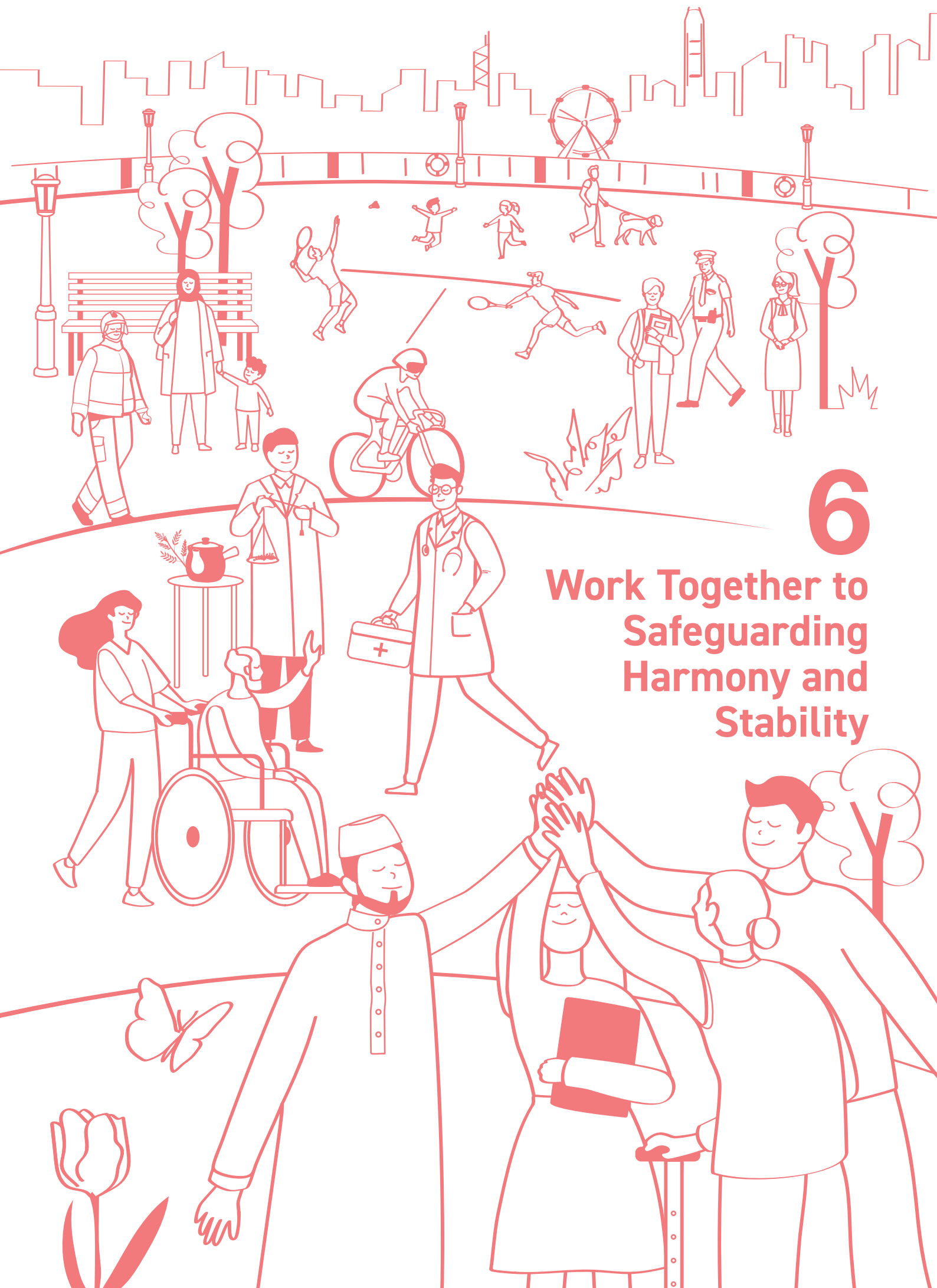


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Work Together to Safeguarding Harmony and Stability

Policy Measures

A Healthy and Vibrant Hong Kong

Promoting primary healthcare

- Publish the blueprint within 2022 to introduce systemic changes to our healthcare system using District Health Centres (DHCs) as the hub for enhancing community-based and prevention-focused primary healthcare services to improve the overall health of our population and alleviate the pressure on public hospitals. (HHB)
- Launch a three-year Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme from next year, under which the DHCs will refer people who are screened to be at high risk of hypertension or diabetes mellitus to the private sector for further examination and diagnosis. Those who are diagnosed with the diseases will receive treatment provided by family doctors and allied health professional teams to help them better manage their chronic diseases and prevent complications. The Government will subsidise part of the diagnosis and treatment fees. (HHB)
- Enhance the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme by rolling out a three-year pilot scheme through increasing the annual voucher amount from the existing \$2,000 to \$2,500. To encourage elders to use primary healthcare services more effectively, the additional \$500 will be allotted to the elderly persons' accounts upon their claiming at least \$1,000 from the voucher for designated primary healthcare-services such as disease prevention and health management, and the additional amount should also be used for those designated services. (HHB)
- Further enhance the role of Chinese medicine (CM) in primary healthcare and actively strengthen CM services provided in collaboration with DHCs or DHC Expresses. (HHB)
- Conduct a comprehensive review of public dental care services, including the service delivery mode and service scope, with a view to enhancing the oral health of the public. (HHB)
- Set up a working group to advise the Government on the development of dental care services. (HHB)

