Upon full commissioning, the NLTH can provide 160 beds. In the light of service demand, HA will continue to expand the services of the NLTH in phases subject to availability of manpower and resources.
- 22. HA provides general out-patient services for Lantau residents through the North Lantau Community Health Centre, Mui Wo General Out-patient Clinic (GOPC) and Tai O GOPC. Located inside the NLTH, the North Lantau Community Health Centre commenced operation in September 2013. It offers residents general out-patient services as well as care service for chronic diseases. Apart from rendering general out-patient services, both Mui Wo GOPC and Tai O GOPC have set up 24-hour first-aid stations to give immediate care to emergency casualties and refer needy patients to acute hospitals. The two GOPCs also arrange health talks on a regular basis to enhance residents' knowledge of various diseases.
- 23. HA also provides Lantau residents with outreach services such as community nursing service, community geriatric assessment service and psychiatric outreach service. Their work includes assessment of patients, management of chronic diseases, health education and community care.
- 24. Since 2003, we have established 18 public Chinese medicine clinics (CMCs) in the territory. Operated under a tripartite model involving HA, non-governmental organisations and local universities, these public CMCs provide Chinese medicine consultation and related services for the local community at affordable prices. The public CMC for the Islands District, which is located at the Tung Chung Health Centre in Lantau, has been commissioned in July 2014.

- 25. The Mui Wo Maternal and Child Health Centre (MCHC) and the Tung Chung MCHC under the Department of Health provide a comprehensive range of health promotion and disease prevention services for children up to five years of age and women aged 64 years or below in the district. The integrated child health and development programme provides immunisation and child health, and development surveillance for children up to age five. The programme also offers parents and caregivers anticipatory guidance on childcare and parenting. In addition, the MCHCs render antenatal and postnatal services, family planning and cervical screening services to meet different health needs of women.
- 26. The Tung Chung Elderly Health Centre provides primary healthcare for members aged 65 or above to help them identify health risks and detect diseases earlier for timely intervention and prevention of complications. Enrolled members are provided with integrated primary healthcare services, including health assessment (physical examination), counselling, health education and curative treatment.
- 27. The Islands District Visiting Health Team reaches out to the local elderly community to deliver health promotion programmes. It also provides training for caregivers to enhance their skills in caring for the elderly.
- 28. The Tai O Jockey Club Dental Clinic provides emergency dental service for the public in designated sessions, treatments include pain relief and teeth extraction. The Tung Chung Chest Clinic offers out-patient service to patients of tuberculosis and other thoracic diseases.
- 29. When planning and developing public healthcare services, the Administration will consider a series of factors, including the delivery model, demographic changes and distribution of client groups in the district, provision of healthcare services in the district and the demand for public healthcare services.

(5) PUBLIC HEALTH

30. At present, FEHD provides a total of 15 public refuse collection points and 45 public toilets on Lantau Island. The construction of a new public toilet at the Tung Chung Waterfront Promenade is also in progress and the new toilet is anticipated to be commissioned in the first

half of 2015 to provide services to local residents and tourists. In addition, FEHD caters for the daily shopping needs of residents through provision of a public market and a cooked food market at Mui Wo and a public market at Tai O.

- 31. IsDO members have proposed that a municipal services building housing a public market and a cooked food centre should be built on a site adjacent to Tung Chung Area 39 reserved for an indoor recreation centre. Various factors should be considered when planning for the construction of public markets, including the population and demographic mix in the district, community needs, the availability of market facilities nearby, the number of fresh provision shops in the vicinity, etc. The Director of Audit has also pointed out in one of his past reports that owing to the high cost for building a public market, the viability and cost-effectiveness of the market have to be duly assessed in determining whether a new market should be constructed in order to ensure that public resources are put to appropriate and effective use. At present, apart from the two markets operated by The Link in two major public housing estates (Yat Tung Estate and Fu Tung Estate), there are shopping arcades, supermarkets and a number of fresh provision shops in Tung Chung to cater for the daily shopping needs of local residents. In addition, HD plans to provide a market and other retail facilities in the public housing development in Tung Chung Area 39. According to experience, the viability of a new market will be adversely affected if there are sufficient retail outlets selling similar products/foods in the catchment area of the new market, resulting in high vacancy of market stalls and substantially undermining the functions of the facilities in providing services to the public. On account of the above considerations, FEHD currently has no plans to provide a new market in Tung Chung.
- 32. FEHD will review the existing services and facilities on Lantau Island in a timely manner by taking into consideration the future Tung Chung New Town extension. Regular renovations of facilities will also be carried out to meet the needs of the community.

