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# Chapter 5

## Home Ownership, Liveable City

### Preamble

Land is key to Hong Kong's sustainable social and economic development. To tackle the housing problem that besets many Hong Kong people, we must continue our efforts to develop land resources. Apart from providing decent homes for the people, we also need to make available sufficient land for commercial and industrial developments, government and community facilities, open space and public space, etc. Land is also needed for fostering the development of innovation and technology and various emerging industries.

Land use planning and development often take more than a decade to come to fruition. Instead of adhering to one single option to develop land, we must take a multi-pronged approach and make sustained efforts. Together, the short, medium and long-term land supply projects will produce over 600 000 residential flats. We will endeavour to increase land supply. In this connection, we will take forward the territorial development strategy outlined in "Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030" to meet the long-term development needs of Hong Kong and build adequate land reserves for the future. Moreover, the Task Force on Land Supply has been established to engage the public in discussions on the advantages and disadvantages as well as the priorities of different land supply options, and to facilitate consensus building within the community. The Task Force will take an overall, macro review of our land supply options, and all sectors of the community will be engaged in considering the feasibility of different options for creating land.

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We will work together to develop Hong Kong into a sustainable and enjoyable place to live and work.

We will project future housing demand and adopt various measures in increasing housing supply under the established framework of the Long Term Housing Strategy. We will also explore ways to enhance the housing ladder to cater for the housing needs of different social strata.

On transport, we will continue to encourage the use of public transport services and maintain an efficient multi-modal public transport network, with railway as the backbone, complemented by other services such as buses, public light buses and taxis. We will also sustain our efforts to enhance road-based transport services in order to improve service quality and efficiency and alleviate the pressure for fare increases. In addition, we will continue the work in fostering a “pedestrian-friendly” and “bicycle-friendly” environment conducive to making “first mile” and “last mile” connections to public transport services, thereby promoting green commuting.

We are taking forward, in full swing, the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link project and the Shatin to Central Link project. Also, we will continue to implement the seven new railway projects under the Railway Development Strategy 2014 in an orderly manner.

The Public Transport Strategy Study, which examined the roles and positioning of public transport services other than railway, was completed in June this year. We will implement the initiatives recommended by the study so as to continue with the development of other public transport services and providing diversified choices for passengers while developing railway services. Meanwhile, we will further enhance the overall transport network in the territory.

To build a liveable city, apart from the provision of hardware such as housing and transport infrastructure, the Government will strive to boost the development of sports, arts and culture. We will continue to provide diversified and modern sports and recreational facilities and services to promote sports for all. Efforts will be made to develop a strong sporting culture through encouraging public participation, developing elite athletes and organising mega sports events. As regards arts and culture, we will promote Chinese and local culture on the one hand and actively attract international arts and cultural activities to Hong Kong on the other. Our vision is to develop Hong Kong into an international cultural metropolis. To this end, we will expedite the development of West Kowloon Cultural District to establish Hong Kong's position as a cultural hub, nurture and support the development of local arts groups and artists, and strengthen our cultural co-operation and exchanges with the Mainland as well as overseas places.

Environmental protection and conservation are closely related to the betterment of the quality of city life. Pursuing the targets and work plans mapped out in five published blueprints, the Government will take forward initiatives on air quality improvement, waste management, biodiversity, energy conservation and climate change. We are implementing various measures in proactive partnership with various sectors, with a view to developing Hong Kong into an even more environmentally friendly and liveable city.

The Government will also strengthen conservation of the countryside environment and maintain the biodiversity of Hong Kong, and enhance the recreational and educational facilities and services in country parks.

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# Policy Initiatives

## Developing Land Resources

### Seeking Consensus

- Establish a cross-sector Task Force on Land Supply to take an overall macro review of our land supply options, engage the community in discussions on the pros and cons of different options and their priorities thereby facilitating consensus-building. (DEVB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

### Updating Development Strategy

- Continue with the study on “Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030” to examine the strategic planning blueprint for overall spatial planning and for land and infrastructure development of Hong Kong beyond 2030, with a view to planning for a liveable high-density city, embracing new economic challenges and opportunities, and creating capacity for sustainable growth. (DEVB)
- In the light of the findings of the Preliminary Feasibility Study on Developing the New Territories North and the views received during the public consultation on the New Territories North strategic growth area conducted within the framework of “Hong Kong 2030+”, explore the scope for further developing a new town of similar scale as Fanling/Sheung Shui in New Territories North. (DEVB)

- Having completed the Stage 1 Public Engagement on the Pilot Study on Underground Space Development in Selected Strategic Urban Areas, we are formulating suitable conceptual schemes for potential Underground Space Development sites, including Kowloon Park, Victoria Park and Southorn Playground in the four Strategic Urban Areas, namely Tsim Sha Tsui West, Causeway Bay, Happy Valley and Admiralty/Wan Chai with due consideration to the public views received. We expect to launch the Stage 2 Public Engagement in 2018 to gauge public views on the relevant conceptual schemes. (DEVB)

### Short-term Measures

- Through a steering group set up within the Planning and Lands Branch of the Development Bureau, we will explore how best to consolidate and rationalise the standards and definitions adopted by the relevant departments under the Development Bureau (namely the Buildings Department, the Lands Department and the Planning Department) in scrutinising development projects such that the approval process can be streamlined without prejudicing the relevant statutory procedures and technical requirements, and to engage the trade in the process. (DEVB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Consider ways to facilitate the implementation of a “single site, multiple use” model in multi-storey development on government land in order to consolidate and provide more Government, Institution or Community facilities, so as to make optimal use of the limited land resources. (DEVB/FSTB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

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- Continue to implement the Pilot Scheme for Arbitration on Land Premium to facilitate agreement between the Government and private land owners on land premium payable for lease modification and land exchange transactions through arbitration. (DEVB)
  - Continue to rezone the more than 210 suitable sites with development potential as identified in land use reviews to residential or other uses for which the community has more pressing needs. We will also appropriately increase the development density of individual residential sites. (DEVB)

### **Energising Kowloon East**

- With a view to better understanding the profiles and needs of the business establishments in Kowloon East, we will conduct a survey on them, including those in the arts, cultural and creative sectors. (DEVB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Continue to implement the construction works of Tsun Yip Street Playground and Tsui Ping River Garden, and to take forward the improvement works of other public open spaces in Kowloon East to cater for the development needs of the area. (DEVB)

- Kowloon East currently has 28 buildings which are accredited with Building Environmental Assessment Method (BEAM) Plus Gold or above ratings. To continue developing Kowloon East into a green and smart neighbourhood, related land sales conditions such as requiring building design to achieve BEAM Plus Gold or above ratings, provision of smart water meter system and electric vehicle charging facilities are stipulated for land sale sites for private development. We will also require real-time parking vacancy information to be provided for commercial car parks at appropriate sites. (DEVB)

## Medium and Long-term Measures

- Formulate a policy framework to tackle brownfield sites in a holistic manner, with the objectives of optimising land utilisation, rationalising land uses, supporting the development of industries that are needed in Hong Kong, and improving the rural environment. We will also strive to complete the survey on the existing profile and operations of brownfield sites and the consultancy studies on the feasibility of accommodating brownfield operations in multi-storey buildings within 2018. (DEVB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Continue with the implementation of new development areas and new town extensions:
  - press ahead with the implementation of the plans for the Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas as an extension to the Fanling/Sheung Shui New Town;

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- press ahead with the implementation of the development of Tung Chung New Town Extension to tie in with the development of Lantau, turning Tung Chung into a distinct and more comprehensively developed new town;
  - press ahead with the implementation of the plans for the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area as a regional hub in the North West New Territories to complement the new towns of Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long and Tuen Mun, providing housing, employment opportunities and civic facilities; and
  - press ahead with the implementation of the plans for deserted or damaged agricultural land and rural-based industrial sites in Yuen Long South as an extension to the Yuen Long New Town to meet housing and other development needs and improve the local rural environment. (DEVB)
- Continue with the planning and engineering study for Tseung Kwan O Area 137, including exploration of residential, commercial and other suitable land uses, as well as the need for the originally reserved uses. (DEVB)