- Rationalise healthcare premises and facilities in the community by setting up a Steering Committee on Healthcare Facilities Planning and Development to take forward relevant development and redevelopment projects. (HHB)
- Set up DHCs or smaller interim DHC Expresses in 18 districts by the end of 2022. (HHB)

Enhancing public hospital services

- Adopt a multi-pronged approach to reduce the waiting time for specialist out-patient services, particularly those for the Medicine specialty. The target is to reduce the waiting time for stable new case bookings for Medicine specialist out-patient services by 20% in 2023-24. Specific measures include allocating more resources for handling new cases, streamlining referral arrangements to handle cross-specialty cases, setting up integrated clinics to provide multi-disciplinary support, as well as enhancing downloading of patients in stable conditions to primary care through public-private partnership. (HHB)
- Promote the use of telehealth services among suitable patients through wider use of the “HA Go” mobile application and relevant clinical management systems. (HHB)
- Introduce a new service model for drug collection and delivery in clinics offering telehealth services with a view to improving patient experience. (HHB)
- Continue to strengthen support for patients with uncommon disorders on all fronts, through establishing an Uncommon Disorders Registry, enhancing clinical diagnosis support and capability, as well as strengthening research capacity by fostering collaboration with the national network and the Hong Kong Genome Institute. (HHB)
- Establish Integrated Neuroscience Centres and Cardiovascular Diseases Centres with a tiered hub-and-spoke referral network, with a view to providing tertiary care services for patients with complex neurological and cardiovascular diseases, especially those requiring multi-disciplinary and advanced technology support. (HHB)
- Set up under the Hospital Authority (HA) a Poison Control Centre, which will comprise an Integrated Chinese and Western Medicine Treatment Safety Centre and a Drug Abuse Early Warning Centre, with the aim to enhance poison control and treatment of poisoned patients in Hong Kong and further promote collaboration among various parties in the local healthcare system. (HHB)
- The HA will resume accreditation-related work in at least two public hospitals in 2023-24 to ensure that the quality of our hospitals continually attains international hospital accreditation standards. (HHB)
- Introduce a bill on related matters in 2023 in accordance with the earlier public consultation result of Legislative Proposals on Advance Directives and Dying in Place. (HHB)

- Continue to provide palliative care services to terminal patients and their families through palliative care teams, and strengthen the psychological and emotional support provided to them. (HHB)
- Actively prepare for stage three development of the electronic health record sharing platform eHealth, including transforming eHealth into an underpinning system supporting healthcare delivery across the public and private sectors, enhancing its functions to support the development of primary healthcare, and exploring mandating the upload of designated health records to eHealth by legislation. (HHB)

Promoting the development of Chinese medicine

- Enhance the functions of the Chinese Medicine Unit under the Health Bureau with the creation of the post of Commissioner for Chinese Medicine Development to strengthen co-ordination at the professional and policy levels, further promote holistic development of CM in Hong Kong and strengthen the positioning of CM in the local healthcare system. Specific measures include:
 - formulating a blueprint on the overall development of CM and reviewing the existing laws and regulations on CM;
 - increasing the annual government-subsidised CM out-patient service quotas from 600 000 to 800 000;
 - regularising and expanding integrated Chinese-Western medicine services, with the numbers of participating public hospitals and selected disease areas to be increased;
 - enhancing the implementation of the Chinese Medicine Development Fund;

- exploring measures to promote the professional development of CM practitioners and CM drug personnel, as well as training and research; and
- deepening the collaboration in CM between Hong Kong and the Mainland as well as the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), etc. (HHB)
- Continue to take forward the preparatory work for the commissioning of two flagship institutions, i.e. the Chinese Medicine Hospital and the Government Chinese Medicines Testing Institute, with a view to commencing services in phases from 2025. (HHB)

Enhancing mental well-being

- Step up the collaboration with primary, secondary and tertiary institutions to promote mental health, and convey positive messages through different activities, thereby enhancing the understanding, awareness and interest of students and teaching staff in mental health. (HHB)
- Set up a mental health support hotline to provide the people in need with immediate support and referral services. (HHB)
- Strengthen the multi-disciplinary Student Mental Health Support Scheme to identify students in need and make arrangements for them to receive professional support at the first opportunity. (HHB, EDB)
- Introduce the Mental Health Initiatives Funding Scheme to support mental health projects in the community. (HHB)
- Increase the manpower of Registered Nurses (Psychiatric) and case managers in the HA. (HHB)
- Increase the attendances of psychiatric day hospitals and psychiatric outreach services. (HHB)

- Continue to provide online and other forms of support for children and young people in need and their carers during the epidemic. (LWB)
- Continue to provide community support and counselling services in elderly centres for the elderly and their carers. (LWB)
- Continue to implement the “Shall We Talk” initiative to raise public awareness of mental health, encourage help-seeking and reduce stigmatisation towards persons with mental health needs. (HHB)

Strengthening healthcare manpower

- Create new pathways for the admission of qualified non-locally trained dentists and nurses to ensure sufficient healthcare manpower for the public healthcare system. (HHB)
- Explore requiring by way of legislation qualified healthcare professionals to serve in public healthcare institutions for a specified period of time, with a view to maintaining the provision of public healthcare services. (HHB)
- Legislate to set out requirements on continuing professional education and/or continuing professional development for registered healthcare professionals to ensure the professional competency of healthcare personnel. (HHB)

