

List of DEVB's Initiatives in the 2009-10 Policy Agenda Booklet

A list of DEVB's initiatives in the 2009-10 Policy Agenda Booklet is appended below. We have 6 new initiatives and 42 on-going initiatives mainly under the two themes of "Developing the Infrastructure for Economic Growth" and "Quality City And Quality Life".

Developing the Infrastructure for Economic Growth

New Initiatives

We will:

- *Introduce policy measures to expedite the wholesale conversion or redevelopment of private industrial buildings, especially those situated in non-industrial areas, to provide premises and land to meet Hong Kong's changing economic and social needs.*
- *Launch strategic planning and technical studies to facilitate planned development of underground space aiming at promoting the enhanced use of rock caverns as part of Hong Kong's pursuit of sustainable development.*

On-going Initiatives:

We are:

- *Enhancing our capability to resolve cross-bureaux and cross-departmental issues relating to major infrastructure, to conduct high level public engagement, and to address strategic issues which might impede progress in the major infrastructure projects.*
- *Reviewing the strategy on manpower resources in individual sectors of the construction industry to meet the demand for the implementation of the upcoming infrastructure projects.*
- *Continuing with the detailed engineering study including design for the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and passenger building as well as the access road network.*
- *Carrying out the North East New Territories New Development Area Planning and Engineering Study (NENT NDA Study) — comprising Kwu Tung North,*

Fanling North and Ping Che/Ta Kwu Ling NDAs with a view to providing housing land and meeting other land use requirements in the future, and preparing for the commencement of the Hung Shui Kiu NDA study. We aim to complete the NENT NDA Study by 2011.

- *Co-operating closely with the Shenzhen Municipal Government through the “Hong Kong-Shenzhen Joint Task Force on Boundary District Development” in jointly undertaking studies to explore the feasibility of developing the Lok Ma Chau Loop, with higher education as the leading land use, complemented with hi-tech R&D development as well as cultural and creative industries. The Task Force will continue to steer further research and planning work on other cross-boundary development issues like border crossings and the development of the boundary areas.*
- *Undertaking the necessary legislative and administrative measures with a view to reducing the coverage of the Frontier Closed Area and preparing development plans for the land to be released from the Area.*
- *Pressing ahead with the implementation of mega projects essential to Hong Kong’s economic development, such as the Kai Tak Development through close supervision at a high level.*
- *Continuing to work closely with the Construction Industry Council (CIC) to pursue initiatives for improving the standards of the construction industry, in particular on promoting construction site safety.*
- *Continuing with the comprehensive review of the manpower situation in the construction industry in collaboration with CIC.*
- *Working closely with the Construction Workers Registration Authority to facilitate registration of construction workers and implementation of prohibition in phases.*
- *Strengthening collaboration with the Mainland authorities to assist the local construction industry in exploring business prospects and pursuing mutual recognition of professional qualifications under CEPA, and with Mainland cities in the secondment of graduate trainees to encourage exchange of talent and enhance co-operation.*
- *Taking into account views of key stakeholders to refine proposed amendments to the Land Titles Ordinance with an aim to putting forward the changes involved to the Legislative Council for deliberation within 2010.*
- *Progressively implementing the proposals in the Revised Concept Plan for Lantau to realise the vision for balanced and co-ordinated development of Lantau.*

- *Monitoring the pilot scheme of including “hotel use only” sites in the Application List to encourage the development of hotels to support our tourism industry.*
- *Working with the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Construction Industry Council to bring to fruition their respective senior citizens housing project and construction workers training centre at Area 115 and Area 112 respectively of Tin Shui Wai and continuing to identify other land use proposals for the remaining portion of Area 112 with a view to creating more local job opportunities.*

Quality City And Quality Life

New Initiatives:

We will:

- *Establish a Greening, Landscape and Tree Management Section in the Development Bureau, underpinned by a Greening and Landscape Office and a Tree Management Office, to facilitate the adoption of a holistic approach in the policy and implementation aspects of greening, landscape and tree management; to ensure more effective co-ordination across departments in their tree preservation efforts and to enhance expertise in the management of trees.*
- *Review the current minor works delivery system with a view to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the service.*
- *Propose amendments to the Lift and Escalator (Safety) Ordinance with a view to enhancing lift/escalator safety.*
- *Introduce a voluntary “Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme” (WELS) to promote public awareness of water conservation and facilitate users’ choice of water efficient plumbing fixtures and appliances.*

On-going Initiatives:

We are:

- *Working closely with the six selected non-profit-making organisations (NPOs) to implement projects in the first batch of buildings under the “Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme” (Revitalisation Scheme).*
- *Launching the second batch of buildings under the Revitalisation Scheme for adaptive re-use of five historic buildings through the operation of social*

enterprises by NPOs.

