

**Extract of Major Achievements of  
the Third Term Government of  
the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

**Development Bureau**

In the past five years, we achieved the following :

**Quality Life**

**Reducing development intensity**

- Reviewed 31 Outline Zoning Plans of various districts and, where justified, revised the planning parameters to lower development intensity. Reduced the development intensity of 19 sites in the land sale programme.
- Introduced standards for quality and sustainable building design and limited the granting of gross floor area concessions for new buildings.

**Urban renewal**

- Formulated a new urban renewal strategy, which provides for the “flat for flat” arrangement for affected residents.
- Launched 14 redevelopment projects involving 198 buildings, thereby improving the living conditions of 9 000 residents.
- Lowered the threshold for compulsory sale application for redevelopment of three specified classes of lot from 90% ownership to 80%.

**Revitalising industrial buildings**

- Implemented measures to encourage redevelopment or wholesale conversion of old industrial buildings, and approved 33 applications providing 380 000 m<sup>2</sup> of converted or new premises.

## **Building safety**

- Launched statutory schemes to regulate minor works and mandate periodic building and window inspections.
- Extended the coverage of unauthorised building works subject to immediate enforcement action, aiming to remove or rectify 40 000 unauthorised structures and irregularities each year. Strengthened enforcement against unauthorised building works in New Territories exempted houses.
- Allocated \$1 billion to provide financial support for elderly owner-occupiers to repair and maintain their buildings.
- Launched the \$3.5 billion Operation Building Bright Scheme which has helped owners of 2 500 old and dilapidated buildings maintain and repair their buildings.

## **Heritage conservation**

- Commenced the conservation and revitalisation of the former Police Married Quarters in Hollywood Road and the Central Police Station Compound. We are partnering with non-governmental organisations to revitalise nine other historic government buildings.
- Launched “Conserving Central” which covers eight projects, including the revitalisation of Central Market, to enhance the vitality and diversity of the district.
- Subsidised the maintenance of 14 graded private buildings, and preserved seven privately-owned historic buildings through provision of economic incentives to their owners.

## **Harbourfront enhancement**

- Provided more open space and created promenades on both sides of Victoria Harbour for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

## **Greening and tree management**

- Implemented in nine districts the greening works under the Greening Master Plans, and set up the Tree Management Office to enhance public safety.

## Economic Growth

### Infrastructure development

- Invested heavily in infrastructure to lay a solid foundation for sustained economic growth and to create employment. Expenditure on public capital works rose from \$21 billion in 2007 to \$58 billion in 2011, and will be sustained at a level of over \$60 billion in each of the coming five years.
- Progress of the three major infrastructure projects is as follows:
  - (a) *Kai Tak Development* is in full swing. Construction works in the first phase, including public rental housing, a cruise terminal and supporting infrastructure, will be completed in 2013.
  - (b) The Planning and Engineering Study on Development of *Lok Ma Chau Loop* will be completed in 2013. The Loop will be used mainly for higher education purpose, to be complemented by high-tech research and development uses as well as cultural and creative industries.
  - (c) The study on *North East New Territories New Development Areas* (NDAs) will be completed in 2013 and the NDAs will start supplying land from 2018. The study on *Hung Shui Kiu NDA* will be completed in 2014 and the NDA will start supplying land from 2021.