

List of Development Bureau's Initiatives in the Policy Agenda

A list of Development Bureau's initiatives in the Policy Agenda is appended below. We have 32 new initiatives and 82 on-going initiatives mainly under the Chapters of "Reinforcing Our Strengths, Enhancing Governance", "Diversified Economy, Better Jobs", "Professional-led Quality Education", "Home Ownership, Liveable City" and "Building a Caring, Inclusive Society, Improving People's Livelihood".

Reinforcing Our Strengths, Enhancing Governance

On-going Initiative

- Fully support and accommodate the resource requirements of the Judiciary. The Government continues to work with the Judiciary on the planned construction of a new High Court at the new Central harbourfront, as well as a new District Court at Caroline Hill Road to house the District Court, the Family Court and the Lands Tribunal. This aims to address the long-term accommodation needs in respect of courts and offices at the High Court and District Court levels.

Diversified Economy, Better Jobs

New Initiatives

- Enhance the project governance capability and implement strategic policy initiatives through expanding the establishment and functions of the Project Cost Management Office.
- Establish the Centre of Excellence for Major Project Leaders to equip major project leaders with strategic and innovative minds and world-class leadership skills in the delivery of public works projects.
- Collaborate with international organisations through exchanging expertise and experience and making reference to practices suitable for application in Hong Kong to enhance project governance.

- Promote and lead the adoption of “Hong Kong Construction 2.0” advocating “innovation”, “professionalisation” and “revitalisation” in the construction industry to uplift the capacity and sustainability of the industry, thereby improving productivity, quality, safety and environmental performance.
- Implement the \$1 billion Construction Innovation and Technology Fund to encourage wider adoption of innovative technology to transform the construction industry, thus boosting the industry’s capacity to meet construction demands.
- Promote in full scale off-site construction not only to enhance the productivity of the industry and cost-effectiveness of projects but also to achieve enhanced site supervision, thereby improving the quality of works and site safety. We will promote and lead the adoption of Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) in the construction industry so that most of the site operations will be completed by the manufacturing mode in off-site yards. We will also encourage wider use of prefabricated steel reinforcing bar products made by large-scale highly automated steel reinforcing bar prefabrication yards in the construction industry.

On-going Initiatives

- Continue to proactively strive for more liberalisation measures for our professional services when forging trade agreements with the Mainland and overseas governments. At the same time, we will allocate more resources to promote Hong Kong as a platform for providing professional services and a centre for dispute resolution services under the Belt and Road (B&R) Initiative. Through the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) and the Greater Bay Area development, we seek to enhance co-operation and assist the professional services sector in further opening up the Mainland market.
- Continue to discuss with the Mainland mutual recognition of professional qualifications and deepening of co-operation between Hong Kong and Qianhai, Nansha and Hengqin, according to the Agreement on Economic and Technical Co-operation under CEPA signed on 28 June 2017.
- Making reference to Hong Kong’s construction consultant

companies participating in the country's foreign aid construction projects in Nepal and Cambodia, we will continue to pursue with the China International Development Cooperation Agency and 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 "full-range" Hong Kong-style services from project planning to completion.

- Seize the opportunities brought by the B&R Initiative and the development of the Greater Bay Area, and continue to promote the strengths of the construction and related professional services sectors (including good knowledge of international construction standards, extensive experience in the areas of design, project management, infrastructure maintenance etc.) to provide world-class professional services for the development of the cities in the Greater Bay Area, and to co-operate with the Greater Bay Area cities to jointly open up the infrastructure market of the B&R countries.
- Continue to collaborate with the Construction Industry Council (CIC) 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.
- Continue to prepare the Construction Industry Security of Payment Bill and seek consensus of the industry stakeholders on the details. 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.
- Continue to promote and lead the adoption of MiC in the construction industry. We will take the lead in piloting MiC in more public projects to further enhance the associated monitoring measures, provide funding support for the industry, consider the gross floor area concessions, as well as intend to study the feasibility of setting up local manufacturing facilities, for facilitating adoption of MiC in the construction industry.
- Major government capital works projects will continue to adopt Building Information Modelling technology. The Government will collaborate with the CIC to strengthen training for

professionals and develop relevant standards so as to promote the use of such technology in private construction projects.

