

List of DEVB's Initiatives in the 2011-12 Policy Agenda

A list of DEVB's initiatives in the 2011-12 Policy Agenda is appended below. We have 17 new initiatives and 48 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:

- Adopt a visionary, co-ordinated and integrated approach to transform Kowloon East (including Kai Tak Development, Kowloon Bay and Kwun Tong) into an attractive core business district to sustain Hong Kong's economic development. Specifically, this will involve land use review, enhanced urban design, improved connectivity and the associated infrastructure.
- Extend the application period of the measures to revitalise industrial buildings for three years until 31 March 2016 and refine the measures in response to market needs so as to provide more suitable premises through redevelopment or wholesale conversion of under-utilised industrial buildings to meet Hong Kong's changing economic and social needs.
- Commence a study to develop procurement approaches to promote innovation and creativity in the delivery of public works projects.
- Carry out studies and public engagement exercises on increasing land supply by reclamation on an appropriate scale outside Victoria Harbour and rock cavern development to meet the land demand for Hong Kong's long-term social and economic needs.
- Consult the public on the initial findings of the Environmentally Friendly Linkage System Study for the Kai Tak Development to improve connectivity between new and old districts, promote tourism, revitalise adjacent old districts and provide opportunity to create a second major office node in Kowloon East to enhance the long term competitiveness of Hong Kong.

- Commence a feasibility study on the relocation of Shatin Sewage Treatment Works to rock cavern so as to release the original site for housing and other uses.
- Commence a feasibility study on the relocation of Mount Davis and Kennedy Town Fresh Water Service Reservoirs to rock caverns so as to release the original sites for housing and other uses.
- Work closely with the Mainland authorities under the CEPA framework to ensure effective implementation of pilot schemes for Hong Kong construction and related engineering professionals to register and practise in Guangdong.

On-going Initiatives:

We are:

- 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.
- Continuing to collaborate 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.
- Carrying out the detailed design for the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point project with a view to completion in 2018.
- Continuing with the North East New Territories New Development Areas (NDAs) Planning and Engineering Study comprising Kwu Tung North, Fanling North and Ping Che/Ta Kwu Ling NDAs for completion in 2013 with a view to providing housing land and land to meet other land use requirements in the future. We commenced the Hung Shui Kiu NDA Planning and Engineering Study in August 2011 and aim to complete the Study in 2014.
- 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 2013. 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.
- 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.
- Continuing to work closely with the Construction Workers Registration Authority to facilitate registration of construction workers and implementation of prohibition in phases.
- Continuing to strengthen 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 to take forward its short term land use project in the remaining portion of Area 112, as well as to bring to fruition as early as possible its senior citizens housing project at Area 115 of Tin Shui Wai which has obtained Town Planning Board's approval.
- Working closely with the Mainland authorities under the CEPA framework for the implementation of pilot schemes with an aim to seek further market access for Hong Kong enterprises to establish construction and related engineering business in Guangdong Province.

Quality City And Quality Life

New Initiatives:

We will:

- Collaborate with the Construction Industry Council on the development of a zero carbon building cum public open space to showcase state-of-the-art eco-building design and technology to the construction industry internationally and locally and to raise community awareness of sustainable living.
- Organise an international conference on heritage conservation in December 2011 to promote international exchange of insight and experience among esteemed heritage conservation professionals from both the public and the private sectors.
- Conduct a consultancy study on the feasibility, framework and implementation plan for setting up a statutory heritage trust in Hong Kong to take forward future heritage conservation efforts.
- In consultation with tree management departments, review the existing arrangements for tree risk management, including the manpower development arrangement, with a view to better protecting public safety through uplifting professional standard.
- Review the Drainage Master Plans in East Kowloon and West Kowloon with a view to assessing the flooding risks in these urban districts and proposing improvement measures.
- Conduct a study to identify stream courses with flooding risks and devise a warning system for residents living in adjacent areas.
- Arrange for the purchase and wholesale conversion of an existing industrial building for accommodating office facilities of Water Supplies Department.
- Explore the use of reclaimed water for toilet flushing and other non-potable uses in Sheung Shui, Fanling and the New Development Areas in the north-eastern part of the New Territories.
- Set up a dedicated team to oversee the formulation and implementation of water conservation measures.