Improving drug registration system

- Make reference to the registration approvals by the National Medical Products Administration and other drug regulatory authorities for allowing pharmaceutical products already registered in relevant places to be registered in Hong Kong. (HHB)

Combating antimicrobial resistance

- Make reference to the implementation experience of the Hong Kong Strategy and Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (2017-2022) for promulgating a new plan for the next five years by end-2022. (HHB)

Strengthening control of tobacco and drug

- Prepare to introduce a roadmap on tobacco control for public consultation in early 2023 to gather public views on further reducing smoking prevalence. (HHB)
- Implement the amended Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Cap. 134) in early 2023 to control cannabidiol (CBD), so that CBD consumer products will no longer be legally available in Hong Kong. (SB)

Enhancing cross-boundary medical co-operation

- Support the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Medical Specialist Training Centre jointly established by Hong Kong and Shenzhen in Shenzhen, jointly explore with Shenzhen to set up a specialist doctor training system in Shenzhen and provide training to trainers, and dovetail with the standardised medical residency training model in the Mainland. (HHB)
- Maintain close liaison with the relevant Mainland authorities so that more eligible Hong Kong-registered drugs and medical devices used in Hong Kong can be used in designated healthcare institutions in the GBA. (HHB)

Promoting sports development

- Launch a 10-year development blueprint for sports and recreation facilities to provide diversified leisure and sports facilities in a sustainable manner, with a view to addressing the needs of sports development and population growth. (CSTB)
- Enhance the “M” Mark System to support the hosting of more major international sports events in Hong Kong. (CSTB)
- Strengthen the promotion of urban sports introduced in the Olympic Games or the Youth Olympic Games, so as to encourage participation of more young people and to identify and nurture junior athletes with relevant potential. (CSTB)
- Review the format and competition events of the Hong Kong Games, with a view to organising more activities for the youth. (CSTB)
- Provide more support for local professional clubs of team sports to facilitate their participation in major sports competitions in the Mainland and the region. (CSTB)
- Launch a 5-year pilot programme on career and education for athletes with disabilities to equip them with the knowledge and skill necessary for transformation and development after retirement, and provide them with placement opportunities. (CSTB)

Upgrading leisure and recreational facilities

- Continue to extend the promenades on both sides of the Victoria Harbour to 26 kilometres by end-2022 and to further extend them to 34 kilometres by 2028. (DEVB)

- Continue to review the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance (Cap. 531) with a view to facilitating works to improve the connectivity of the harbourfront or enhance the harbourfront areas for public enjoyment. (DEVB)
- Trace and rectify misconnection of sewer pipes to stormwater drains, focusing on alleviating the seafront odour problem in Tsuen Wan, Kowloon City and Sham Shui Po. (EEB)
- Consult the local community on a feasible plan for the phased opening up of the Sha Tau Kok Frontier Closed Area (except Chung Ying Street) for tourist activities by early 2024. (SB)
- Establish an online platform to showcase the flowering status of various popular flowers and provide flower knowledge. (CSTB)
- The Home Affairs Department will jointly organise weekend bazaars with district groups at five regions in the territory in the fourth quarter this year. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) will also organise similar weekend bazaars next year. (HYAB, EEB)
- Roll out progressively transformation projects of innovative, challenging and interesting public play spaces across the territory. Over 170 projects are targeted to be launched by 2025. (CSTB)
- Implement progressively the upgrading works of soccer pitches including hard-surface and grass pitches across the territory. The works of over 70 pitches are targeted to commence by 2025. (CSTB)
- Continue to identify and open up suitable venues for use as Inclusive Park for Pets. The number of such parks is expected to increase to more than 150 by end-2023. (CSTB)

- Studying the development of the Green Belt sites in the southern part of Lantau with an area of about 1 000 hectares for eco-tourism purposes or recreation uses. (DEVB)
- Enhance existing country park facilities and provide new ones such as treetop adventures and open museums to enrich visitors' experience and enjoyment. (EEB)

Invigorating Island South

- Build a "Round-the-Island Trail" of about 60 kilometres long on Hong Kong Island by connecting the waterfront promenades on the northern shore with a number of existing waterfront and countryside walking trails in the Southern District. Works will commence next year, with a view to connecting 90% of the Trail within five years. (DEVB)
- Formulate proposals for enhancing the waterfronts on both sides of the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter and commence various minor works projects as early as possible to provide more leisure places. (DEVB)
- Promote the sale of local fisheries produce at both wholesale and retail levels through revitalisation of the Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market, as well as add food and beverage elements to create a vibrant waterfront. (EEB, DEVB)
- Complete the formulation of a series of pedestrian environment and traffic improvement measures for Wong Chuk Hang, Aberdeen Waterfront and Ap Lei Chau North in mid-2023 for progressive implementation starting from the same year. (DEVB)
- Target to commence works in early 2024 for providing a boardwalk along the northern bank of the Staunton Creek Nullah in Wong Chuk Hang to improve connectivity and enhance the walking environment. (DEVB)
- Continue to formulate proposals on revitalising the Staunton Creek Nullah into a river with environmental and landscape upgrading, integrating with adjoining public spaces. (DEVB)
- Commence works on the Green Link in Wong Chuk Hang within 2022 for completion in the first half of 2024, enabling the public to travel between the MTR Wong Chuk Hang Station and the Aberdeen Country Park more conveniently. (DEVB)
- Complete a technical feasibility study for the project on Redevelopment and Enhancement of Recreation and Sports Facilities in Wong Chuk Hang in the third quarter of 2023, incorporating other facilities to promote "single site, multiple use". (CSTB, DEVB)
- Continue with the investigation and design study on the expansion of the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter to provide more vessel berthing area, and target to commence works in early 2025. (DEVB)