- Actively develop the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park in the Lok Ma Chau Loop Area with a view to establishing a key base for co-operation in scientific research with related higher education, cultural and creative as well as other ancillary facilities in the Park, and continue to take forward the relevant infrastructure works.
- Continue to encourage car park operators in Kowloon East to provide real-time parking vacancy information for the convenience of motorists, thereby also helping to reduce traffic. Currently, real-time information of over 65% of the hourly parking spaces in the area is available to the public.
- Support the establishment of a Common Spatial Data Infrastructure portal, a geo-platform for the integration, exchange and sharing of geographic spatial data, to tie in with the development of a smart city.
- Share the knowledge and experiences gained from carrying out the smart city-related proof-of-concept trials in Kowloon East with relevant government departments and stakeholders to facilitate wider application.
- Continue to collaborate with different research and academic institutions, using Kowloon East as a test bed for studies on smart city-related technology.
- Invest in infrastructure development to improve people's livelihood, promote economic growth, create employment opportunities and enhance the long-term competitiveness of Hong Kong.

Professional-led Quality Education

On-going Initiative

- Support the CIC to construct the Hong Kong Institute of Construction at the existing Tai Po Training Ground to train more high-calibre and professional construction practitioners to cope with the increasing use of innovative construction technologies

for enhancing productivity, thereby attracting new blood for the continued development of the local construction industry.

Home Ownership, Liveable City

New Initiatives

- Invite the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to examine the redevelopment of suitable sites under the Civil Servants' Co-operative Building Society Scheme (CBS), and to utilise part of the resumed land for developing private housing following the URA's established practice for its urban renewal projects, and partly for the development of public housing.
- Explore co-operation with the Hong Kong Housing Society to build dedicated rehousing estates at suitable sites in urban areas, so as to provide non-means tested rehousing units to eligible households affected by government development and URA projects requiring clearance, as well as to provide rehousing option for households affected by redevelopment of CBS sites.
- The Buildings Department is spearheading the development of an Electronic Submission Hub (ESH). The ESH will not only allow the industry to submit building plans and applications electronically, but will also enable relevant authorities to process various kinds of plans and applications via the hub, thus facilitating the adoption of new technologies in processing development applications and substantially streamlining the approval process. We hope to accept electronic submission of plans and applications in phases starting from 2021/22.
- Pursue more vigorously the "single site, multiple use" model in multi-storey development on government land in order to consolidate and provide more Government, Institution or Community (G/IC) facilities, and make optimal use of limited land resources. Key measures include:
 - the Government Property Agency will steer and take forward multi-storey development projects with cross-bureaux facilities to strengthen internal co-ordination in areas such as design, development programme and funding arrangements, with a view to expediting the delivery of these facilities;

- the Planning Department will refine the existing arrangements regarding reservation and utilisation of government sites by tightening up the reservation of government sites by single departments and recommending a higher reference plot ratio where circumstances permit, so as to fully optimise the development potential of these sites; and
- we will pilot the new arrangement in suitable G/IC projects. Projects identified initially include redevelopment of Tuen Mun Clinic, development of a proposed ambulance depot near Sheung Wan Fire Station and consolidation of facilities on several government sites in Tsuen Wan Town Centre.
- Draw up specific proposals for a “Land Sharing Pilot Scheme” to unleash the development potential of private land.
- Reactivate the revitalisation scheme for industrial buildings. The measures include:
 - (i) with reference to the arrangement under the previous revitalisation scheme, accepting owners’ applications on a time-limited basis for wholesale conversion of aged industrial buildings with exemption of waiver fees for the change of uses under lease provisions, with a new condition that 10% of the converted floor space would be designated by applicants for specific uses prescribed by Government after the conversion;
 - (ii) as a policy direction, allowing the relaxation of the maximum permissible non-domestic plot ratio by up to 20% for redevelopment projects of pre-1987 industrial buildings located in relevant zones in Main Urban Areas and New Towns. Owners may increase the development density of the redevelopment projects subject to the relevant approval being obtained from the Town Planning Board;

(The above two measures would also be applicable to existing industrial buildings located in “Industrial” zones, so as to allow owners to convert or redevelop aged industrial buildings for conventional “industrial and/or godown uses” and/or “modern industrial uses”, not just for non-industrial uses which may also be permitted under the relevant Outline Zoning Plans.)