- Strive to complete the site investigation, detailed impact assessments and detailed design for the relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to caverns as soon as possible for early commencement of cavern construction works and relocation of existing sewage treatment works. We will also proceed with the next phase of work and commence feasibility studies on relocating the service reservoirs at Tsuen Wan and Yau Tong to caverns in the light of the public consultation results related to the development options of the six hectares of land released from the relocation of the Diamond Hill Fresh Water and Salt Water Service Reservoirs, Sai Kung Sewage Treatment Works and Sham Tseng Sewage Treatment Works to caverns. (DEVB)
  
- Continue to implement the recommendations of the study on the long-term strategy of cavern development, including the technical study on underground quarrying for cavern development, and identify suitable strategic cavern development areas for carrying out planning and engineering feasibility studies. (DEVB)
  
- Continue to provide the market with more prime office and commercial space to support economic activities. To this end, the Government will convert suitable government sites and offices in the Central Business Districts into commercial use and reduce as far as possible the leasing of commercial office space in Central and Admiralty for government use. (DEVB/FSTB)

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- Take forward the proposed development of public housing at six government sites (including the five sites in Pok Fu Lam South and the redevelopment of Wah Fu Estate), which are expected to provide about 11 900 additional public housing units, and carry out the statutory procedures for amending the relevant outline zoning plans following the partial lifting of the administrative moratorium on the development of Pok Fu Lam. The site formation and infrastructure works of the five sites in Pok Fu Lam South are scheduled for commencement in 2019. Assuming all procedures to be completed timely, the earliest batch of the reception units for the redevelopment of Wah Fu Estate is expected to be completed in 2025. (THB/DEVB)
  - Carry out a strategic study to explore the preliminary feasibility of reclamation at the southern part of the Central Waters. The proposed reclamation will help create the necessary conditions for future development which mainly rely on marine transport. (DEVB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

## Developing and Conserving Lantau

- Establish a Sustainable Lantau Office under the Civil Engineering and Development Department to progressively take forward various studies, development projects and conservation work in accordance with the “Sustainable Lantau Blueprint”, including the strategic studies for constructing artificial islands in the Central Waters between Hong Kong Island and Lantau Island (including the East Lantau Metropolis); formulating and implementing measures to conserve nature, antiquities and monuments, and cultural heritage on Lantau; and continuing to collaborate with organisations and stakeholders in the relevant fields. (DEVB)
- Deploy different resources to take forward various appropriate countryside conservation initiatives in selected pilot areas on Lantau, such as Tai O, Shui Hau and Pui O, to support the efforts in developing and conserving Lantau. The Environment and Conservation Fund has earmarked funding and will invite applications for undertaking environmental education and community action projects on nature conservation in South Lantau. (ENB/DEVB)
- Continue to take forward near-shore reclamation projects, including progressive conduct of district consultation and planning and engineering studies for Ma Liu Shui and Lung Kwu Tan reclamation; and planning and engineering study for Sunny Bay reclamation; and completion of technical study for Siu Ho Wan reclamation on Lantau Island. In particular, the Ma Liu Shui reclamation study will take into account the planning of the adjoining site vacated after relocation of the Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to caverns, with a view to providing land for development of high technology and knowledge-based industries, housing and other uses. (DEVB)

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- Continue to support the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) in its development of the Airport North Commercial District (SKYCITY). According to the plan of the AAHK, the first phase of development includes a hotel and a facility combining retail, dining and entertainment (RDE) purposes. The tendering exercise for the hotel development has been completed and the development is planned for completion by 2021. The RDE development was put to tender in September 2017. (THB)
  - Continue to take forward the development project at Siu Ho Wan Depot Site and continue to actively explore in collaboration with the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) the development potential of other stations and railway-related sites along existing and future rail lines. (DEVB)

### **Energising Kowloon East**

- The Energising Kowloon East initiative has already built up the urban transformation momentum in Kwun Tong and Kowloon Bay. We will extend the initiative to San Po Kong, particularly focusing on enhancing connectivity, improving the environment, and promoting vibrancy and diversified development. (DEVB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Review the land uses of a site at Lai Yip Street near the Kwun Tong harbourfront, which includes studying the possibility of providing space for arts, culture and creative industries uses. (DEVB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

- Review the future use of the land released upon the relocation of the Ngau Tau Kok Divisional Police Station, which is expected to take place around 2020. (DEVB)
- After the public consultation on the recommendation of further increasing the residential development intensity of the Kai Tak Development Area, we are amending the Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan in accordance with the Town Planning Ordinance with completion of the relevant procedures expected in 2018. (DEVB)
- Keep up the efforts to facilitate transformation of Kowloon East into another attractive core business district. At present, Kowloon East has about 2.4 million square metres of commercial/office floor area, with potential to further supply another 4.6 million square metres approximately in future, bringing the total supply in the district to about 7 million square metres. About 550 000 square metres of commercial/office floor area can be provided from the seven sites sold since 2012, and a similar amount of floor area will be provided in the coming five years from committed private redevelopments and wholesale conversion projects. We are taking forward the studies on the Kowloon Bay Action Area and the Kwun Tong Action Area. The two Action Areas can provide about 560 000 square metres of commercial/office floor area. (DEVB)

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- We have completed the first phase of public consultation on the detailed feasibility study for the Environmentally Friendly Linkage System (EFLS) for Kowloon East and confirmed the adoption of elevated mode EFLS. We are carrying out the next phase of the study, including the proposals for detailed alignment options, station and depot locations, future extension, operation and procurement approaches, cost and financial analysis, etc. Public consultation on the recommended proposal is scheduled to be conducted in 2018. (DEVB)
  - Continue to implement the concept of “walkability” in Kowloon East with a view to improving the pedestrian environment and traffic conditions. This includes carrying out detailed design for an additional footbridge next to Kowloon Bay MTR Station to enhance connectivity with the future East Kowloon Cultural Centre and nearby residential areas. In parallel, we are working on the design for the extension and face-lifting of the pedestrian subway network connecting to Ngau Tau Kok MTR Station, face-lifting of a public transport interchange and improvement of pedestrian facilities to create a comfortable walking environment for pedestrians heading for the business area and the promenade. We will continue to take forward the Back Alley Project to improve the pedestrian network. (DEVB)
  - To further enhance walkability in Kowloon East, we will investigate the feasibility of providing a new footbridge across Kwun Tong Road near MTR Kowloon Bay Station Exit A, and another one across Wai Yip Street near Siu Yip Street in addition to the footbridge already planned for connecting Exit B of Kowloon Bay Station with the future East Kowloon Cultural Centre. We will also look into the possibility of providing travelators along Lai Yip Street and Sheung Yee Road to cater for the forecast increase in pedestrian flow. (DEVB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

- Continue to take forward a detailed consultancy study on transforming the King Yip Street nullah into a green and vibrant Tsui Ping River with environmental and landscaping upgrading of the vicinity to achieve synergy effect. (DEVB)
- Select suitable non-profit-making organisation to operate a weekend flea market on the Tourism Node site at the former airport runway tip to bring more vibrancy to the area when the site is pending land disposal, providing opportunities for participation by those who are interested, young people in particular. (DEVB) (New Initiative)

### Utilising Industrial Buildings

- Explore the reactivation of the revitalisation scheme for industrial buildings to offer incentives to encourage redevelopment or wholesale conversion. In the process, we will consider how operating space can be provided legally and safely under the scheme for certain industries with development potential (such as cultural, arts and creative industries) and for suitable community facilities. (DEVB in collaboration with relevant bureaux) (New Initiative)
- Continue to study the possibility of facilitating the conversion of the lower floors of some industrial buildings for non-industrial purposes, subject to fire safety and building safety requirements. (DEVB/SB) (New Initiative)
- Review the definition and coverage of “industrial” and “godown” uses in land leases. (DEVB) (New Initiative)

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- Consider ways to facilitate the assembly of titles to address the issue of fragmented ownership in certain old industrial buildings, including examining the threshold of “compulsory sale” applicable to old industrial buildings. (DEVB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
  - Strengthen the prosecution action against owners who fail to comply with statutory orders in the context of enforcement actions against illegal domestic use in industrial building premises and continue to explore introducing new legislative provisions to strengthen enforcement efforts. (DEVB)

### **Other Land Matters**

- Continue to examine the implementation of the small house policy and related matters. (DEVB)
- Engage key stakeholders to refine the proposed amendments to the Land Titles Ordinance. (DEVB)