Energizing Kowloon East

- Continue to take forward the project on revitalization of Tsui Ping River for target completion in 2024. (DEVB)
- Continue with the integrated project of district open space, sports centre cum public vehicle park (with automated parking system) project at Sze Mei Street for target completion in 2026. (DEVB)
- Commence a feasibility study in 2023 for the redevelopment of Choi Hung Road Playground and Sports Centre to enhance the existing facilities and incorporate a public vehicle park and other uses. (DEVB)

- Follow up on the implementation of the “multi-modal” Environmentally Friendly Linkage System proposal by developing the travellers network along Wai Yip Street, Sheung Yee Road and across the Kwun Tong Typhoon Shelter. (DEVB)
- Take forward the construction of a footbridge near Siu Yip Street and a pedestrian subway network near the MTR Ngau Tau Kok Station. (DEVB)
- Commence a comprehensive pedestrian environment improvement review for Kowloon East in end-2022, including examination of further external linkages of the pedestrian network to the nearby residential areas. (DEVB)

A Caring and Inclusive Hong Kong

Community building

- Set up District Services and Community Care Teams (Care Teams) for Tsuen Wan and the Southern District in the first quarter of next year, and Care Teams in the remaining 16 districts in phases. (HYAB)
- Given that the District Councils will have their current term expired by the end of next year, conduct a review on district administration and put forward suggestions on future arrangements, with a view to ensuring that the arrangements will be in conformity with the Basic Law and in adherence to the principle of “patriots administering Hong Kong”. (HYAB, CMAB)

Poverty alleviation with targeted efforts

- The Task Force to Lift Underprivileged Students out of Intergenerational Poverty led by the Chief Secretary for Administration (CS) implements the Strive and Rise Programme through tripartite collaboration between the Government, the business sector and the community to focus on helping underprivileged students rise above intergenerational poverty. (CSPO, LWB)
- The Commission on Poverty will study and identify any other target group for poverty alleviation. (CSPO, LWB)

Protecting children

- Take forward at full steam the legislative work on mandatory reporting requirement for suspected child abuse cases and actively prepare for practitioners in the relevant professions to receive appropriate training to enhance their capacity for early detection and handling of child abuse cases. (LWB)
- Implement the recommendations of the First Phase Review of the Residential Child Care and Related Services, including enhancing the manpower deployment of and professional support for residential child care centres, and strengthening law-enforcing inspections. (LWB)

Strengthening support for the elderly

- Regularise the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly and increase the number of beneficiaries from 8 000 to 12 000 in phases to promote ageing in place. Expand the usage of vouchers to cover rental for assistive technology products. (LWB)

- Expand the HA's Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients so that beneficiaries receiving discharge planning services will increase from about 33 000 to 45 000 per annum, and among them those who can be referred to home support services will increase from about 9 000 to 11 000. (LWB)
- Set up 16 new neighbourhood elderly centres in the next five years and extend their services in the fourth quarter of next year. (LWB)
- Provide an additional 6 200 subsidised residential care service places by end-2027, of which 2 600 will commence service next year. (LWB)
- Put forward concrete proposals in early 2023 to encourage developers to provide elderly service facilities, including residential care homes (RCHs) for the elderly, in their private developments to meet the needs of our ageing population. (DEVB, LWB)
- Introduce a special scheme to provide RCHs for the elderly and persons with disabilities with greater flexibility in importing care workers to alleviate manpower shortage. (LWB)
- In the coming five years, subsidise an additional 1 700 or more students aspiring to join the social welfare sector to study in the Enrolled Nurse (General) training programme. (LWB)
- Review the skill and qualification requirements of staff of RCHs for the elderly and persons with disabilities, with a view to building a professional career ladder for them so that the RCH sector can better attract and retain talents. (LWB)
- Continue to implement the Normal and Higher Old Age Living Allowances (OALAs), which were merged in September 2022, to adopt the more lenient asset limits of the Normal OALA and the payment rate of the Higher OALA (currently at \$3,915 per month), benefitting about 50 000 elderly persons previously receiving the Normal OALA. (LWB)
- Expand the application eligibility under the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care from subsidised service units to all RCHs, including private and self-financing RCHs for the elderly and for persons with disabilities since September 2022 so that about 500 more RCHs can use the fund to purchase or rent technology products. (LWB)
- The intermediary engaged by the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund to operate the Gerontechnology Platform plans to publicise the results of product localisation and testing support in early 2023; and will continue to organise various network and capacity building activities; and provide start-ups and small and medium enterprises with over 500 support and consultancy services on the design or development of gerontechnology products in the coming year. (ITIB)