- (iii) in respect of applications for wholesale conversion of industrial buildings in the relevant zones into transitional housing, exercising flexibility in dealing with the planning and building design requirements, as well as exempting applicants from paying waiver fees for this specific use of transitional housing;
 - (iv) relaxing the waiver application policy on a time-limited basis to permit more uses of the arts and cultural sectors and creative industries to operate at individual units of existing industrial buildings in an orderly manner, so long as such uses are permitted under the planning regime;
 - (v) with due regard to public safety, widening the permissible uses of buffer floors to cover telecommunications exchange centres and computer/data processing centres, so as to facilitate conversion of lower floors of industrial buildings into non-industrial uses; and
 - (vi) promulgating a wider definition for “godown” uses under lease provisions of industrial buildings to cover cargo handling and forwarding operation and recyclable collection centre.
- Launch a \$1 billion funding scheme to support gainful uses of vacant government sites and school premises by non-governmental organisations for short-term non-profit-making community purposes.
 - Review land leases expiring in or before 2025 of sites being used for telephone exchanges or other telecommunications-related facilities and assess the need to retain these sites for their original policy uses; and study whether there is potential for development or alternative uses for sites that do not need to be retained.
 - Strive for early commencement of the next stage of work on the development of artificial islands in the Central Waters between Hong Kong Island and Lantau, including further confirmation of the development potential of the Central Waters and conducting planning and design of the first phase of the artificial islands; and press ahead with the near-shore reclamation projects at Sunny Bay and Siu Ho Wan with a view to meeting Hong Kong's medium-to-long term needs.

- Adopt smart, green and resilient initiatives progressively including smart lampposts, water intelligent network, eco-shoreline design, district cooling system and sustainable urban drainage system on Lantau after their trial in the development of Tung Chung New Town Extension.
- Develop near carbon-neutral pilot zones on the artificial islands in the Central Waters, and explore measures, such as wider use of renewable energy, energy efficient design and technologies, green transport, higher greening ratio, more advanced recycling and waste management measures, to progress towards the long-term vision of carbon-neutral community.
- Take forward works for the strategic road and railway network to link up the coastal area of Tuen Mun, North Lantau, the artificial islands in the Central Waters and Hong Kong Island North, a highway parallel to the North Lantau Highway and the Lung Mun Road expansion with a view to releasing the development potential of the artificial islands in the Central Waters, reclamation at Lung Kwu Tan, Tuen Mun East and Tuen Mun West as well as driving Hong Kong's long-term housing, economic and social developments.
- Invite the Airport Authority Hong Kong to submit a development proposal for the topside development at the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, together with the Three-runway System, high value-added logistics centre at the South Cargo Precinct, SKYCITY development project, the AsiaWorld-Expo and its future Phase 2, to create a cluster of aviation-related businesses with high economic value and diversified employment opportunities at Lantau.
- Plan the third Core Business District at the artificial islands in the Central Waters.
- Earmark resources to set up a \$1 billion Lantau Conservation Fund to promote conservation together with the community and pursue local improvement works for Lantau.
- Review the legislation concerned and map out more effective means to control land filling, dumping of wastes and associated

development activities causing environmental damage in areas of high ecological values at Lantau with a view to enhancing protection of the natural beauty of these areas.