(6) ELDERLY SERVICE

33. Subsidised by SWD, three residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) are operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide residential care service for elderly persons in need. In addition, NGOs also operate with subsidies from SWD one district elderly community centre (DECC), two neighbourhood elderly centres

- (NECs), one day care centre for the elderly, one enhanced home and community care services team, one home help team and one support team for the elderly, providing a range of community care and support services with a view to assisting elderly people to remain living in the community for as long as possible and giving support for their carers
- 34. For elderly people of Mui Wo, Pui O, Cheung Sha and Tai O, most of them live in relatively remote villages. Support services are provided by DECC, NECs and integrated home care services teams through outreaching service and visits.

(7) YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- 35. Two integrated services centres operated by NGOs with subvention from SWD are providing diverse youth services to meet the multifarious needs of children and young people aged 6 to 24. With subvention from SWD, three outreaching teams have also been set up by NGOs to provide day and late-night outreaching service separately, in order to reach out to young people at risk in Lantau and provide them with counselling and guidance. In addition, operated by subvented NGOs, a counselling centre for psychotropic substance abusers is assisting young psychotropic substance abusers to abstain from psychotropic substance abuse and develop a healthy lifestyle, while the community support service scheme is assisting juveniles who are cautioned under the Police Superintendent's Discretion Scheme to turn over a new leaf.
- 36. To promote district youth development, the Islands District Youth Programme Committee (the Committee) of the Commission on Youth was established in 2011 to coordinate year-round youth activities, summer activities, supplementary activities and resource allocation in the Islands District. Apart from vetting activities' funding applications from district organisations, the Committee has been organising a number of diversified youth activities on a yearly basis, including the Islands District Youth Camp and the Islands District Elderly Caring & Energy Saving Promotion Day, which aim to explore potential of young people, cultivate their leadership capabilities and enhance their sense of responsibility to the community.

(8) LEISURE, CULTURAL AND ART DEVELOPMENT

37. At present, the leisure and cultural services facilities provided in

the Lantau Island by LCSD include 133.25 hectares of open space (comprising both parks and outdoor ball courts), two sports centres (Mui Wo Sports Centre and Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre), five beaches (Silvermine Bay Beach, Pui O Beach, Upper Cheung Sha Beach, Lower Cheung Sha Beach and Tong Fuk Beach), two Swimming Pool Complexes (Mui Wo Swimming Pool and Tung Chung Swimming Pool), one district library (Tung Chung Public Library) and two small libraries (Mui Wo Public Library and Tai O Public Library). In addition, there are two community halls located in Discovery Bay and Tung Chung on Lantau Island. The community halls are equipped with facilities such as multi-purpose halls (with stage), dressing rooms and conference rooms for organising different kinds of community activities by the district organisations.

- 38. On the suggestion of building an additional community hall at Tung Chung West, it has been accorded relatively low priority given the existing community hall in Tung Chung. Nevertheless, IsDO noted that there will be substantial population growth in the future as per the Tung Chung New Town Extension Study. Both IsDO and LCSD consider that Area 39 is a suitable site for community facilities use and will work out more details as soon as possible.
- 39. In addition, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has been providing support to district sports and arts associations through the Community Sports Subvention Scheme and Community Arts Subvention Scheme. For year 2014 2015, the Islands District Sports Association and the Hong Kong Islands Cultural & Art Association were each allocated \$120,000 for organising sports and arts activities in the District. LCSD will continue to pay close attention to the demand for leisure and cultural facilities, the provision of the existing facilities and their utilisation rates, and making reference to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines in providing the suitable leisure and cultural services facilities for the residents of the Islands District (including Lantau Island). LCSD will also take forward the planning work for priority projects according to their priorities set for various leisure and cultural services projects in the district.

(9) SOCIAL WELFARE

40. Lantau is a large island with a relatively small population. With the development of the Tung Chung New Town, many young families have moved into this new development area, leaving their original family support networks behind. The growing population has led to a

higher demand for welfare services. Like any other newly developed communities, Tung Chung has its share of social problems of various kinds, including broken marriages, conflicts between daughter-in-law and mother-in-law, conflicts between generations, domestic violence, child care, mental health, drug abuse, alcoholism, suicide, care for the elderly and persons with disabilities, adolescence behaviour, employment, integration of new arrivals and ethnic minorities into the community, etc.

- 41. As the utilisation rate of existing welfare services in Lantau is very high, waiting lists do exist for some of the services. SWD will conduct timely reviews on service needs, make coordination efforts and take follow-up actions accordingly. Currently welfare services in Lantau consist of integrated family service, family and child protection service, child care service, rehabilitation service, mental health service, medical social services, community development service, social security, employment assistance service, self-financing welfare service, poverty alleviation and service to support integration of the disadvantaged and ethnic minorities into the community. For details, please see **Annex 4**.
- 42. At present, there are two public housing development projects in Tung Chung Area 56 and Area 39, where welfare facilities will be provided. In Tung Chung Area 56, an RCHE, a day activity centre, a hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons and an integrated service centre sub-base will be set up. In Tung Chung Area 39, a hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons, an integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre, a special child care centre and an early education and training centre are included in the project. The construction works in the two areas are expected to be completed by September 2016 and March 2018 respectively.