## **Housing Policy**

### **Long Term Housing Strategy**

- Continue to implement the Long Term Housing Strategy, including annually updating the long-term housing demand projection and deriving a rolling 10-year housing supply target accordingly. (THB)

## Increasing Supply of Subsidised Housing

- Optimise the development potential of each public housing site by suitably relaxing the maximum domestic plot ratio and other development restrictions where planning and infrastructure permit and environmental quality will not be compromised to an unacceptable extent, and provide additional staff and resources for the relevant departments, so as to maximise and expedite flat production as far as possible. (THB/DEVB)
- Take forward housing construction programmes to achieve the public housing (including public rental housing (PRH) units and subsidised sale flats) supply target, which will be updated annually under the Long Term Housing Strategy. For subsidised sale flats, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) has put up about 2 100 new Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) flats for pre-sale in early 2017. If all preparatory work can be completed smoothly, it is anticipated that the HKHA can put up another 4 400 HOS flats for pre-sale in the first quarter of 2018. These flats are scheduled for completion between 2018 and 2020. (THB)
- The second round of the Interim Scheme to Extend the HOS Secondary Market to White Form Buyers was completed in May 2017. The HKHA will conduct a comprehensive review to decide on its way forward. (THB)
- Continue to work with the Hong Kong Housing Society on the provision of about 600 new subsidised sale flats in Tseung Kwan O and Tuen Mun, which are scheduled for pre-sale in the fourth quarter of 2017 and completion in 2020. (THB)

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- Ensure the effective and rational use of PRH resources by enhancing enforcement actions and publicity against tenancy abuse and considering various ways to focus efforts on allocating PRH resources to people with pressing housing needs. In addition, households with living space exceeding the prescribed under-occupation standards will be arranged to move to other PRH units of more appropriate size. (THB)
  - The HKHA will conduct a review on the effectiveness of the Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Pilot Scheme in order to enable PRH tenants with improved means to achieve home ownership, thereby vacating their PRH units for those who are waiting for PRH allocation. (THB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
  - Explore the possibility of allowing owners of subsidised sale flats with premium not yet paid to let their flats in order to help families with housing needs. (THB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

## **Starter Homes**

- Rebuild the housing ladder to provide families in different income brackets with the opportunity to become home owners. Subject to the availability of suitable sites and without compromising public housing supply, we will introduce affordable Starter Homes, to bring new hope of home ownership. (THB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

## **Private Residential Property Market**

- Implement appropriate demand-side management measures, including the Special Stamp Duty, Buyer's Stamp Duty and New Residential Stamp Duty, to:
  - stabilise the residential property market; and

- accord priority to the housing needs of Hong Kong permanent residents in the midst of the tight supply situation. (THB)

## **Improving Quality of Living in Public Rental Housing**

- The HKHA launched a three-year programme in 2016 to increase the provision of recreational and associated facilities for the elderly in about 100 PRH estates with a higher proportion of elderly residents. The programme is expected to be completed in 2019. The HKHA will review the effectiveness of the programme and consider extending the programme to other estates in due course. Meanwhile, the HKHA is implementing lift addition projects in PRH estates to improve existing pedestrian access. (THB)
- Implement sustainable public housing developments by designing for green and healthy living, and adopt the universal design concept to provide a safe and convenient living environment for different types of tenants, including people of all ages and abilities. (THB)
- Continue with various environmental initiatives in PRH estates, and enhance awareness of waste reduction among PRH residents to achieve the target of municipal solid waste (MSW) reduction. We will also continue our greening efforts in new public housing developments. (THB)
- Continue with the rectification works to replace water pipes in the 11 affected PRH developments with excess lead in drinking water in order to resolve the problem completely as soon as possible. To date, rectification works in the common areas of the 11 affected PRH developments have been completed, while the rectification works inside domestic flats have started in full swing since the second quarter of 2017. (THB)

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## Building Maintenance and Urban Renewal

- Launch “Operation Building Bright 2.0” to subsidise owner-occupiers for undertaking rehabilitation works in respect of aged buildings in need of repair. In parallel, subsidise eligible owners to strengthen the fire safety measures for old composite buildings for compliance with the requirements of Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance (Cap. 572). (DEVB/SB) (New Initiative)
- Launch the Building Management Dispute Resolution Service to enhance support for owners, owners’ corporations and residents’ organisations. (HAB) (New Initiative)
- Continue to implement the Phase 3 Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme to enhance professional support for owners of old buildings and assist owners of “three nil” buildings in forming owners’ corporations and discharging their responsibilities in building management. (HAB)
- Draw up the proposed amendments to the Building Management Ordinance and review the Codes of Practice to include the best practices of building management. (HAB)
- Follow up the implementation of the Property Management Services Ordinance by assisting the Property Management Services Authority in implementing a licensing scheme for regulating property management services. (HAB)
- Continue to enforce the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance to exercise regulatory control over lift and escalator safety, and continue to draw the attention of Responsible Persons on the need to fulfil their obligations under the ordinance and to timely modernise their aged lifts and escalators to enhance their safety and reliability, through education and publicity. (DEVB)

- Introduce legislation for enhancing fire safety standards of old industrial buildings, and strengthen the manpower for inspection of industrial buildings and the related enforcement actions. (SB)
- Strengthen fire safety measures particularly in old buildings and enhance public awareness of fire prevention. (SB)
- Continue with the efforts to enhance maintenance of private buildings through public education, publicity and participation of professional bodies. (DEVB)
- Work closely with the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to assist building owners in need to carry out repair and maintenance works through various schemes, including:
  - the Building Maintenance Grant Scheme for Elderly Owners;
  - the Integrated Building Maintenance Assistance Scheme;
  - the Mandatory Building Inspection Subsidy Scheme; and
  - “Smart Tender” Building Rehabilitation Facilitating Services. (DEVB)

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- Work closely with the URA to support its implementation of redevelopment projects under a holistic and district-based approach with a view to enhancing overall planning benefits for the community. Meanwhile, we will support the URA in conducting a district planning study to explore how to enhance the efficiency of existing land use and redevelopment potential of Yau Ma Tei and Mong Kok districts, with a view to identifying more effective and efficient ways for urban renewal as well as a practical and feasible modus operandi for adoption in other districts. (DEVB)
  - Continue to implement the Pilot Scheme on Outreach Support Service for Minority Owners to provide relevant information and appropriate support services to owners of old buildings affected by compulsory sale. (DEVB)

## **Enhancing Building Safety**

- Conduct a consultancy study on the formulation of a set of design standards for seismic-resistant buildings, with a view to further enhancing building safety in Hong Kong. (DEVB)

## **Transportation**

### **Strategic Studies on Railways and Major Roads**

- Subject to approval of funding by the Legislative Council, the Government will take forward the Strategic Studies on Railways and Major Roads Beyond 2030 according to the planning directions for Hong Kong beyond 2030, so that the planning of major transport infrastructure can complement the needs arising from the overall long-term land development of Hong Kong. (THB)

## Developing Railways

- Enhance accessibility within Hong Kong according to the “centred on public transport with railway as the backbone” principle, by, inter alia, implementing the seven new railway projects under the Railway Development Strategy 2014 in an orderly manner. In particular, the Government strives to undertake public consultation on the Tuen Mun South Extension and the Northern Link (and Kwu Tung Station) in 2018, and will take forward detailed planning for the East Kowloon Line, the Tung Chung West Extension (and Tung Chung East Station) and the North Island Line. (THB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Co-ordinate and oversee the construction of the Shatin to Central Link, with a view to commissioning the “Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section” and the “Hung Hom to Admiralty Section” of the Link in mid 2019 and 2021 respectively in accordance with the revised targets put forward by the MTRCL. (THB)
- Reach a Co-operation Arrangement with the Mainland in relation to the customs, immigration and quarantine procedures of the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL), seek the approval and endorsement of the Co-operation Arrangement by the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress through a decision to be made by the Standing Committee, and commence the local legislative process thereafter, so as to meet the target of implementing the co-location arrangement at the West Kowloon Station upon the commissioning of the project in the third quarter of 2018. (THB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

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## Implementing Recommended Measures under the Public Transport Strategy Study