- Press ahead Sunny Bay reclamation for providing land reserve to develop a leisure and entertainment node and other uses.
- Study, formulate and implement in phases the Lantau Trails and Recreation Plan to improve trail networks, increase supporting facilities, and provide diversified leisure and recreation facilities with low environmental impact.
- Set up a dedicated office to steer, co-ordinate and monitor the planning and implementation of the Lantau Tomorrow Vision.
- Press ahead with the six new housing initiatives announced by the Chief Executive in June 2018 :
 - nine private housing sites have been reallocated for public housing;
 - the Government has amended the Lands Department Consent Scheme to improve sales practices by requiring developers to offer for sale no less than 20% of the total number of residential units subject to the relevant pre-sale consent at each turn of sale, regardless of the sales method.
- Launch a \$2.5 billion Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme to provide building owners in need with subsidies and appropriate professional support, so as to encourage them to speed up lift modernisation works.
- Suitably relax the restrictions in relation to installation of photovoltaic (PV) systems at the rooftop of New Territories Exempted Houses such that residents may continue to use their roofs for legal purposes while supporting the environmental protection cause. Similarly, we will make appropriate relaxations for other private buildings, in particular the low-rise ones.
- Implement asset management and step up leakage control measures for public water mains to ensure reliable supply, with a target to reduce the leakage rate from the current 15% to below

10% on or before 2030.

- Provide more training for property managers and frontline street cleansing staff to enhance their awareness in proper tree care.
- Study the introduction of a registration system for tree management personnel.
- The URA, having conserved the buildings in Wing Lee Street, will carry out further study with a view to revitalising the building clusters with special character and urban fabric under the whole Staunton Street/Wing Lee Street Project (H19) so as to promote place making and synergise with nearby revitalisation projects.

On-going Initiatives

- The Task Force on Land Supply, having completed its five-month public engagement exercise in September 2018, has collected views from different sectors of the community on the 18 land supply options and other land supply-related issues. It targets to submit a detailed recommendation report on enhancing the overall land supply strategy and the relative priorities of different land supply options to the Government by end-2018.
- Continue with the study on Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030 (Hong Kong 2030+) to examine the strategic planning blueprint 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 growth.
- Examine the possible scope and timeframe for further development in the New Territories North with reference to the findings of the Preliminary Feasibility Study on Developing the New Territories North, views received during the public consultation on the New Territories North strategic growth area as well as the technical assessments conducted within the framework of Hong Kong 2030+ and kick start the relevant preparatory work.
- Continue with the Pilot Study on Underground Space Development in Selected Strategic Urban Areas for an in-depth assessment of the various technical considerations and

- A steering group has been set up under the Development Bureau to draw up proposals to streamline or improve the existing development control regime. We have consulted the Joint Sub-committee on Streamlining Development Control under the Land and Development Advisory Committee on the first batch of proposals to streamline and standardise the approval of building height and greening/landscape required. Efforts to streamline the approval arrangements proposed in the batch will continue.
- Review and refine 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.
- Continue to rezone more than 210 suitable sites with potential for housing development as identified in land use reviews (rezoning of some 140 sites has been completed or is in progress, while rezoning of the remaining 70 sites is to be initiated). We will also appropriately increase the development density of individual residential sites.
- We are conducting a survey to better understand the profiles and needs of the business establishments in Kowloon East, and the findings are scheduled for release in early 2019.
- We will commence the works project at Hoi Bun Road Park and the adjacent area in 2018 to further improve the waterfront of the Kwun Tong Business Area, and continue to take forward the improvement works of other public open spaces in Kowloon East to cater for the development needs of the area.
- Continue to extend the Energising Kowloon East initiative to San Po Kong, with particular focus on enhancing connectivity, improving the environment, and promoting vibrancy and diversified development.
- Review the land uses of a site at Lai Yip Street near the Kwun Tong harbourfront, which includes studying the possibility of

providing space for arts, cultural and creative industries uses.