ADVICE SOUGHT

43. Subcommittee Members are invited to note the content of this paper and give views.

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Social Development Proposals Received by the LanDAC from LanDAC Members and the Public

- 1. Giving higher priority to people working in the area in applications for public rental housing
- 2. Importing non-skilled and low-skilled workers from the Mainland to work in the designated airport area
- 3. Setting up a "professional institute" to train up competent workforce for the area
- 4. Setting up a vocational training centre for tourism and expo in Lantau
- 5. Building international schools
- 6. Building community facilities, such as municipal services buildings, community halls, civic centres and clinics etc.
- 7. Providing job-matching and relevant vocational training services to cater for the large number of job vacancies in the airport island

Population Statistics in Islands District⁸

Table 1: Domestic Households by Type of Housing, 2013

Type of housing	Islands District	Overall
Public rental housing	14 700	732 200
Subsidised home	2 100	372 100
ownership housing		
Private permanent	32 800	1 284 700
housing		
Temporary housing	500	15 900
Overall	50 200	2 404 800

Note: Figures may not add up to the respective totals owing to rounding. Source: General Household Survey, Census and Statistics Department.

Table 2: Population in Islands District by Age Group, 2013

Age Group	Number	Percentage	
0-14	20 500	14.2	
15-24	19 800	13.8	
25-34	21 900	15.3	
35-44	24 900	17.3	
45-54	25 600	17.8	
55-64	17 200	12.0	
65+	13 900	9.7	
Overall	143 700	100.0	

Note: Figures may not add up to the respective totals owing to rounding. Source: General Household Survey, Census and Statistics Department.

Islands District includes Lantau, Peng Chau, Hei Ling Chau, Lamma Island, Po Toi and Cheung Chau,

Table 3: Number of persons by Educational Attainment, 2013

Educational Attainment	Islands District	Overall
Primary and below	38 200	1 902 600
Lower secondary	19 100	1 103 900
Upper secondary	45 400	2 268 400
Post-secondary	41 000	1 825 300
Overall	143 700	7 100 300

Note: Figures may not add up to the respective totals owing to rounding. Source: General Household Survey, Census and Statistics Department.

Table 4: Employed persons in Islands District by Occupation, 2013

Occupation	Number	Percentage
Managers and administrators	9 300	12.1
Professionals	7 000	9.1
Associate professionals	13 400	17.4
Clerical support workers	8 500	11.0
Service and sales workers	13 900	18.1
Craft and related workers	4 800	6.3
Plant and machine operators and	2 200	2.8
assemblers		
Elementary occupations	17 700	23.0
Other occupations	*	*
Overall	76 900	100.0

Notes: * Figures are compiled based on a small number of observations and not released owing to large sampling error.

Figures may not add up to the respective totals owing to rounding.

Source: General Household Survey, Census and Statistics Department.

Table 5: Percentage of Employed Persons in Islands District by Place of Work, 2011

Place of work	Percentage
Work in the same district ⁽¹⁾	29.2
Work in another district	
Hong Kong Island	25.5
Kowloon	15.1
Other areas in the New	10.1
Territories	
No fixed places/Marine	7.6
Work at home	8.9
Places outside Hong Kong	
The mainland of China /	2.6
Macao / Taiwan	
Others	1.1
Overall	100.0

Note: (1) Persons who work in the same district refer to those who live and work in the same District Council district. Persons who work at home and marine population are excluded.

Source: 2011 Population Census, Census and Statistics Department.

Table 6: CSSA Cases by Case Nature in 2014

	Old	Unemploy-	Low-	Disability/	Single	Others
	age	ment	earnings	Ill health	parent	
Tung Chung	832	254	216	400	460	36
Lantau (Areas						
outside Tung	300	48	13	64	51	83
Chung)						
Total	1 132	302	229	464	511	119

Source: SWD

Major Projects	Latest Progress
Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao	Under Review
Bridge (HZMB)	
Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link	It is anticipated that the commissioning of southern section would tie in with the opening of the HZMB and the northern section would be completed by 2018
Topside Development at	Subject to funding approval from the
Hong Kong Boundary	Legislative Council, the 25-month study
Crossing Facilities Island of HZMB	is expected to commence in early 2015, aiming to dispose the first site upon the commissioning of the HZMB
The Third Runway of the	Strive to commence the works in 2016
Airport	for completion in 2023
Airport North Commercial	Actively pursuing the Master Layout
District (NCD)	Plan of the NCD
Tung Chung New Town Extension	It is anticipated that the first population intake would be in 2023 the earliest
Sunny Bay Reclamation	Commencement of the 2-year study is
	subject to the funding approval from the
	Legislative Council
Siu Ho wan Reclamation	Way forward depends on the findings of
	the Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment now underway
East Lantau Metropolis	The strategic studies for artificial islands
(ELM)	in the central waters are under
	preparation. Upon the availability of
	phased findings of the strategic studies, the planning and engineering study for
	the ELM will commence in due course