Enhancing support for carers

- Launch territory-wide publicity and educational campaign to raise public awareness of the needs of carers, and promote community-based peer support for carers. (LWB)
- Establish a one-stop information gateway to facilitate carers' access to information on available services. (LWB)

- Set up a designated hotline to provide emergency support and outreach services for carers. (LWB)
- Enhance the enquiry system of respite services for the elderly and persons with disabilities by including day respite services, and increase the number of service places to help relieve the stress of carers. (LWB)
- Regularise the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families, the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities, the Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled and the Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers, and increase the amount of allowance and number of recipients. (LWB)
- Launch a pilot scheme in 2023 to set up two new community rehabilitation centres for providing integrated day care and home care services for persons with severe disabilities living in the community. (LWB)
- Provide about 2 300 additional pre-school rehabilitation, day and residential rehabilitation service places in 2023-24. (LWB)
- Strengthen the online and clinical psychologists' services of Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness to enhance support for persons in mental recovery and their carers. (LWB)
- Enhance the primary medical service of Long Stay Care Homes and Care and Attention Homes for the Aged Blind. (LWB)
- Increase the number of sponsorship places for students of designated programmes in occupational therapy or physiotherapy to respond to the manpower need for allied health professionals in the welfare sector. (LWB)

Strengthening support for persons with disabilities

- Launch a pilot project in 2023 to provide one-stop day training and residential care services for ageing service users in hostels for severely and moderately mentally handicapped persons. (LWB)
- Increase the number of District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities to 21 in 2022-23 to enhance the support services for persons with disabilities. (LWB)
- Regularise the Pilot Scheme on Professional Outreaching Team for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities from March 2023 to provide continuous support to RCH residents. (LWB)

Providing support for families, children and youths in need

- Continue to set up nine aided standalone child care centres to provide about 800 additional service places in the coming two to three years. (LWB)
- Continue to implement the Pilot Scheme on Relaxing the Household Income Limit of the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme under the After School Care Programme for Low-income Families and Increasing Fee-waiving Subsidy Places regularised in October 2020 by introducing a one-third reduction of fees. As at June 2022, around 3 700 children benefitted from the scheme. (LWB)

- Re-engineered Mutual Help Child Care Centres in phases since 2021-22 to provide After School Care Programme for pre-primary children. As at August 2022, 10 centres were re-engineered and the remaining nine centres will be commissioned in phases before 2024-25. (LWB)
 - Complete the review of the implementation mode and effectiveness of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project in mid-2023. (LWB)
 - Regularised the Pilot Scheme on Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions in the 2022/23 school year. (LWB)
 - Explore the feasibility of integrating the Pilot Project on Tier 1 Support Services in Kindergartens/Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres with the On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services. (LWB)
 - Promote cross-sectoral partnership in helping the disadvantaged through the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged. The regular portion has so far benefitted over one million disadvantaged persons while the dedicated portion has approximately benefitted more than 130 000 secondary and primary students. (LWB)
 - Provide subvention to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for setting up five Cyber Youth Support Teams to reach out to at-risk and hidden youths to provide early intervention and support. From 2019-20 to 2021-22, the five teams handled over 3 900 cases and reached out to over 23 000 youths through online outreaching. (LWB)
 - Continue to implement the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development, which was enhanced in 2018-19 by raising the ceiling of cash assistance to \$2,000 per person per year, and increasing the annual quota to 10 000. The enhanced Scheme has benefitted about 42 000 persons so far. (LWB)
 - Strengthen manpower at subvented community-based service units to realise the direction of providing support to pregnant drug abusers and drug-abusing parents as set out in the Three-year Plan on Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Services in Hong Kong. (SB)
- Promoting the development of women**
- Increase the annual funding for the Women's Commission in the next three years, from \$4 million to \$10 million, for setting up a Women Empowerment Fund to organise activities for promoting the development of women. The Women Empowerment Fund will support women in juggling their jobs and family life, bringing women's awareness to their own physical and mental health, and unleashing their potential. (HYAB)
- Enhancing support for ethnic minorities**
- Support the Steering Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs, chaired by the CS, to strengthen cross-bureau/interdepartmental collaboration, as well as to co-ordinate and provide steer on support measures for ethnic minorities (EM). (CMAB)
 - Recruit more EMs for appointments as Employment Assistants and General Assistants in the Labour Department, and strengthen employment services for EM job seekers. (LWB)

- Collaborate with EM groups to set up a service centre on a trial basis to provide emotional support and counselling for EMs. (HHB)
- Launched an internship programme for EM students since 2019. So far, about 110 EM post-secondary students have participated in the programme. (CSB)
- Regularise the implementation of the Racial Diversity Employment Programme to provide one-stop employment services for EM job seekers through a case management approach in conjunction with NGOs. (LWB)

Eliminating discrimination

- Continue to work with the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) to study how the protection under the anti-discrimination ordinances could be enhanced to tackle discrimination that may be encountered by persons arriving in Hong Kong from the Mainland. (CMAB)
- Support the EOC to enhance publicity and promotion of anti-sexual harassment, raise public awareness and response capabilities, and further explore enhancing the relevant legal protection. (CMAB)
- Continue to co-ordinate and maintain an overview on the overall implementation of the Administrative Guidelines on Promotion of Racial Equality by government bureaux and departments as well as related public organisations, thereby promoting equal opportunities for people of diverse race. (CMAB)