- Review the future use of the land released upon the relocation of the Ngau Tau Kok Divisional Police Station, which is expected to take place around 2020.
- After the public consultation on the recommendation of further increasing the residential development intensity of the Kai Tak Development Area, we have made amendments to the Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan in accordance with the Town Planning Ordinance.
- Keep up the efforts to facilitate transformation of Kowloon East into another attractive core business district. At present, Kowloon East has about 2.6 million square metres of commercial/office floor area, with potential to further supply another 4.4 million square metres approximately in future, bringing the total supply in the district to about 7 million square metres. We are taking forward the studies on the Kowloon Bay Action Area and Kwun Tong Action Area. The two action areas can provide about 560 000 square metres of commercial/office floor area.
- Continue with the second stage of the Detailed Feasibility Study for the Environmentally Friendly Linkage System for Kowloon East to explore a feasible scheme and conduct a financial analysis. Upon completion of the study this year, we will examine the findings of the study and draw up a plan for subsequent work.
- Continue to implement the concept of “walkability” in Kowloon East with a view to improving the pedestrian environment and traffic conditions. This includes finalising the detailed design for an additional footbridge near Exit B of MTR Kowloon Bay 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 MTR Ngau Tau Kok 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 will continue to take forward the Back Alley Project to improve the pedestrian network.

- To further enhance walkability in Kowloon East, we plan to commence the detailed design for a new footbridge across Kwun Tong Road near Exit A of MTR Kowloon Bay Station, and the footbridge across Wai Yip Street near Siu Yip Street. We will continue to explore the possibility of providing travelators along Lai Yip Street and Sheung Yee Road to cater for the forecast increase in pedestrian flow.
- Continue 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.
- Select a suitable non-profit-making organisation to operate a weekend flea market on the Tourism Node site at the former airport runway tip to bring more vibrancy to the area when the site is pending land disposal, providing opportunities for participation by those who are interested, young people in particular.
- Formulate policy strategies and implementation measures aiming at accommodating in a more land-efficient manner in future some economic activities currently conducted on brownfield sites, and releasing brownfield sites for housing or other purposes.
- Continue with the implementation of new development areas and new town extensions:
 - pressing ahead with the implementation of the plans for the Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas as an extension to the Fanling/Sheung Shui New Town; including making funding application for the first phase of works, initiating statutory land resumption procedures and commencing eligibility screening of the affected households and businesses for ex-gratia allowance/rehousing;
 - pressing ahead with the implementation of 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
 - pressing ahead with the development of 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.

- Continue with the planning and engineering study for 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.
- The investigation study, design and associated site investigation works for relocation of the Diamond Hill Fresh Water and Salt Water Service Reservoirs to caverns will commence by end-2018. Besides, we plan to commence in early 2019 the Stage 1 site preparation and main tunnel construction works for relocating the Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to caverns. Feasibility studies on relocating the service reservoirs in Tsuen Wan and Yau Tong, Sai Kung Sewage Treatment Works and Sham Tseng Sewage Treatment Works to caverns are underway. We also plan to carry out a feasibility study on relocating the Public Works Central Laboratory in Kowloon Bay to caverns in order to release the existing and adjoining lands of about 0.8 hectares for housing development.
- We have promulgated the Cavern Master Plan and the associated technical guidelines, which facilitate identification of suitable cavern sites for development by project proponents. Besides, we will continue with the technical study on underground quarrying for cavern development, and will carry out planning and engineering feasibility studies for strategic cavern areas at Lantau, Tsing Yi or other suitable locations.
- We will plan for the next stage planning and engineering studies of the about 60 ha Ma Liu Shui reclamation project, taking into consideration of its technical study findings and the public views on the local traffic capacity and proportion of new public housings.
- Continue to examine the implementation of the small house policy and related matters.
- Engage key stakeholders to refine the proposed amendments to the Land Titles Ordinance and actively explore the implementation of the title registration system on new land first.

