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LANTAU DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Economic and Social Development Subcommittee
Progress Report**

PURPOSE

This paper aims to report to the Lantau Development Advisory Committee (LanDAC) on the work progress of the Economic and Social Development Subcommittee (ESD SC) after the fourth meeting of the LanDAC.

PROGRESS REPORT

2. ESD SC held the first and second meetings in October and November 2014 respectively, and the results of discussions are set out in **LanDAC Paper No. 08/2014**. ESD SC held its third meeting on 28 January this year, which focused on the following items:

(A) Lantau's Social Development, Vocational Education/Training and Employment Support Services

3. ESD SC noted the current population and employment information, future population planning in Islands District, as well as the current situation on Lantau's social development in various areas, including education, housing, healthcare services, public health, elderly service, youth development, cultural and leisure services, art development, and social welfare. **(ESD SC Paper No. 01/2015)**. Meanwhile, ESD SC noted the vocational education/training and employment support services provided by the Government and statutory bodies for residents in Lantau **(ESD SC Paper No. 02/2015)**.

4. ESD SC discussed and offered views on the human resources, employment, housing, transport and community facilities in Lantau. After discussion, ESD SC initially recommended the following social development strategy for Lantau:

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- Attracting people to live in Lantau and promoting local employment; and
 - Improving traffic in and outside the region.
5. In line with the above strategy, ESD SC suggested studying and exploring the following directions of social development:

Attracting people to live in Lantau and promoting local employment

- Provide appropriate housing facilities, e.g. encourage local enterprises to provide long-term/short-term dormitories for employees; propose to raise the proportion of Home Ownership Scheme in the public housing to meet the future housing needs of the citizens working in Tung Chung;
- Raise the quality of education and establish more tertiary institutes, e.g. encourage school sponsoring bodies to build high quality boarding schools (primary, secondary and international schools) in the region; build more tertiary institutes/universities with dormitories to offer curricula that match the job vacancies in Lantau, such as tourism, aircraft engineering, and retail services;
- Strengthen employment support and vocational education;
- Build a low-carbon living environment, e.g. suggest that buildings in Lantau should comply with high environmental standards in order to create a low-carbon and high-quality living environment;
- Improve and enhance existing community facilities and business opportunities in order to strengthen the appeal to the community and the sense of belonging to the community, e.g. build amenities of different grades such as shopping malls and local markets to serve varied needs of the population.

Improving traffic in and outside the region

- Improve the transport links between different locations, including the link between the North Commercial District

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(NCD) on airport island and the Hong Kong boundary crossing facilities (HKBCF), the links within the residential area in north Lantau as well as between the residential area and the commercial district, the links between the residential area and commercial district in north Lantau and Hong Kong railway system, and the links between various tourist attractions in Lantau;

- Reduce transportation fares to and from Lantau Island;
- Explore the possibility of opening the private road from Discovery Bay to North Lantau Highway.

(B) Development of the North Commercial District on Airport Island

6. ESD SC noted the latest progress of the development of the NCD on airport island (**ESD SC Paper No. 03/2015**), and provided views on the development plan and positioning of NCD, as well as the supporting transport facilities for and the link between the NCD and the HKBCF of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.

CONCLUSION

7. Members are invited to note the work progress of ESD SC and offer their views.

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