Labour protection and increasing productivity

- Invite the Minimum Wage Commission to study how to enhance the review mechanism of the statutory minimum wage, including the review cycle, how to improve efficiency, and balancing a host of factors such as the minimum wage level and sustained economic development, and make proposals to the Government. (LWB)
- Review the remuneration of non-skilled workers employed under government service contracts and the relevant monitoring mechanism under the Government's procurement regime. (FSTB and relevant bureaux/departments)
- Further enhance the application and processing procedures of the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund to expedite the disbursement of ex gratia payment to employees affected by business closures. (LWB)
- Invite the Employees Retraining Board to consider raising the daily rate of retraining allowance and providing allowance for half-day courses for implementation by the first quarter of next year. (LWB)
- Consult stakeholders on the supporting measures for employers and finalise the arrangements, and implement the abolition of the offsetting arrangement under the Mandatory Provident Fund System no later than 2025 in tandem with the full implementation of the eMPF Platform. (LWB)
- Review the continuous contract requirement and initiate discussion with the Labour Advisory Board. (LWB)

- Enhance the safety of truss-out bamboo scaffolding works through refining the relevant code of practice, strengthening safety training as well as enhancing inspection and enforcement. (LWB)
- Provide full support to the Legislative Council (LegCo) in the scrutiny of the bill to increase the maximum penalties for occupational safety and health (OSH) offences in order to enhance their deterrent effect. (LWB)
- Amend the relevant OSH regulations to expand the notification mechanism for construction works to cover those with shorter durations and less workers but involving relatively high risks. (LWB)
- Continue to run the Pilot Rehabilitation Programme for Employees Injured at Work launched in September 2022 to help injured employees of the construction industry recover and return to work early. (LWB)
- Develop guidelines based on the Hong Kong Heat Index to require employers to take preventive measures in accordance with prescribed criteria to protect employees from heat stroke at work. (LWB)
- Achieve long-term improvements in environmental hygiene and street management by reviewing statutory powers and penalties and making legislative amendments to enhance efficiency, effectiveness and deterrence in handling thorny issues. (DCSO, EEB)
- Embark on the work of beautifying public space and improve streetscape in the community, including landscaping, beautifying road signs and upgrading street furniture. (DCSO and relevant bureaux)
- Examine new rodent control strategies, including night operations, applying new technologies, tools and baits, formulating a composite rodent infestation rate and incorporating views from the trade. (EEB)
- Step up enforcement against issues of environmental hygiene and shopfront extension, and install as necessary additional internet protocol cameras for combating illegal refuse disposal blackspots. (EEB)

Liveable Hong Kong

Strengthening co-ordination in tackling environmental hygiene issues

- Tackle “long-standing, major and difficult” district-based environmental hygiene and street management issues by the District Matters Co-ordination Task Force under the leadership of the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration. Such issues include illegal refuse disposal, rodent infestation, garbage apartments and street obstruction. (DCSO, EEB)

Mitigating environmental nuisance

- Amend the Noise Control Ordinance to put control over domestic renovation noise and the use of loudspeakers for street cries, and introduce a Fixed Penalty Notice system to effectively control and remediate associated noise nuisance. (EEB)
- Enhance hardware of refuse collection facilities and the overall environmental hygiene in rural areas by putting in place fully-enclosed refuse collection facilities with new design at 500 priority rural locations. (EEB)

- Expedite public toilet refurbishment or facelifting projects of the FEHD by completing existing projects on schedule while starting to plan the work for the next stage, so that the remaining projects for about 430 toilets can be rolled out progressively from 2024 to 2028. (EEB)

Promoting built heritage conservation

- Keep managing some of the heritage trails (e.g. Ping Shan Heritage Trail and Lung Yuek Tau Heritage Trail) which are popular among tourists as well as locals. (DEVB)
- Collaborate with the University of Hong Kong to launch its heritage building clusters to facilitate appreciation by visitors. (DEVB)
- With the support of Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB), among others, hold the “Heritage Vogue • Hollywood Road” carnival-style event in November 2022 and launch heritage run routes in different districts. (DEVB)
- Continue to collaborate with Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau, HKTB and other relevant organisations to promote built heritage conservation in Hong Kong. (DEVB)

Proactive environmental conservation

- Explore implementing a New Proactive Conservation Policy in the Northern Metropolis to achieve the dual objectives of meeting both conservation and development needs. (EEB)

- Commence the statutory procedures for designating the Robin’s Nest Country Park to form an ecological corridor with Shenzhen Wutong Mountain Scenic Area, thereby promoting ecological integration between Shenzhen and Hong Kong. (EEB)
- Proactively conserve Sha Lo Tung, a renowned site with very high ecological value and a reputation for being a dragonfly sanctuary, to enrich Hong Kong’s biodiversity. (EEB)
- Commence the statutory procedures for designating the proposed North Lantau Marine Park, with a view to protecting marine biodiversity and ensuring its sustainability. (EEB)

Enhancing food safety and the food business licensing regime

- Enhance communication with the food trade so that assessment on the latest market situation can be made in a more timely and effective manner. (EEB)
- Prepare contingency arrangements to handle food security risks under different circumstances. (EEB)
- Review and update by phases the food safety legislation relating to additives in food to further enhance food safety. (EEB)
- Expedite the processing of import licence applications for frozen meat and poultry. (EEB)
- Allow more types of fresh food to be imported into Hong Kong through the food control facilities at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. (EEB)
- Reform the food business licensing regime by introducing on a pilot basis a professional certification system and relaxing the restrictions on food items sold by light refreshment restaurants. (EEB)