- Organise a multi-stakeholder exchange session in 2018 for different stakeholders in the public transport sector, including operators of franchised buses, mini-buses and taxis, to engage in meaningful discussions to rationalise their roles and to improve Hong Kong’s public transport ecosystem. (THB) (New Initiative)
- Launch the pilot trials of two new types of franchised bus services, viz. (i) new long-haul bus services providing more spacious seating and all-seater service with better facilities and fewer stops; and (ii) mid-sized single-deck buses for short-haul shuttle services in areas in the New Territories with relatively lower population density but with growth potential. Our target is to roll out one or two routes for each type of new service on a trial basis. We expect to introduce these trial services progressively from late 2018/early 2019. (THB) (New Initiative)
- Introduce franchised taxis to meet the new demand in the community for personalised and point-to-point public transport services. These taxis will provide higher quality service for a higher fare, and will have “online hailing” features. The Government is preparing the legislative work. (THB) (New Initiative)

## Taking Forward Transport Infrastructure Projects

- In view of the social and economic development of Hong Kong, as well as the changes in traffic demand, we will take forward transport infrastructure projects to enhance local transport network in a timely manner. Road projects under planning and requiring prompt implementation include Cross Bay Link (CBL), Tseung Kwan O (TKO) and the widening of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section), which are set out as follows:
  - CBL, TKO: the proposed CBL at TKO will connect the Tseung Kwan O-Lam Tin Tunnel (TKO-LTT) (currently under construction) in the west and Wan Po Road near LOHAS Park in the east. If CBL is not provided upon the commissioning of TKO-LTT, the traffic from the tunnel portal of TKO-LTT to Area 86 and TKO Industrial Estate will have to go through Po Yap Road and many signal-controlled junctions, causing traffic congestion in the vicinity of TKO Town Centre.
  - Widening of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section): Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) is an important primary distributor road linking the Northeast New Territories with West Kowloon (through Tsing Sha Highway) and Tsuen Wan (through Shing Mun Tunnel). At present, traffic congestion frequently occurs at Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) between Sha Tin Rural Committee Road and Fo Tan Road during peak hours. Therefore, we propose to implement the Widening of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) project to meet traffic demand. (THB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

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- Implement the Central Kowloon Route (CKR) project, which will link the Yau Ma Tei Interchange in West Kowloon with Kowloon Bay and the Kai Tak Development in East Kowloon. It will enhance the capacity of major east-west road corridors in Kowloon, thus relieving traffic congestion and meeting future traffic demands. Upon the commissioning of CKR, the journey time between West Kowloon and Kowloon Bay via CKR will be around five minutes during rush hours, about 25 minutes less compared with current journey time. (THB)
  - In view of the long-term developments in Northwest New Territories, including the proposed Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area and Yuen Long South development, we need a new strategic route (Route 11) to connect Northwest New Territories and the urban areas to cope with the increase in traffic demand. At the same time, we need to improve the “external connectivity” of Lantau and the airport island. The Route 11 will provide a third strategic access to Lantau on top of Tsing Ma Bridge and Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link, thus enhancing the robustness of the road network connecting to the airport. Subject to approval of funding by the Legislative Council, the Government will conduct a feasibility study on Route 11 to link up North Lantau and Yuen Long. (THB)

## **Improving Road Traffic**

- Oversee the construction of the Central-Wan Chai Bypass and the Island Eastern Corridor Link, originally scheduled for completion in 2017 but hampered by delays due to unforeseeable problems in work site handover, with a view to overcoming the challenges and exploring feasible options for commissioning of the project in late 2018/first quarter of 2019. (THB)

- Oversee the construction of the TKO-LTT with a view to completing it in 2021. The Tunnel, together with the Trunk Road T2 under planning and the proposed CKR, will form Route 6, which will link West Kowloon with TKO. (THB)
- Continue to pursue bus route rationalisation vigorously to enhance network efficiency, improve service quality, ease traffic congestion and reduce roadside air pollution. (THB)
- Continue to enhance the service quality and operating environment of taxis. (THB)

### **Monitoring of the MTR Corporation Limited**

- With a view to enhancing our monitoring of the MTRCL in tandem with railway development, we require the MTRCL to:
  - deliver new railway projects in a cost-effective manner;
  - provide safe and reliable railway services;
  - continue to suitably respond to public views on matters related to fares, having regard to the financial viability of the MTRCL as a listed company;
  - renew its railway assets in a timely manner; and
  - maintain an overall high standard of corporate governance. (THB)

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- Relieve the congestion at the MTR network during peak periods by requesting the MTRCL to:
    - continue to implement the signalling system replacement works to increase the carrying capacity of the railway;
    - monitor passenger flow at stations and on platforms during peak hours and disseminate timely information to alert the public; and
    - explore other possible measures to divert passenger flow during peak hours. (THB) (New Initiative)
  - Invite the MTRCL to explore the feasibility of providing free Wi-Fi on all its trains. (THB) (New Initiative)

### **Ancillary Facilities for Public Transport and Fare**

- Continue our effort to alleviate road traffic congestion by implementing measures such as taking forward the study on the overall strategy for the rationalisation of traffic distribution among the three road harbour crossings and the three land tunnels between Kowloon and Sha Tin, commencing a consultancy study on parking for commercial vehicles, and conducting a feasibility study for the Electronic Road Pricing Pilot Scheme in Central and its adjacent areas, with a view to making early preparation for implementing the pilot scheme in Central and its adjacent areas to improve traffic flow with the aid of technology. (THB)
- The Government is discussing with franchised bus operators the proposed updates to the data adopted in the existing Fare Adjustment Arrangement. We expect to conclude the discussion and to implement the updates in the first half of 2018 upon approval by the Chief Executive-in-Council. (THB) (New Initiative)

- In the mid-term review (in the first half of 2019) for the current three-year licence period (2017-20), the Government will review whether the special helping measures would be the most desirable long-term operation model for maintaining the financial viability of ferry services. This review will cover, inter alia, a detailed study on extending the licence duration and the feasibility of providing full subsidy to ferry operators for replacement of vessels. The objective is to ensure service quality, long-term financial sustainability of ferry operation, and a fair adjustment of fares. (THB) (New Initiative)
- Continue to take forward pilot renovation projects to enhance the design and facilities of suitable covered public transport interchanges and ferry piers with a view to providing passengers with a better waiting environment. (THB)
- Continue to subsidise the installation of seats and bus arrival information display panels at suitable bus stops in phases by franchised bus companies for passengers' convenience. (THB)
- Implement the trial scheme on low-floor wheelchair-accessible light bus service and ascertain whether it would be feasible and desirable to use this type of light buses to serve hospital routes. (THB)
- Continue to provide subsidies to facilitate the replacement of tram tracks at key locations with new technology to provide more comfortable service for passengers and reduce the impact of track replacement works on traffic. (THB)
- Introduce a non-means tested Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme to relieve the fare burden of commuters. (THB) (New Initiative)

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## Marine Safety

- Implement the improvement measures regarding the regulatory regime on local passenger-carrying vessels to enhance marine safety. We will continue to follow up the recommendations in the report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Collision of Vessels near Lamma Island on 1 October 2012. (THB)

## Improving Pedestrian Environment

- Continue with the arrangement of waiving the land premium for lease modification to encourage private landowners to construct footbridges or subways at their own cost. (DEVB)
- Continue to promote “Walk in HK” with a view to fostering a pedestrian-friendly environment by:
  - providing covers on certain walkways connecting to public transport facilities and exploring the relaxation of existing requirements for adding covers to such walkways as stipulated in the Transport Planning and Design Manual;
  - selecting two areas in Hong Kong for pilot study to test out innovative measures for a comfortable walking environment;
  - enhancing the design of pedestrian wayfinding map board on the streets with reference to overseas experiences and conducting public engagement exercise in 2018;
  - enhancing the functions of HKeTransport to enable citizens to use the application to plan and search for the best walking routes, with the first phase of enhancement, covering major shopping areas of Causeway Bay, launching in end 2017;