- Continue to take forward the topside development at Siu Ho Wan Depot Site, which is estimated to provide no less than 14 000 residential units in the medium to long term and for which the statutory planning procedures are underway. The exact public-private housing ratio is under examination. The Government will follow up with the MTR Corporation Limited on various details.
- Press ahead with the implementation of the development of Tung Chung New Town Extension for providing over 800 000 square metres of commercial floor space for office, retail and hotel development and creation of about 40 000 jobs.
- Plan to commence as soon as possible the planning and engineering study and design for the approximately 220-hectare reclamation at Lung Kwu Tan, with a view to providing land for industrial and other uses. We will also conduct a holistic regional replanning exercise for the land use in Tuen Mun West, covering Lung Kwu Tan, the River Trade Terminal and other adjacent areas.
- Strengthen education to promote public awareness of the conservation of Lantau, and taking forward various appropriate countryside conservation initiatives in selected pilot areas on Lantau, such as Tai O, Shui Hau and Pui O, to support the efforts in developing and conserving Lantau. The Environment and Conservation Fund has approved funding for environmental education and community projects on nature conservation in South Lantau. Funding has also been earmarked for 2018-19 for inviting next round of applications.
- Take forward the proposed development of public housing at six government sites (including the five sites in Pok Fu Lam South and 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. The site formation and infrastructure works of the five sites in Pok Fu Lam South are scheduled for commencement in 2019. The earliest batch of the reception units for the redevelopment of Wah Fu Estate is expected to be completed in 2025.
- Continue to implement the Operation Building Bright 2.0

launched in July 2018 to subsidise owner-occupiers for undertaking rehabilitation works in respect of aged buildings in need of repair, and in parallel subsidise eligible owners to strengthen the fire safety measures for old composite buildings for compliance with the requirements of the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance.

- Continue to enforce the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance and strengthen the audit inspections of the maintenance and examination of lifts and escalators. Meanwhile, we will, through education and publicity, continue to draw the attention of responsible persons on the need to fulfil their obligations under the ordinance and modernise their aged lifts and escalators in a timely manner to enhance their safety and reliability.
- Work closely with the URA 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. Meanwhile, we will support the URA in conducting a district planning study to explore how the efficiency of existing land use and redevelopment potential of Yau Ma Tei and Mong Kok districts can be enhanced, with a view to identifying more effective and efficient ways for urban renewal as well as adopting the practical and feasible modus operandi in other districts. The study is expected to be completed in 2019.
- Conduct 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.
- Continue with the arrangement of waiving the land premium for lease modification to encourage private landowners to construct footbridges or subways at their own cost.
- Continue to establish “bicycle-friendly” new towns and new development areas to reduce carbon emissions from vehicles by such measures as continuing to improve existing cycle tracks and cycle parking facilities in new towns in phases.
- Continue to take forward the development of the cycle track network in the New Territories and strive to complete the remaining cycle track section of about 10 kilometres from Sheung Shui to Tuen Mun by 2020. As regards the Tsuen Wan to Tuen

Mun cycle track section, we have just commenced the construction of the section from Tsuen Wan to Bayview Garden and will continue with the detailed design of the Tuen Mun to So Kwun Wat section. We will also continue with the alignment review of the remainder of the Tsuen Wan to Tuen Mun section.

- Continue to oversee the construction of the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point on Hong Kong side and go full steam ahead with the construction of the connecting road and the Passenger Terminal Building, with a view to completing the works in 2019.
- Continue with the consultancy study to review the current arrangement under which a development project is only required to register for Building Environment Assessment Method (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. The consultancy study is expected to be completed in 2019.
- We aim at reducing the per capita fresh water consumption by 10% by 2030 at the earliest, using 2016 as the base year. To achieve this, we will continue to take forward a host of measures, which include enhancing collaboration with various stakeholders; implementing the Mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme through legislative amendments; making wider use of Automatic Meter Reading systems to enhance awareness of water conservation; establishing the Water Intelligent Network; and taking specific measures to deal with the leakage problem at private water mains, including providing necessary technical advice and support to property owners and management agents, rendering assistance to the market in developing expertise, stepping up monitoring and enforcement actions, and exploring imposing charges on property owners who fail to rectify the water loss in their private mains according to the amount of estimated water loss through legislative amendments so as to urge them to expedite the rectification of the water loss.
- Continue 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.

