

**List of DEVB's Initiatives in the 2008-09 Policy Agenda Booklet**

A list of DEVB's initiatives in the 2008-09 Policy Agenda Booklet is appended below. We have 7 new initiatives and 38 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:

- *Strengthen 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.*
- *Develop a strategy on manpower resources in individual sectors of the construction industry to meet the demand for the implementation of the upcoming infrastructure projects.*
- *Commence development of the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point by proceeding with a detailed engineering study including design for the new control point and passenger building as well as the access road network.*

**On-going Initiatives:**

We are:

- *Carrying out the planning and engineering study on the "Three-in-One" New Development Area (NDA) comprising Kwu Tung North, Fanling North and Ping Che/Ta Kwu Ling, with a view to providing housing land and meeting other land use requirements in the future, and conducting a preliminary study on the implications of the planned and existing railway infrastructures in North West New Territories for input into the upcoming Hung Shui Kiu (HSK) NDA study. We aim to complete the*

*“Three-in-One” NDA and HSK NDA studies by 2011 and 2012 respectively.*

- *Co-operating closely with the Shenzhen Municipal Government through the “Hong Kong-Shenzhen Joint Task Force on Boundary District Development” in jointly exploring the optimal land uses of the Lok Ma Chau Loop to the mutual benefits of both sides, and steering 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 examining the potential uses of 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 the CEPA, and with Mainland cities in the secondment of graduate trainees to encourage exchange of talent and enhance co-operation.*
- *Refining the Land Titles Ordinance in consultation with stakeholders with an aim to introducing amendments to the Ordinance and the supporting regulations into the Legislative Council as early as possible.*
- *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.*

## **Quality City And Quality Life**

### **New Initiatives:**

We will:

- *Strengthen our work on harbourfront enhancement and the implementation of harbourfront enhancement initiatives.*
- *Consult the public on the conservation and revitalisation of the original site of the Central School (i.e. the Former Police Married Quarters Site on Hollywood Road) for educational use and promotion of creative industries that will best reflect the historical significance of the Site and complement the characteristics of the Hollywood Road area.*
- *Conduct a review on the policy for the provision of public facilities in private developments.*
- *Consult the public on appropriate measures to be taken to reduce the bulk of buildings and to foster development of a better and more sustainable built environment.*

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

We are:

- *Planning the launching of the second batch of buildings under the "Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme" so that more historic buildings can be put into adaptive re-use through the operation of social enterprises by non-governmental organisations.*
- *Exploring various options of making best use of historic buildings with commercial potential.*
- *Taking forward the conservation and revitalisation of the Central Police Station, Victoria Prison and the former Central Magistracy Compound in partnership with the Hong Kong Jockey Club.*

- *Putting in place appropriate measures to provide financial assistance to owners in maintaining their privately-owned graded historic buildings.*
- *Continuing with the development of a comprehensive cycle track network in the New Territories to improve the quality of living.*
- *Pressing ahead with the detailed design and construction works for the comprehensive water mains replacement and rehabilitation programme.*
- *Continuing to achieve the objective of decking and/or landscaping 16 sections of nullahs by 2014 to improve the living environment.*
- *Firming up options for the improvement of the Yuen Long Town Nullah to enhance the local environment quality and the ecological value of the nullah.*
- *Taking forward the re-provisioning of the Sha Tin Water Treatment Works in stages with a view to minimising the risk of disruption of water supply to the public during re-provisioning.*
- *Continuing to promote the wider use of energy efficient devices and adoption of renewable energy systems in public works projects.*
- *Completing the development of Greening Master Plans (GMPs) for remaining urban areas and start the greening works by end-2009. Thereafter, we will move onto the preparation of GMPs for the New Territories.*
- *Developing a performance-based regulatory system to facilitate modern and innovative building design.*
- *Preparing the relevant subsidiary legislation for a minor works control system in accordance with the Buildings (Amendment) Ordinance 2008. We will implement the minor works control system to streamline statutory procedures for processing such works in order to improve the legislative framework for building control and building safety as early as possible.*
- *Proceeding with drafting legislation on a mandatory building inspection scheme and a mandatory window inspection scheme to require private building owners to inspect their buildings and windows regularly for introduction into Legislative Council as early as possible.*

- *Working closely with the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) and the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to assist owners of older buildings to properly manage and maintain their buildings. 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, including a review of the Drainage Master Plans for northern and northwestern New Territories.*
- *Continuing with the Landslip Preventive Measures Programme to improve slope safety and visual impact of the built environment. We will upgrade another selected batch of 250 substandard Government man-made slopes and conduct safety-screening for another 300 private man-made slopes in the coming year.*
- *Proceeding with the preparatory work for the Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme to dovetail with the current 2000-2010 Landslip Preventive Measures Programme.*
- *Collaborating closely with the URA and the HKHS in area improvement schemes to preserve local characteristics.*
- *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.*
- *Engaging the local community in finalising the revised schemes of property development projects of a reduced development intensity at Nam Cheong and Yuen Long Stations along the West Rail.*
- *Ensuring that our planning, land use and urban design are in line with our stated mission to protect the Victoria Harbour and enhance it for the enjoyment of our residents and visitors alike, with the participation of the community.*
- *Conducting a review of the Urban Renewal Strategy to ensure that it will continue to reflect the values and priorities of the community. We aim to complete the review in mid-2010.*

## **Investing for a Caring Society**

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

We are:

- *Identifying appropriate land uses for Area 112 and Area 115 of Tin Shui Wai to promote the economic and social development of the area, and to bring more employment opportunities to its residents.*

## **Developing Democracy And Enhancing Governance**

### **On-going Initiatives**

We are:

- *Ensuring that the Architectural Services Department can achieve the target of outsourcing to 90% of the delivery of new projects in 2008-09 under its re-engineering programme.*
- *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 find ways to expedite the processing of lease modification and land exchange applications including a review on the effectiveness of the pilot scheme set up in the Lands Department.*