- continuing to progressively take forward the construction works of hillside escalator links and elevator system projects and elevated walkway projects in different districts;
  - continuing to take forward the proposed pedestrian environment improvement scheme in Mong Kok. In Yuen Long, we will strive to implement the Elevated Pedestrian Corridor in Yuen Long Town Connecting with Long Ping Station project to relieve congestion at footpaths and improve the environment for pedestrians in the district;
  - commencing a study on enhancing pedestrian connectivity between Wan Chai and Sheung Wan; and
  - commencing a study in end 2017 to review and improve the assessment mechanism for proposed hillside escalator links projects. (THB)
- Continue to implement the “Universal Accessibility” Programme to retrofit barrier-free access facilities at existing walkways to benefit the elderly and those who need such access. We have already invited the 18 District Councils (DCs) to nominate items for implementation in the next phase, and will commence the feasibility study and design works for these items in end 2017. (THB)
- Continue to establish “bicycle-friendly” new towns and new development areas to reduce carbon emissions from vehicles by such measures as continuing to improve existing cycle tracks and cycle parking facilities in new towns in phases (100 of these sites are expected to be improved by end 2018). (DEVB/THB)

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- Continue to take forward the development of the cycle track network in the New Territories by constructing the Tuen Mun to Sheung Shui section; commencing the detailed design of the Tuen Mun to So Kwun Wat section and Tsuen Wan to Bayview Garden section (advance works); and reviewing the alignment of the remainder of the Tsuen Wan to Tuen Mun section. (DEVB)

## Enhancing External Transport Links

- Continue to improve Hong Kong's international connectivity, with measures including the timely implementation of the Three-Runway System. (THB) ([New Initiative](#))
- Work with the AAHK to implement initiatives to enhance airport capacity and airport services. Subsequent to the commissioning of the Midfield Concourse, the remaining parts of the midfield expansion project will be completed in phases by 2020. (THB)
- Form new aviation partnership and review air services agreements with our existing partners, with a view to further liberalising our air service regime, thereby supporting the continued growth and development of the local civil aviation industry. Of the 60 or so Belt and Road countries, Hong Kong has signed air services agreements or international air services transit agreements with 41, including the agreed amendment to the air services agreement with Israel in June 2017. We will continue with such efforts and seek to discuss air services agreements with other aviation partners along the Belt and Road routes. This will reinforce Hong Kong's position as an international aviation hub. (THB)
- Assist the AAHK in expanding inter-modal connections to strengthen the links between the Hong Kong International Airport and the Pearl River Delta region. (THB)

- Continue to oversee the construction of the Hong Kong section of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (i.e. the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities and Hong Kong Link Road) to dovetail with the commissioning of the Main Bridge within Mainland waters; and continue to oversee the construction of the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link for early commissioning. (THB)
- Continue to co-ordinate and oversee the construction of the Hong Kong Section of the XRL and take forward various pre-commissioning preparation works with a view to accomplishing the targeted commissioning of service in the third quarter of 2018. (THB)
- Continue to oversee the construction of the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point on Hong Kong side and go full steam ahead with the construction of the connecting road and the Passenger Terminal Building, with a view to completing the Boundary Control Point in end 2018. (DEVB)

## Environmental Protection

### Energy

- Further promote energy efficiency and conservation by working with the power companies under the post-2018 Scheme of Control Agreements to introduce, among others, new energy saving funds and demand response programmes. We will also expand the existing energy efficiency funds and energy saving loan funds. (ENB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

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- Further promote the development of renewable energy (RE) by, inter alia, introducing Feed-in Tariff and RE Certificates Schemes under the post-2018 Scheme of Control Agreements. The Government will also explore how best to develop RE facilities at government premises. In addition, the Water Supplies Department will explore the feasibility of implementation of large-scale floating solar farms over the surface of impounding reservoirs in Hong Kong based on the results of the pilot schemes of floating photovoltaic systems at Shek Pik Reservoir and Plover Cove Reservoir. The Government will also study the potential of installing photovoltaic systems in Hong Kong buildings and examine the relevant issues involved. (ENB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

## Improving Air Quality

### Green Technology, Emissions Standards and Air Quality Objectives

- Introduce new legislation to mandate vessels to use low sulphur fuel within Hong Kong waters from January 2019 onwards. (ENB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Explore the launching of a pilot scheme for local ferries to adopt green technologies to reduce emissions. (ENB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Explore the launching of a pilot scheme for new government vessels to adopt green technologies to reduce emissions. (ENB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Issue the Seventh Technical Memorandum in 2017 with a view to further tightening the air pollutant emission caps for power companies from 2022 onwards. (ENB)
- Encourage the transport sector and non-profit-making organisations to test out green and innovative transport technologies through the Pilot Green Transport Fund. (ENB)

- Continue to implement an incentive-cum-regulatory scheme to phase out progressively by the end of 2019 some 82 000 highly polluting diesel commercial vehicles which only comply with pre-Euro or Euro I to III emission standards to improve roadside air quality. (ENB)
- Run electric franchised buses on a trial basis. (ENB)
- Continue to enhance the charging network for electric vehicles. (ENB)
- Continue with the review of the Air Quality Objectives, consult stakeholders via a working group and engage the public via briefing sessions to gauge their views on measures to improve air quality, and explore the room for further tightening of the Air Quality Objectives. The aim is to submit a review report to the Advisory Council on the Environment in 2018. (ENB)

### **Regional Co-operation**

- Continue to implement and further enhance the Pearl River Delta Regional Air Quality Management Plan together with the Guangdong Provincial Government to keep improving regional air quality. (ENB)
- Conduct a mid-term review with the Guangdong Provincial Government to assess the achievements made in emission reduction of air pollutants in the two places in 2015 and finalise the emission reduction targets for 2020. (ENB)
- Conduct a study with the governments of Guangdong and Macao on fine suspended particulates (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) for the Pearl River Delta region to provide a robust scientific basis for mapping out the strategies for further improvement in regional air quality. (ENB)

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- Co-operate with the Guangdong Provincial Government for enhancing exchanges and training in the two places in respect of regional air quality monitoring and air pollution forecasting technologies. (ENB)
  - Implement the Cleaner Production Partnership Programme in collaboration with the Guangdong Provincial Government to continue to promote cleaner production technologies and practices among Hong Kong-owned factories in Guangdong and Hong Kong to enhance energy efficiency and reduce pollutant emissions, thereby improving quality of the regional environment. (ENB)

## **Enhancing Waste Management**

### **Reducing Waste and Promoting Recycling**

- Set up a new Food Waste Recycling Group under the Environmental Protection Department to implement source separation and collection of food waste, study and formulate new regulatory measures, including mandatory source separation of food waste starting with the significant food waste generators in the commercial and industrial sectors. (ENB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Launch a new phase of Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign to sustain the momentum in promoting the “Food Wise” culture with a view to reducing food waste at source and facilitating food waste recycling. (ENB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

- Continue to implement “A Food Waste & Yard Waste Plan for Hong Kong”, efforts of which include cultivating the “Food Wise” culture through the Food Wise Hong Kong Campaign and Food Wise Eateries Scheme, food waste reduction and recycling projects at housing estates, strengthened support to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in collecting surplus food for donation to the needy, as well as appropriate professional support to schools and tertiary institutions for on-site treatment of food waste. (ENB)
- Plan to develop the Organic Resources Recovery Centre (ORRC) Phase 3 to build up the food waste recycling capacity of the ORRC network. (ENB) (New Initiative)
- Continue to implement administrative regulatory measures to require that waste cooking oils produced by local licensed food premises be recycled through legitimate means, and consider amendments to the Waste Disposal Ordinance to strengthen the regulation of waste cooking oils. (ENB/FHB)
- Set up new outreach teams under the Environmental Protection Department, which will educate the public with on-site guidance and hands-on demonstration, and deliver latest and key green messages to the community through regular visits, with a view to strengthening the field support for waste reduction at source and clean recycling, as well as bettering community preparedness for quantity-based charging for MSW. (ENB) (New Initiative)
- Promote waste reduction and recycling by driving behavioural changes through the introduction of legislative proposal on MSW charging and the collaboration with various sectors to conduct community involvement projects. (ENB) (New Initiative)
- Continue with the development of Community Green Stations in phases across the territory. (ENB)

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- Through territory-wide and district-based programmes as well as collaboration with DCs, we will continue to encourage public participation in waste reduction at source and clean recycling, provide infrastructural support for recycling activities and facilitate the sustainable development of the recycling industry, thereby alleviating the pressure on landfills. (ENB)
  - Introduce a new service to centrally collect waste plastic bottles received by Community Recycling Centres and, where necessary, direct from the sources across the territory for delivery to competent recyclers for onward processing, thereby enhancing operational standards and efficiency of the recycling trade with better support to the collection and recycling of waste plastic bottles. (ENB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
  - Consult the Advisory Committee on Recycling Fund and introduce need-driven “theme-based schemes” under the Recycling Fund to better address the needs and concerns of the recycling industry. Measures include a new scheme for which the fund has earmarked \$20 million as subsidies for the industry to secure plastic waste processing facilities, and \$50 million for recyclers to purchase compactor trucks for collecting recyclables in a more efficient manner. (ENB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

