

## **List of DEVB's Initiatives in the 2010-11 Policy Agenda**

A list of DEVB's initiatives in the 2010-11 Policy Agenda is appended below. We have 12 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:

- *Work closely with the Mainland authorities under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) framework for early implementation of a pilot to seek further market access for Hong Kong enterprises to establish construction and related engineering business in Guangdong Province.*

#### **On-going Initiatives:**

We are:

- *Continuing with a package of new measures until 31 March 2013 to facilitate wholesale conversion or redevelopment of private industrial buildings to provide suitable premises and land to meet Hong Kong's changing economic and social needs. We will also review in the coming year the effectiveness of the new measures.*
- *Conducting strategic planning and technical studies to facilitate effective use of underground space through enhanced and planned use of rock caverns as part of Hong Kong's pursuit of sustainable development.*
- *Continuing to enhance our capability to resolve cross-bureau and cross-departmental issues relating to major infrastructure, to conduct public engagement at an early stage, and to address strategic issues which might impede progress in the major infrastructure projects.*

- *Collaborating with the Construction Industry Council (CIC) and key stakeholders to monitor the manpower situation in the construction industry and to implement strategies to enhance the manpower resources in individual sectors of the industry to meet the demand for the implementation of the upcoming infrastructure projects.*
- *Continuing with the detailed engineering study and preliminary design for the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and passenger building as well as the access road network.*
- *Continuing with the North East New Territories New Development Area (NDA) Planning and Engineering Study comprising Kwu Tung North, Fanling North and Ping Che/Ta Kwu Ling NDAs for completion by 2011 with a view to providing housing land and land to meet other land use requirements in the future. We also target to commence the Hung Shui Kiu NDA study in 2011.*
- *Co-operating closely with the Shenzhen Municipal Government through the "Hong Kong-Shenzhen Joint Task Force on Boundary District Development" in jointly undertaking the Planning and Engineering Study on Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop 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 facilities as well as cultural and creative industries. We aim to complete the Study in 2012. The Joint 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.*
- *Continuing to press ahead with the implementation of mega projects essential to Hong Kong's economic development through close supervision at a high level. A dedicated Kai Tak Office has been established to lead and oversee the co-ordination and implementation of Kai Tak Development.*
- *Continuing to work closely with the CIC to pursue initiatives for improving the standards of the construction industry, in particular on promoting construction site safety.*
- *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 extending the scope of 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.*

- *Continuing to engage the key stakeholders to refine the proposed amendments to the Land Titles Ordinance.*
- *Progressively implementing the proposals for Tai O under the "Revised Concept Plan for Lantau" in support of a balanced and co-ordinated development of Lantau.*
- *Continuing to work with the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) to bring to fruition its senior citizens housing project at Area 115 of Tin Shui Wai, and taking forward HKHS's short term land use project in the remaining portion of Area 112, including a vocational training centre to be operated by the Vocational Training Council.*

## **Quality City And Quality Life**

### **New Initiatives:**

We will:

- *Put in place a new Urban Renewal Strategy following the two-year extensive public engagement process and consult the public on its proposed text before finalisation of the new Strategy.*
- *Set up a pilot District Urban Renewal Forum to implement a bottom-up, district-based approach in urban renewal.*
- *Commission a pilot mediation scheme to encourage parties involved in or contemplating applications for compulsory sale for development under the Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance (Cap. 545) to undertake mediation.*
- *Introduce legislative amendments to enhance safety of advertising signboards and subdivided units.*
- *Take rigorous enforcement actions against unauthorised building works and respond efficiently to complaints against contraventions of the Buildings Ordinance.*
- *Together with the Hong Kong Housing Society and Urban Renewal Authority, provide one-stop comprehensive building maintenance advice and assistance to building owners.*

- *Introduce a package of measures to enhance building design to foster a quality and sustainable built environment.*
- *Enhance community involvement in surveillance of trees in Hong Kong through co-operation with District Councils, schools and non-government organisations (NGOs) so as to protect public safety.*
- *Establish an education centre to step up the promotion of water conservation through the provision of education resources to the community.*
- *Formulate a flood prevention scheme for the provision of an underground stormwater storage tank to relieve the flooding risks in Happy Valley and adjacent areas.*
- *Commence a study on the adoption of low carbon construction measures in the delivery of public works projects.*

### **On-going Initiatives:**

We are:

- *Assessing the submissions received for transforming the former Police Married Quarters on Hollywood Road (i.e. the original site of the Central School) into a creative industries landmark. We will work closely with the selected non-profit-making organisation (NPO) and the local creative industries to implement the revitalisation project.*
- *Continuing to improve the greening, landscape and tree management regime through the adoption of a holistic approach embracing quality landscape planning and design in the upstream to professional vegetation management in the downstream, effective steer and co-ordination across departments in tree management, enhancement of professional expertise and increased community involvement.*
- *Continuing to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of the enhanced minor works delivery system.*
- *Drafting a bill to enhance the safety of lifts and escalators and the new Ordinance will repeal in whole the existing Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 327).*

- *Continuing with the implementation of the "Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme" (WELS) to promote public awareness of water conservation and facilitate users' choice of water efficient plumbing fixtures and appliances.*
- *Working closely with the selected NPOs to implement projects in the first and second batches of buildings under the "Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme".*
- *Proceeding 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 based on a revised conceptual design.*
- *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.*
- *Carrying out 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, and proceeding with the preparation of GMPs for the New Territories.*
- *Promulgating a set of clear and practicable guidelines for the better provision of public open space in private developments.*
- *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 to streamline statutory procedures for processing minor works in private buildings*

*in order to improve building control and building safety.*

- *Working closely with the Legislative Council in the examination of the Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2010 for introducing a mandatory building inspection scheme and a mandatory window inspection scheme to require private building owners to inspect their buildings and windows regularly with an aim to implement the two schemes as early as possible.*
- *Continuing to work closely with the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to assist owners in need to carry out repair and maintenance works, including the \$2.5 billion "Operation Building Bright". 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 2011.*
- *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.*
- *Continuing to work closely with the URA on area improvement schemes in Wan Chai and Mong Kok aimed at preserving local characteristics as well as beautifying the areas.*
- *Continuing the review of outline zoning plans to stipulate building height control and impose/revise relevant planning parameters where justified to lower the development intensity, with a view to improving 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, as well as ensuring that our planning, land use and urban design are in line with our stated mission to protect the Victoria Harbour, in collaboration with the Harbourfront Commission and the wider community.*

- *Providing one-stop advisory and co-ordination services through the Development Opportunities Office to land development proposals by 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 West and South) for handling lease modification and land exchange applications; to centralise premium determination of high impact cases at the Lands Department Headquarters; and continuing to find ways to expedite the processing of land transactions.*