Annex 4

Existing Welfare Services in Lantau

- 1. Integrated family services: Two integrated service centres operated by NGOs with subvention from SWD and an integrated family service centre operated by SWD provide a range of preventive, supportive and remedial family services for the elderly, children, young people and families to preserve and strengthen the family as a unit, promote family harmony, assist to prevent personal and family problems, and provide suitable services to strengthen their problem-solving capability.
- 2. Family and child protection services: The Family and Child Protective Services Unit of SWD provides services for residents in Lantau, assisting victims of child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering and their families to overcome the trauma and resume normal living, and safeguarding the interest of children affected by custody/guardianship disputes.
- 3. Child care service: NGOs receive subsidy from SWD to operate three child care centres, which aim to enhance the physical, intellectual, language, social and emotional development of children and also provide occasional child care service for young children. In addition, an NGO also operates a Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project to provide a flexible form of day care service on the neighbourhood level for parents in need, and promotes mutual help and care in the community.
- 4. Rehabilitation service: Two kindergarten-cum-child care centres with integrated programmes and one special child care centre cum early education and training centre operated by NGOs with subvention from SWD provide day training and care service for disabled children in need. Moreover, subvented NGOs also operate a day activity centre cum hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons and a district support centre for persons with disabilities to respectively provide residential and training service, and rehabilitation and support service for persons with disabilities and their carers.
- 5. Mental health service: An integrated community centre for mental

wellness is operated by an NGO with subvention from SWD to provide one-stop, district-based and accessible and integrated community support and rehabilitation services, ranging from early prevention to risk management for ex-mentally ill persons, persons with suspected mental health problems, their families/carers and local residents through the one-stop and integrated service mode.

- 6. Medical social service: The Medical Social Services Unit of SWD stationed in the North Lantau Hospital provides counselling service and assistance for patients and their families to help them cope with emotional and daily living problems arising from illnesses, traumas or disabilities.
- 7. Community development service: A Neighbourhood Level Community Development Project is operated by an NGO with subvention from SWD to promote social relationship and cohesion within the community, and to encourage the participation of individuals in solving community problems and improving the quality of community life.
- 8. Social security: The Tung Chung Social Security Field Unit of SWD, through the CSSA Scheme, Social Security Allowance Scheme and Emergency Relief, provides for the basic and special needs of the members of the community who are in need of financial assistance.
- 9. Employment assistance service: SWD has commissioned an NGO to implement the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) to assist able-bodied CSSA recipients through the provision of one-stop integrated employment assistance services on a family basis, to help them in overcoming work barriers and enhancing employability so as to secure paid employment as early as possible. Moreover, the Community Care Fund has rolled out a three-year "Incentive Scheme to Further Encourage CSSA Recipients of the IEAPS to Secure Employment" (the Incentive Scheme) since 1 April 2014. The Incentive Scheme aims to explore the feasibility and effectiveness of incentive payment as a means to further encourage able-bodied CSSA recipients to secure employment and fully develop their capabilities, so as to leave the CSSA net as soon as possible.

- 10. Self-financing welfare services: In addition to subvented services, SWD also encourages NGOs to provide different types of welfare services on a self-financing basis in Lantau, such as food assistance, neighbourhood networks, family assistance and counselling, parent-child activities, etc., with a view to assisting the disadvantaged and the needy in the district. At present, there are seven service units in Lantau providing services on a self-financing basis for different target groups, including families, youth, elderly people and the unemployed.
- 11. Poverty alleviation and helping the disadvantaged: SWD plays an active role in promoting cross-sectoral collaboration by inviting and coordinating NGOs and stakeholders from different sectors in organising services/events to support local individuals and families in need. On the other hand, SWD encourages NGOs to fully utilise business donations and other community resources, such as the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund and the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged, for organising more community support services and care visits so as to proactively contact and identify in a timely manner needy families, and to provide the disadvantaged with welfare services information and strengthen their family support networks. Promotional activities are also organised by service units of NGOs and SWD in the district from time to time, in order to enhance the public's knowledge of various welfare services and encourage those in need to seek assistance early.
- 12. Integration of ethnic minorities into the society: According to the 2011 Hong Kong Population Census conducted by C&SD, there are about 20,000 ethnic minorities in the Islands District. To foster the integration of ethnic minorities into the society and assist them to use the public services, HAD has been providing funding to Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council to establish the ethnic minorities support service centre in Tung Chung, and organise various kinds of classes, after-school study groups, activities designated for the young people of ethnic minorities, and counseling and referral services.