- Continue with the tendering exercise for the Tseung Kwan O desalination plant and proceed with the construction of its associated infrastructure; carry out infrastructure works for taking forward the initiative of the use of reclaimed water for non-potable purposes in North East New Territories (including Sheung Shui and Fanling); and conduct public consultation on the supply and use of reclaimed water as well as the associated financial and legal framework.
- Continue to partner with the Harbourfront Commission in implementing harbourfront enhancement initiatives through the dedicated Harbour Office, including taking forward projects and studies under the \$500 million dedicated funding, and trying out different harbourfront management arrangements to broaden participation to parties outside the Government.
- Formulate an urban forestry management strategy and develop proper urban arboricultural practices with a holistic approach. We will continue to develop sustainable urban landscapes and draw up guidelines on urban arboriculture.
- Enhance the planning, design and management of landscape, including the enrichment of vegetation diversity and more diligent vegetation maintenance to improve the outdoor landscape and create quality public space for our community.
- Continue to promote capacity-building for the arboriculture and horticulture industry and assist the Arboriculture and Horticulture Industry Training Advisory Committee in developing a qualification framework.
- Raise public awareness on urban forestry, including lifecycle planning and life expectancy for trees and the concept of “Right Tree, Right Place”.
- Study the application of smart technologies to detect the health and structural conditions of trees more effectively.
- Undertake studies on the stability of stonewall trees to minimise the risks associated with their uprooting failure.
- Continue to collaborate with experts on the diagnosis and prevention of Brown Root Rot disease, and develop a Brown Root

- Endeavour to facilitate hosting of mega events and activities, which can attract the general public and tourists, in Kowloon East and co-use of the Kwun Tong Typhoon Shelter water body for water recreation activities.
- Under the Built Heritage Conservation Fund, continue to work closely with selected non-profit-making organisations to implement the first five batches of projects under the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, process applications under the Financial Assistance for Maintenance Scheme, and monitor the approved applications under the funding schemes for public engagement projects and thematic research.
- Continue to organise street carnival activities at the Hollywood Road area under “Heritage Vogue • Hollywood Road”.
- Continue to implement measures under the Action Plan for Enhancing Drinking Water Safety in Hong Kong to safeguard drinking water safety.
- Continue to review and explore practicable options with a view to establishing a drinking water safety regulatory regime suitable for Hong Kong.
- Continue with the holistic review on the Waterworks Ordinance and Waterworks Regulations to, inter alia, enhance regulatory control of the plumbing materials and the design, construction, inspection and approval of internal plumbing systems and define clearly the roles and responsibilities of the persons undertaking the work in consultation with the relevant stakeholders. We will conduct public consultation on the legislative amendment proposals and submit the proposals for amending the Waterworks Ordinance and Waterworks Regulations in due course.
- Continue with the comprehensive investigation on ageing pipelines in phases for timely identification of pipelines at high risk of structural failure; and strive to implement a risk-based programme for rehabilitation of aged stormwater drains and sewers.
- Continue to review and evaluate the revitalisation potential of the

major nullahs in Hong Kong with a view to identifying suitable nullahs for revitalisation. The aim is to enhance their ecological value, provide a greener environment, promote water friendliness and improve the community environment for building a liveable city.

- Continue 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, the initiative will promote greening, biodiversity, beautification and water friendliness; build sustainable drainage facilities; and provide a better living environment.
- Continue 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.
- Continue 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. (DEVB)
- Continue to review the Drainage Master Plans of Lantau and the outlying islands, Tuen Mun, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing, North Hong Kong Island, Repulse Bay and Tai Tam to assess the flood risks in these districts and propose improvement measures.

Building a Caring, Inclusive Society, Improving People's Livelihood

On-going Initiatives

- Continue to encourage private developers to provide various welfare facilities, including day child care centres, residential child care centres, day care centres for the elderly and residential care homes for the elderly in their development projects.
- Continue to implement the pier improvement programme to enhance the structural and facility standard of a number of public piers in remote areas in order to respond to public requests and improve the accessibility of some remote scenic spots and natural heritages. We are carrying out site investigation works and technical studies for about 10 public piers in the New Territories and outlying islands under the first phase of the programme and will proceed early and progressively with relevant detailed design work, with a view to commencing construction works in 2019.