- Conduct public consultation on the proposed regulatory standards relating to veterinary drug residues in food in 2023, upon completion of the review on relevant food safety standards. (EEB)
- Continue to take forward seven new public market projects which are at different planning stages; and commission the temporary market in Tung Chung by early 2023. (EEB)
- Continue to take forward the Market Modernisation Programme by recommissioning the overhauled Aberdeen Market in the first quarter of 2023 and striving for early commencement of the Lai Wan Market overhaul project. (EEB)
- Allocate sufficient resources, estimated to be about \$240 billion in the next 15 to 20 years, to support mitigation and adaptation measures for combating climate change. (EEB and all bureaux/departments)
- Strive to improve the overall energy performance of government buildings and infrastructure by more than 6% by 2024-25. (EEB with the participation of all bureaux/departments)
- Prepare for expanding the scope of the Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme to include light emitting diode (LED) lamps, gas cookers and gas instantaneous water heaters. (EEB)
- Increase the proportion of parking spaces installed with electric vehicle (EV) chargers in new government premises to 100%, with the aim of equipping about 7 000 additional parking spaces with EV chargers by 2025. (EEB)
- Assist franchised bus companies in replacing old diesel buses with electric ones and installing charging facilities in new and existing bus depots. (EEB)
- Step up efforts under the New Energy Transport Fund to encourage taxi owners to replace their old liquefied petroleum gas taxis with electric ones. (EEB)
- Implement the extended EV-charging at Home Subsidy Scheme to subsidise installation of EV charging-enabling infrastructure for about 140 000 parking spaces in the car parks of existing private residential buildings. (EEB)
- Prepare for the test of hydrogen fuel cell electric buses and heavy vehicles within 2023. (EEB)
- Actively prepare for implementing municipal solid waste charging in the second half of 2023 at the earliest. (EEB)

Striving towards carbon neutrality

- Implement decarbonisation strategies in pursuance of the targets to achieve carbon neutrality before 2050 and to reduce total carbon emissions by 50% before 2035 from the 2005 level. (EEB and all bureaux/departments)
- Implement the \$400 million Green Tech Fund to support research and development projects on decarbonisation technologies with high application and commercialisation potential. (EEB)
- Establish the Office of Climate Change and Carbon Neutrality to co-ordinate Government's strategies and action plans in addressing climate change. (EEB)
- Re-organise the Council for Sustainable Development to become the new Council for Carbon Neutrality and Sustainable Development to offer advice on decarbonisation strategies and promote participation by different sectors of the community. (EEB)

- Introduce a bill into the LegCo in 2023 for a new producer responsibility scheme on plastic beverage containers. (EEB)
- Introduce a bill into the LegCo in early 2023 to regulate disposable plastic tableware and other plastic products in phases, starting from 6 months after the passage of the bill. (EEB)
- Explore requiring by legislation the property management companies and owners' organisations of major housing estates and single-block buildings with relatively large number of flats to collect separated recyclables and pass them to recyclers for proper processing, with effect from 2024 or earlier. (EEB)
- Conduct trials of food waste collection with smart bins in a total of 100 blocks of public rental housing estates to encourage domestic food waste recycling. (EEB)
- Continue to run the pilot scheme on waste plastics collection and recycling expanded since March 2022 to cover nine districts and half of our population. The total amount of waste plastics collected is expected to reach 5 000 tonnes per year. (EEB)
- Press ahead with the construction of our first modern waste-to-energy (WtE) incinerator I•PARK1 for commissioning in 2025, and commence the investigation and design study on the development of I•PARK2 by end-2022. (EEB)
- Explore developing more modern WtE incinerator(s) in the Northern Metropolis to tie in with the future urban development. (EEB)
- To strengthen collaboration among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao and establish a supersite for regional air quality and meteorology monitoring with advance monitoring and computing capability. (EEB)
- The Water Supplies Department and the Environmental Protection Department will join hands to introduce high-efficiency battery storage technology on a pilot basis to better utilise the electricity generated by large-scale solar energy systems at reservoirs. (EEB)
- Increase the number of solar energy systems to be installed under Solar Harvest by 30% in 2023-24 and the electricity generated can meet the demand of about 400 households. (EEB)
- The modern pulping facility in EcoPark, Tuen Mun will commence operation in 2025, with an annual handling capacity of some 580 000 tonnes of local waste paper. (EEB)
- Pursuant to the obligations set out in the Minamata Convention on Mercury, implement the Mercury Control Ordinance which came into effect in December 2021 to protect public health and the environment. (EEB)

Developing a smart city

- Actively implement over 130 initiatives set out in the Smart City Blueprint for Hong Kong 2.0, which include Smart Village Pilots and use of technology in combating COVID-19, and commence preparing the draft of the Blueprint 3.0. (ITIB)
- Continue to encourage the application of technologies in government departments to enhance the quality of public services through the Smart Government Innovation Lab, the TechConnect (block vote) and the E&M InnoPortal of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department. (ITIB)