- *Planning to invite commercial tenders for the revitalisation and adaptive re-use of the Haw Par Mansion.*
- *Taking forward the conservation and revitalisation of the Central Police Station Compound in partnership with the Hong Kong Jockey Club.*
- *Proceeding to invite proposals from NPOs for the revitalisation and adaptive re-use of the original site of the Central School (i.e. the Former Police Married Quarters Site on Hollywood Road) for the promotion of creative industries.*
- *Continuing with the development of a comprehensive cycle track network in the New Territories to improve the quality of living.*
- *Continuing to press ahead with the detailed design and construction works for the comprehensive water mains replacement and rehabilitation programme.*
- *Continuing with the decking and/or landscaping of 16 sections of nullahs with a view to completion by 2014 to improve the living environment.*
- *Taking forward the preliminary design of the improvement work for the Yuen Long Town Centre Nullah to enhance the local environment quality and the ecological value of the nullah.*
- *Continuing to promote the wider use of energy efficient devices and adoption of renewable energy systems in public works projects.*
- *Implementing the greening works recommended in the Greening Master Plans (GMPs) for remaining urban areas. Thereafter, we will move onto the preparation of GMPs for the New Territories.*
- *Finalising a policy review on the provision of public open space in private developments, including proposed management guidelines to be promulgated for the operation of public open space in private developments.*
- *Collaborating with the Council for Sustainable Development to consult the public on appropriate measures to be taken to reduce the bulk of buildings and foster a better and more sustainable built environment.*
- *Developing a performance-based regulatory system to facilitate modern and innovative building design.*
- *Implementing the minor works control system in accordance with the Buildings (Amendment) Ordinance 2008 and the Building (Minor Works) Regulation which will streamline statutory procedures for processing minor works in order*

to improve building control and building safety.

- *Preparing for the introduction of a bill on a mandatory building inspection scheme and a mandatory window inspection scheme to require private building owners to inspect their buildings and windows regularly into Legislative Council in 2009-10.*
- *Working closely with the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to implement the \$2-billion “Operation Building Bright” to assist owners of old and dilapidated target buildings to conduct repair and maintenance works. We are also continuing our efforts to enhance building management and maintenance of private buildings through public education, publicity and participation of professional bodies.*
- *Implementing the flood prevention programme to enhance the protection level in flood prone areas and aiming to complete the review of the Drainage Master Plans for northern and northwestern New Territories in early 2011.*
- *Commencing the Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme covering man-made slopes as well as natural terrains posing risks to dovetail with the successful completion of the Landslip Preventive Measures Programme.*
- *Working closely with the URA on area improvement schemes in Wan Chai and Mong Kok aimed at preserving local characteristics as well as beautifying the area.*
- *Continuing to stipulate in all outline zoning plans clear development restrictions on plot ratio/gross floor area, site coverage and/or building height where justified to improve the living environment.*
- *Finalising the revised scheme of property development of a reduced development intensity at Yuen Long Station along the West Rail.*
- *Strengthening our work on harbourfront planning and implementing harbourfront enhancement initiatives for the enjoyment of our residents and visitors alike, with the participation of the community, as well as ensuring that our planning, land use and urban design are in line with our stated mission to protect the Victoria Harbour.*
- *Continuing with the Urban Renewal Strategy Review with a view to building consensus upon completion of the review by mid-2010.*
- *Providing one-stop advisory and co-ordination services through the newly established Development Opportunities Office to land development proposals by non-government organisations (NGOs) and the private sector that will bring broader economic and social benefits to society.*

Developing Democracy And Enhancing Governance

On-going Initiatives:

We are:

- *Continuing to review the small house policy with a view to formulating preliminary proposals for more in-depth discussion and continuing with the implementation of a set of streamlined procedures to expedite the processing of small house applications.*
- *Continuing to implement a Dedicated Team in the District Lands Office (Hong Kong South and West) for handling lease modification and land exchange applications; to centralise premium determination of high impact cases at the Lands Department Headquarters; and to continue to find ways to expedite the processing of land transactions.*