### **“Polluter Pays” Principle and Producer Responsibility Schemes**

- Implement in phases the two mandatory producer responsibility schemes on waste electrical and electronic equipment and glass beverage containers. (ENB)
- Take forward the feasibility study on introducing mandatory producer responsibility schemes for suitable plastic product containers. (ENB)

- Prepare legislation to mandate the use of Global Positioning System on construction waste collection vehicles to facilitate enforcement action against fly-tipping of construction waste. (ENB)

### **Waste-to-energy and Other Waste Treatment Facilities**

- Implement trial schemes on source separation and collection of food waste generated from markets managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department as well as commercial premises leased out by the HKHA, for delivery to and treatment by the phase 1 project of the ORRCs, which will be commissioned in early 2018, with a view to encouraging the commercial and industrial sectors to recycle food waste properly and achieving the waste-to-energy purpose. (ENB)
- Commission the phase 1 project of the ORRCs and expedite the assessment of tenders for the phase 2 project before seeking funding approval from the Legislative Council. In parallel, we will continue with the tendering exercise for the Food Waste/ Sewage Sludge Anaerobic Co-digestion Trial Scheme. (ENB)
- Complete the tendering exercise and commence the design and construction works for the phase 1 project of the Integrated Waste Management Facilities for MSW treatment. (ENB)
- Continue with the study for the planning of future waste management and transfer facilities to meet Hong Kong's needs up to 2041. (ENB)
- Pursue extension of landfills. (ENB)

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## Green Construction and Green Economy

- Continue with the consultancy study to review the current arrangement under which a development project is only required to register for BEAM Plus as a prerequisite for application for gross floor area concession for amenity features, with a view to further promoting green buildings in the private market. The consultancy study is expected to complete in 2019. (DEVB)
- Actively apply green specifications in government procurement as well as cleansing and vehicle hiring service contracts, while seeking to widen the scope of green procurement in public works projects. In parallel, we will continue to encourage the business sectors and the public to adopt green procurement practices. (ENB)
- Support Hong Kong's environmental industry in participating in environmental exhibitions, so as to promote the exchange of environmental technologies and services. (ENB)

## Devoting Resources to Nature and Countryside Conservation

- Earmark resources to establish a Countryside Conservation Office to co-ordinate cross-departmental efforts for the sustainable development of countryside areas, selecting Lai Chi Wo and Sha Lo Tung as pilot projects for implementation. (ENB) ([New Initiative](#))
- Carry on with the preparatory work to designate Robin's Nest as a new country park. (ENB)
- Implement the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan as Hong Kong's long-term blueprint for nature conservation and sustainable development. (ENB)

- Work with the Legislative Council with a view to expediting the scrutiny of the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants (Amendment) Bill 2017, which aims at phasing out local trade in elephant ivory and imposing heavier penalties on smuggling and illegal trade of endangered species. The Government will continue to step up law enforcement against the smuggling and illegal trade of ivory. (ENB)
- Follow up the drafting of legislation to set up a control scheme for the trading of toothfish in Hong Kong to meet the requirements of the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources. (FHB)

## **Climate Change**

### **Combating Climate Change**

- The Chief Secretary for Administration will continue to steer bureaux and departments to adopt measures of mitigation, adaptation and resilience to combat climate change, with a view to reducing our carbon intensity by 65% to 70% by 2030 compared with the 2005 level. Most of the coal-fired power generation units due to retire will be gradually replaced by cleaner fuels, while energy saving and RE will be further promoted in order to help achieve the goal of keeping global average temperature rise within two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels under the Paris Agreement. (ENB)
- Deploy the earmarked \$200 million for the Government to install RE facilities in government buildings, venues and facilities to promote the development of RE, reduce carbon emissions and mitigate the impact of climate change. (ENB)

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- The Environment and Conservation Fund will allocate the earmarked \$10 million to subsidise non-profit-making organisations to carry out publicity and educational activities and demonstration projects with climate change as the theme, with a view to strengthening publicity and public education to encourage the community to make concerted efforts to combat climate change. (ENB)

### **Energy Conservation**

- Bureaux and departments will start to conduct regular carbon audits on major government buildings and disclose their carbon emission information, with a view to exploring room for carbon reduction. (ENB)
- Consider the provision of district cooling systems in new development areas, including the topside development at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities and the Tung Chung New Town Extension. (ENB)
- Continue to achieve the target of reducing electricity consumption by 5% for government buildings in the financial years from 2015-16 to 2019-20 under comparable operating conditions (taking the 2013-14 financial year as the baseline). Funding of not less than \$500 million has been earmarked for this purpose. (ENB)
- Continue with the “Energy Saving for All” Campaign to promote energy saving for combating climate change. Our efforts include inviting various sectors to sign up for the Energy Saving Charter to pledge to maintain the average indoor temperature at their premises between 24 and 26 degrees Celsius during mid-summer, switch off electrical appliances when they are not in use and procure energy-efficient appliances. (ENB)

- Expand the scope of the Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme to cover more types of electrical appliances so as to help the public choose more energy-efficient electrical appliances for energy conservation. (ENB)

### **Cherish the Water**

- We aim at reducing the per capita fresh water consumption by 10% by 2030 at the earliest, using 2016 as the base year. To achieve this, we will take forward a host of measures, including enhancing collaboration with various stakeholders; implementing the Mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme through legislative amendments; making wider use of Automatic Meter Reading systems to enhance awareness of water conservation; establishing the Water Intelligent Network and replacing and rehabilitating aged government water mains; and taking specific measures to deal with the leakage problem at private water mains, including provision of necessary technical advice and support to property owners and management agents and assistance to the market in developing expertise, stepped up monitoring and enforcement actions, and exploring imposing water charges on property owners according to the amount of estimated water loss from their private mains through legislative amendments. (DEVB) ([New Initiative](#))
- Continue with the review of the Total Water Management Strategy to ensure sustainable use of precious water resources and timely introduction of new initiatives to strengthen our resilience and preparedness against challenges brought about by climate change. (DEVB)

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- Take forward the tendering exercise for the desalination plant at Tseung Kwan O and commence the construction of its associated infrastructure. We will also continue to take forward the initiative of the use of reclaimed water for non-potable purposes in North East New Territories (including Sheung Shui and Fanling). The advance infrastructure works have commenced while the development of an appropriate financial and legal framework for the supply of reclaimed water in Hong Kong is underway. (DEVB)

### **External Lighting**

- Continue to implement the Charter on External Lighting to encourage owners or persons-in-charge of external lighting installations to switch off external lighting of decorative, promotional or advertising purposes at the preset time, and organise educational and publicity activities to enhance public awareness of issues associated with external lighting. (ENB)

### **Beautifying Victoria Harbour**

- Upon completion of a two-year consultancy study on further upgrading inshore water quality and the general environment of the Victoria Harbour later this year, the Government will progressively implement the recommendations therein. Measures and improvement works will be planned to further reduce the discharge of pollutants to the harbour and address the near-shore odour problem, thereby maintaining the water quality and cleanliness of the harbour. (ENB)
- Continue to monitor and assess the progress of improvement in the water quality of the Victoria Harbour. (ENB)

- In addition to taking forward specified harbourfront development initiatives through the dedicated funding, the Government will further partner with the Harbourfront Commission to engage stakeholders in the community, including DCs and NGOs, to undertake pilot projects to activate the harbourfront. These include considering the provision of suitable harbourfront sites for NGOs to organise and operate appropriate short-term events or facilities. (DEVB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Pending further deliberations on the proposal of establishing a statutory Harbourfront Authority, the Government will continue to partner with the Harbourfront Commission and implement harbourfront enhancement initiatives through a dedicated team and with dedicated funding of \$500 million for the first stage. The aim is to further extend the waterfront promenade along both sides of the Victoria Harbour, beautify areas in the vicinity and improve accessibility to the waterfront for the enjoyment of all. (DEVB)