On-going Initiatives:

We are:

- Working closely with the selected non-profit-making organisation (NPO) and its partners to implement the project of transforming the former Police Married Quarters on Hollywood Road into a creative industries landmark.
- Overseeing the implementation of the new Urban Renewal Strategy promulgated in February 2011, with particular emphasis on the work of the Kowloon City District Urban Renewal Forum and the Urban Renewal Trust Fund as well as alternative approaches to redevelopment undertaken by the Urban Renewal Authority (URA).
- 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 and maintenance in the downstream, with effective steer and co-ordination across departments in tree management, enhancement of professional expertise and increased community involvement.
- Working closely with the Legislative Council in the examination of the Lifts and Escalators Bill 2011 with an aim to strengthen the regulatory control over lift and escalator safety as early as possible.
- Continuing with the implementation of the "Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme" 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 with the invitation for proposals for the third batch of historic buildings under the "Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme". We will assess the revitalisation proposals received and work closely with the selected NPOs to implement the projects.
- 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 implementation of the comprehensive water mains replacement and rehabilitation programme.
- Continuing with the programme to complete the decking and/or landscaping of 16 sections of nullahs to improve the living environment, with 12 sections completed and the remaining to be completed in stages from 2012.
- Continuing with 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.
- Continuing with the development of Greening Master Plans for the New Territories.
- Overseeing the implementation of the “Public Open Space in Private Developments Design and Management Guidelines” for the better provision of public open space in private developments.
- Continuing with the implementation of the package of measures to enhance building design to foster a quality and sustainable built environment and to control the problem of “inflated buildings”.
- Developing a performance-based regulatory system to facilitate modern and innovative building design.
- Working closely with the Legislative Council in the examination of the subsidiary legislation for implementing the mandatory building inspection scheme and mandatory window inspection scheme to require private building owners to inspect their buildings and windows regularly with a view to implementing the two schemes as early as possible.
- Continuing to work closely with the Hong Kong Housing Society and the URA to assist owners in need to carry out repair and maintenance works, including the \$3.5 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.
- Working closely with the Legislative Council in the examination of legislative amendments to enhance building safety, including enhanced control over advertising signboards and “sub-divided units”.

- Taking rigorous enforcement actions against unauthorised building works and responding efficiently to complaints against contraventions of the Buildings Ordinance.
- Continuing to implement 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 end 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 to monitor the implementation of the pilot mediation scheme commissioned in January 2011 to encourage parties involved in or contemplating applications for compulsory sale for development under the Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance to undertake mediation.
- 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.
- Implementing the revised schemes for the West Rail property development projects not yet tendered to comply with the requirements of quality and sustainable built environment and to increase the supply of small and medium-sized flats.
- Continuing to strengthen our work on harbourfront planning and rolling out more harbourfront enhancement initiatives for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike. Our planning, land use and urban design of the harbourfront should be in line with our stated mission to protect Victoria Harbour, in collaboration with the Harbourfront Commission and the wider community.
- Continuing to provide through the Development Opportunities Office one-stop consultation and co-ordination services to land development proposals by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the private sector that will bring broader economic and social benefits to the community.

- Continuing to enhance community involvement in surveillance and appreciation of trees in Hong Kong through co-operation with District Councils, schools, NGOs and the industry so as to protect public safety and to foster a culture of care for our trees.
- Taking forward the establishment of an education centre to step up the promotion of water conservation through the provision of education resources to the community.
- Taking forward the implementation of the flood prevention scheme for the provision of an underground stormwater storage tank to relieve the flooding risks in Happy Valley and adjacent areas.
- Carrying out a study on the adoption of low carbon construction measures in the delivery of public works projects.

Developing Democracy And Enhancing Governance

On-going Initiatives:

We are:

- Continuing to review the small house policy and implement a set of streamlined procedures to expedite the processing of small house applications.
- Continuing to handle lease modification and land exchange applications in the District Lands Office (Hong Kong West and South) by a dedicated approach; 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.