## Urban Forestry

- Formulate an urban forestry management strategy and develop proper urban arboricultural practices with a holistic approach. We will continue to develop sustainable urban landscapes, promote vegetation diversity, and draw up a practice note on urban arboriculture. (DEVB)
- Deliver higher quality landscape planning and design through a multi-pronged approach and proactive strategy for enriching vegetation diversity and create community spaces to enhance the outdoor environs, while undertaking more diligent vegetation management and maintenance. (DEVB)

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- Promote capacity-building for the arboriculture and horticulture industry and assist the Arboriculture and Horticulture Industry Training Advisory Committee in developing a qualification framework. (DEVB)
  - Raise awareness among the general public on urban forestry, including lifecycle planning and life expectancy for trees and the concept of “Right Tree, Right Place”. (DEVB)
  - Apply smart technology in tree management for overall enhancement of quality and efficiency of tree risk assessment. (DEVB) (New Initiative)
  - Implement a more effective risk management strategy for stonewall trees. (DEVB)
  - Collaborate with experts and research institutions on Brown Root Rot disease to conduct research on its diagnosis and prevention, with a view to developing a more comprehensive, proactive and effective management strategy. (DEVB) (New Initiative)

## Sports Development

- Assist our national sports associations (NSAs) in staging more sports competitions and events by designating and enhancing suitable sports facilities as competition venues. (HAB) (New Initiative)
- Enhance the current funding framework to better support Hong Kong’s hosting of various types of major international sports events. (HAB)

- Forge ahead with the Kai Tak Sports Park project, which is scheduled for completion in 2022-23, to provide facilities of international standard for the promotion of holistic sports development, and to attract more international sports events and competitions to Hong Kong. (HAB)
- Propose to launch a five-year enhancement programme for team-only sports, with 2022 Asian Games as the target, under which additional resources from the Arts and Sport Development Fund will be provided to both the sports and members of the Hong Kong representative teams to help them enhance their performance gradually with a view to achieving elite sport status under a new Elite Vote Support System for team-only sports. (HAB) (New Initiative)
- Support the Hong Kong Sports Institute in studying the strategy for enhancing the training of elite athletes and the relevant initiatives regarding coach training, sports science, sports medicine, etc. We will also inject \$1 billion into the Elite Athletes Development Fund and provide additional resources, if necessary, for raising the international standards of local athletes. (HAB)
- Support the NSAs in further enhancing their corporate governance and organising more international sports events and competitions, as well as launching more community sports programmes. (HAB)
- Support the long-term development of football by providing funding for the Hong Kong Football Association for the implementation of its five-year strategic plan. (HAB)
- Implement the following measures based on the recommendations of the consultancy report and comments obtained from public consultation on Sport for People with Disabilities in Hong Kong:

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- the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will encourage more people with disabilities (PWD) to participate in sports by providing a one-stop information platform, enhancing venue support, increasing the number and variety of suitable programmes, strengthening the liaison network with special schools and providing additional subvention for NSAs for disability sports;
  - the LCSD will launch a pilot scheme on advance booking services for PWD. Relevant organisations will enjoy priority in booking specified LCSD sports venues for non-peak-hour sessions for the organisation of sports activities for the disabled such as training courses and competitions;
  - launching outreach recreation and sports services: working with relevant NSAs and sports organisations for PWD to provide outreach services, including centre-based sports activities, so as to help PWD develop healthy sporting habits and save on transportation time and arrangements;
  - using the 2018 Jakarta Asian Para Games as a pilot, we will introduce a full-time athlete system and implement a Pilot Scheme for Elite Vote Support System for disability sports;
  - assist the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee in its establishment as an independent body and provide it with subvention in order to enhance its support for athletes with disabilities in a more systematic manner through, for example, handling of matters relating to classification in para-sports, and promotion and development of different kinds of para-sports, thus further steering them in the direction of elite sports. (HAB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

- Propose that the Research Grants Council and local universities encourage the undertaking of applied research relating to sports development by providing necessary funding and support. (HAB) (New Initiative)
- Propose to inject \$9 million into the Hong Kong Athletes Fund to provide financial support for active and retired athletes to pursue further education and to provide one-off grants for eligible full-time athletes upon their retirement to help them develop alternative careers. (HAB) (New Initiative)
- Endeavour to facilitate hosting of mega events and activities in Kowloon East that are popular with the general public and tourists, and co-use of the Kwun Tong Typhoon Shelter water body for water recreation activities. (DEVB)
- Take forward the Five-Year Plan for Sports and Recreational Facilities to increase and enhance the provision of district facilities, with a view to promoting sports for all. (HAB)
- Develop a new intelligent system for Hong Kong's public sports and recreational services to allow more efficient, convenient and user-friendly booking of the sports and recreational facilities provided by the LCSD, thereby encouraging members of the public to exercise regularly and lead a healthy lifestyle. (HAB)

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## Testing and Transportation Hub for Competition Horses

- Continue our collaboration with the Mainland on the development of Hong Kong Jockey Club's Guangzhou Horse Training Centre and Equine-Disease Free Zone to strengthen Hong Kong's testing services for equine diseases, with a view to facilitating Hong Kong's development into a testing centre and transportation hub for horses for international competitions. (FHB)

## Arts and Culture

- Enhance co-operation with renowned Mainland and overseas museums and cultural institutions in organising more major exhibitions as well as education programmes and professional exchanges in order to reinforce Hong Kong's position as an international cultural metropolis. (HAB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Provide additional financial resources for arts groups of various sizes to enable them to explore opportunities outside Hong Kong and to promote our cultural soft-power to other places. (HAB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Provide funding in the coming six years for continuing the training scheme for arts administrators, with a view to grooming more artistic talent and supporting the further development of Hong Kong's arts and culture. (HAB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

## Supporting Arts Groups

- Provide funding and other support for the major performing arts groups to stage quality performing arts programmes for the community and display the unique arts and cultural landscape of Hong Kong. (HAB)

- Continue to support the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) in providing support to small and medium arts groups. (HAB)
- Continue to implement the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme and Art Development Matching Grants Pilot Scheme to encourage different sectors of the community to sponsor local arts and cultural activities. (HAB)

### **West Kowloon Cultural District**

- Expedite the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) to establish Hong Kong's position as a cultural hub and enrich the cultural life of the public:
  - facilitating the WKCD Authority in preparing for the opening of the Xiqu Centre and Art Park;
  - monitoring the development of arts and cultural facilities by the WKCD Authority, including the planning and construction of the Hong Kong Palace Museum; and
  - co-ordinating interface issues of the WKCD with the integrated basement, public infrastructure and community facility projects in the vicinity. (HAB)

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- Implement an enhanced financial arrangement through which the government-owned development right of the hotel/office/residential portion of the WKCD will be granted to the WKCD Authority. The WKCD Authority may develop the hotel/office/residential facilities jointly with private sector through open tender and Build-Operate-Transfer arrangement and share rental revenue from such facilities to sustain the operation of the WKCD. With financing arrangement, the WKCD Authority can further develop the arts, cultural and related facilities, particularly a world-class music centre, under an organic growth approach. (HAB)

## **Opening Up Arts Space and Providing Facilities**

- Support the Tai Po District Council and the HKADC in converting the premises of a vacant school in Tai Po into an arts centre to provide space for arts development. (HAB)
- Reserve a certain portion of floor area in the future development at a site in Aberdeen to provide space for the HKADC to support arts development. (HAB)
- Plan and build new cultural facilities to meet community needs, including the East Kowloon Cultural Centre to be constructed in Ngau Tau Kok, which is scheduled for completion by the end of 2020. (HAB)
- Expand and renovate the Hong Kong Museum of Art to provide additional gallery space for displaying the works of local and international artists. (HAB)
- Continue to plan and enhance library facilities and services, and organise educational activities in collaboration with schools and community groups to promote a reading culture. (HAB)

## **Promoting Arts and Cultural Programmes and Grooming Art Talent**

- Promote the work of young and talented art practitioners to overseas, Mainland and local communities through:
  - various performing and visual arts programmes organised by the LCSD; and
  - acquisition and commissioning of local artists' artworks by the LCSD. (HAB)
- Promote knowledge and appreciation of various art forms through audience building, arts education and public art projects organised by the LCSD, the HKADC and other arts organisations funded by the Government. (HAB)
- Continue to launch major exhibitions at public museums and renew their permanent exhibitions for audience building. (HAB)

## **Cultural Exchange**

- Continue to promote Hong Kong's arts and culture and cultural exchange on the Mainland and overseas through organising performances, exhibitions, seminars, forums, etc., and foster people-to-people bond under the Belt and Road Initiative and support Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area development. (HAB)

## **Heritage and History**

- Enhance people's experience and appreciation of the history and cultural heritage of Hong Kong. (HAB)

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## Heritage Conservation

- Explore the construction of a Heritage Conservation and Resource Centre to enhance the institutional capacity and status of our museums in the acquisition, preservation, research and display of collections. (HAB) (New Initiative)
- Under the Built Heritage Conservation Fund, continue to work closely with selected non-profit-making organisations to implement the first four batches of projects under the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme and processing applications under the Financial Assistance for Maintenance Scheme and the funding schemes for public engagement projects and thematic research. (DEVB)
- Take forward Batch V of the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme. (DEVB)
- Continue to organise street carnival activities at the Hollywood Road area under “Heritage Vogue • Hollywood Road”. (DEVB) (New Initiative)
- Continue to take forward the conservation and revitalisation of the Central Police Station Compound in partnership with the Hong Kong Jockey Club. (DEVB)

## Intangible Cultural Heritage

- Continue to enhance the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage, in particular the 20 items on the first Representative List announced in 2017, by strengthening our work in various aspects, including the identification, documentation, research, preservation, promotion and transmission of such heritage. (HAB)

## Civic Affairs and Clean Society

- Work with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education to promote civic education outside schools, with emphasis on the core civic values of “Respect and Inclusiveness”, “Responsibility” and “Love”, and encourage mutual respect and communication as well as tolerance towards people from diverse cultural backgrounds with different views and perspectives. (HAB)
- Work with the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee and relevant stakeholders to implement education and publicity initiatives as well as support services to address gambling problems. (HAB)
- Ride on the momentum of the multi-year “All for Integrity” Programme organised with different sectors, including district organisations, business sector, government departments and youth bodies, etc., to step up the publicity of anti-corruption messages to the general public, in particular grassroots citizens. (ICAC)
- Start the preparatory work for the commemorative events of the 45th anniversary of the Independent Commission Against Corruption in 2019, including the production of a television drama series and a new announcement of public interest, as well as a series of district activities targeted at the general public, in particular young people. (ICAC) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

## Food Safety and Healthy Eating

- Review the export control of powdered formulae and explore long-term measures for safeguarding the stability of the local supply of powdered formulae. (FHB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

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- Review and optimise the information technology systems of the Centre for Food Safety to enhance data collection, analysis and risk assessment of imported food as well as food traceability. (FHB) (New Initiative)
  - Continue to review and update local food safety standards and regulatory arrangements, including those concerning metallic contaminants, harmful substances and levels of veterinary drug residues in food, edible fats and oils and cooked meat, as well as nutrition and health claims for formula products and prepackaged food for infants and young children. (FHB)
  - Continue to study the feasibility of reprovisioning and expanding the Food Safety Laboratory of the Government Laboratory to enhance its testing capability and operational efficiency for tests relating to food safety. (FHB)
  - Continue to implement a strategic plan for reducing the levels of salt and sugar in food to promote a healthy diet. (FHB)

## Drinking Water Safety

- Continue to implement the Action Plan for Enhancing Drinking Water Safety in Hong Kong announced in September this year to restore public confidence in drinking water safety. The plan includes:
  - establishing a set of drinking water standards tailored for Hong Kong and monitoring consumers' drinking water quality so as to review the drinking water standards;
  - strengthening regulation on plumbing materials and the commissioning requirements for new plumbing installations;

- actively promoting the implementation of Water Safety Plan for buildings to facilitate proper cleansing and maintenance of pipes and fittings by property management agents;
  - enhancing public education and publicity on safe use of drinking water;
  - setting up an independent dedicated team in Development Bureau to take up the role of a water quality regulator, and conducting detailed studies to establish a drinking water safety regulatory regime suitable for Hong Kong; and
  - setting up an Advisory Committee on Drinking Water Safety to advise the Development Bureau on water safety issues and studies related to water safety regime. (DEVB)
- We have commenced a holistic review on the Waterworks Ordinance and Waterworks Regulations. We are also continuing with the following measures: consulting relevant stakeholders on the roles and responsibilities of the persons responsible for the design and construction of inside service (including developers, professionals, contractors, licensed plumbers and plumbing workers) and their registration systems, etc.; reviewing the need to regulate the suppliers of plumbing materials and to control the sale of plumbing materials in retail market; reviewing the penalty level of the offences with a view to increasing the deterrent effect; and enhancing the approval process for plumbing systems. We will submit our proposal for amending the Waterworks Ordinance and its subsidiary regulations in due course. (DEVB)

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## Municipal Services

- Deploy resources to improve cleanliness and enhance environmental hygiene through specific measures including:
  - setting up additional dedicated enforcement teams to strengthen law enforcement against public cleanliness offences;
  - extending the pilot scheme on the installation of Internet Protocol cameras at hygiene blackspots to cover all the 18 districts;
  - enhancing the supervision and management of outsourced cleansing contracts; and
  - enhancing mosquito and rodent control. (FHB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Study the need and feasibility of providing new public markets in districts where relevant facilities are alleged to be insufficient, and conduct a comprehensive review of existing public markets and formulate specific measures in a systematic manner to improve the facilities and management, including putting in resources to revitalise existing public markets. (FHB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Sustain our efforts to improve the fire safety and design of hawker stalls in 43 fixed-pitch hawker areas through the five-year assistance scheme launched in 2013. (FHB)

- Take forward the burial policy by adopting a three-pronged approach:
  - implementing the new regulatory regime for private columbaria;
  - expediting the development of public columbaria on shortlisted sites across the territory; and
  - promoting green burial. (FHB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

## Live Poultry Trade

- Implement further bio-security improvement measures along the supply chain and enhance public education on avian influenza prevention. (FHB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

## Safe and Quality Living Environment

- Conduct a comprehensive investigation on ageing pipelines in phases for timely identification of pipelines at high risk of structural failure; and strive to implement a risk-based programme for rehabilitation of aged stormwater drains and sewers. (DEVB/ENB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)
- Review and evaluate the revitalisation potential of the major nullahs in Hong Kong with a view to identifying suitable nullahs for revitalisation. The aim is to enhance their ecological value, provide a greener environment, promote water friendliness and improve the community environment for building a liveable city. (DEVB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)

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- Continue with the consultancy study for exploring the practicable options for applying the concept of revitalising water bodies to nullahs and river channels when carrying out large-scale drainage improvement works and drainage planning for new development areas. Apart from achieving efficient drainage, the initiative will promote greening, biodiversity, beautification and water friendliness; build sustainable drainage facilities; and provide a better living environment. (DEVB)
  - The Government will continue and enhance the joint efforts with the Mainland authorities under the Hong Kong-Guangdong Marine Environmental Management Special Panel to work out methods to reduce and manage floating refuse. (ENB)
  - Continue with the design of the improvement works for the Yuen Long Town Centre Nullah to enhance the quality of the local environment and the ecological value of the nullah. (DEVB)
  - Continue with the implementation of the Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme for early conversion of the restored landfill sites for recreational, sports, environmental protection and other appropriate community uses. (ENB)
  - Continue 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. (DEVB)

- Complete the phase 2 construction works of an underground stormwater storage tank in Happy Valley as well as the reconstruction and rehabilitation works of the Kai Tak River to alleviate the flood risks in the areas. (DEVB)
- Continue to review the Drainage Master Plans of Sha Tin, Sai Kung, Tai Po, Lantau and the outlying islands, Tuen Mun, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing, North Hong Kong Island, Repulse Bay and Tai Tam to assess the flood risks in these districts and propose improvement measures. (DEVB)

## **Veterinary Surgeons Board**

- Draw up regulations for the election of members from the veterinary profession to the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong in accordance with the new provisions in the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2015, and support the Board in organising and holding the election. (FHB)

## **Animal Welfare**

- Study the existing legislation related to animal welfare, and explore introducing a concept of positive duty of care on animal keepers. (FHB) [\(New Initiative\)](#)