- Develop the Consented Data Exchange Gateway, which will be linked up to the Commercial Data Interchange, to enable members of the public to opt for the pilot data interchange arrangement by end-2024, and to facilitate verification of the identity of customers by financial institutions. (ITIB)

Building a smart government

- Conduct a service-wide e-Government audit by end-2023 and put forward recommendations for enhancing information technology (IT) systems and electronic services of departments. (ITIB)
- Enable the submission of application, payment and collection of documents for all licences, services involving application and approval and forms by electronic means by mid-2024. If in-person submission or collection of documents is required by law or international practice, applicants will only need to visit the office concerned once. (ITIB)
- Facilitate the full adoption of “iAM Smart” by all departments to provide citizens with the option of one-stop electronic services by end-2025. (ITIB)
- Implement fully the Electronic Recordkeeping System (ERKS) for all government bureaux/departments by end-2025. (CSO)
- Amend relevant legislation on corporate insolvency and individual bankruptcy to facilitate the implementation of the electronic submission system in the Official Receiver’s Office and streamline related requirements for providing a one-stop portal to receive and handle voluminous documents and forms submitted to the Office. (FSTB)
- Introduce amendments to the Companies Ordinance to provide greater flexibility for companies to hold general meetings through electronic means. (FSTB)
- Streamline the application procedures for renewal of vehicle licences and pave way for full automation of processing. (TLB)
- Further digitalise the information on vehicle licences so that vehicle owners will no longer need to replace their paper-form vehicle licence upon each renewal after the first issuance. (TLB)
- The Transport Department plans to introduce electronic form for the majority of permits by issuing them in “portable document format (pdf)” and sending them to applicants by email for the applicants to print and display. (TLB)
- Enable the issuance of fixed penalty notices against traffic offences by electronic means in order to enhance the efficiency of traffic enforcement and strengthen the deterrent effect. (TLB)
- Accept electronic driving licences presented by mobile applications to provide greater convenience to the driving licence holders. (TLB)
- Use underwater remotely operated vehicle system by the Fire Services Department (FSD) to reduce underwater searching time and increase the underwater search distance. (SB)
- Launch the Patient Tagging System for Multiple Casualties Incidents by the FSD in the fourth quarter of 2022 to reduce the time of reporting/updating casualty information by more than 50%. (SB)
- Introduce the Intelligent Life Locator in large-scale mountain search and rescue operations to substantially reduce the searching time along footpaths as compared with the time required by ground party. (SB)

- Roll out the Rescue Map solution by end-2022 by the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) for real-time monitoring of geo-location and bio-metric data of rescue personnel by command centres of emergency services at the rescue scenes. (SB)
- Leverage the newly established e-Crime Processing and Analysis Hub and the improved e-Report Centre by the HKPF to facilitate the public in making e-reports and enhance the efficiency in the investigation of technology crime and deception cases by means of big data analysis. (SB)
- Develop the Customs Crime Analytics System by the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) to provide an all-in-one database to analyse crime data and intelligence, detect hidden risks of crime, and forecast crime trends. (SB)
- Increase the number of self-service kiosks by the HKPF to facilitate the public in making e-loss reports and introduce an electronic platform in phases for e-application and e-issuance of licences or permits. (SB)
- Fully roll out the electronic services for visa applications by the Immigration Department to enable applicants to complete the entire application process online. (SB)
- Provide an electronic option by the C&ED for application forms which are legally permissible to be submitted electronically. (SB)
- Roll out free-flow tolling at government tolled tunnels and Tsing Sha Control Area to enable motorists to pay tolls remotely in an efficient manner. (TLB)
- Take over the Western Harbour Crossing upon its franchise expiry in August 2023; and take the opportunity to implement time-varying tolls at the three harbour crossings with a view to alleviating traffic congestion at peak hours. (TLB)
- Continue the implementation of other smart mobility initiatives, including the Smart Traffic Fund, taking forward more automated parking system projects, and wider application of the traffic data analytics system, etc. (TLB)
- Continue to take forward the Traffic and Transport Strategy Study with a view to releasing preliminary recommendations of the Study starting from the second half of 2023 and promulgating by 2025 a Transport Strategy Blueprint. (TLB)
- Amend legislation to further regulate the use of mobile communication devices while driving, use of child restraining devices in private cars, and wearing of helmets by cyclists. (TLB)
- Continue to improve pedestrian connection and walking environment, including taking forward projects under the Universal Accessibility Programme and hillside escalator links and elevator systems etc., carrying out beautification works for bridges and subways as well as LED replacement for the public lighting system. (TLB)
- Fully subsidise operators of major outlying island ferry routes to purchase 22 new vessels including four hybrid vessels under Phase 1 of the Vessel Subsidy Scheme. New vessels are expected to be in operation starting from 2024. (TLB)

Smart, green and safe mobility

- Legislate for a regulatory framework for autonomous vehicles (AV) to facilitate wider and more flexible trials and uses in Hong Kong, including AV passenger-carrying transportation system. (TLB)

Expediting old district renewal

- Raise the borrowing limit of URA by phases having regard to its financial position and market situation so as to enhance URA's financial capability in undertaking more redevelopment projects. (DEVB)
- Undertake more default works for dangerous or defective private buildings with long outstanding investigation or repair orders and potential safety hazards, particularly “three-nil” buildings. (DEVB)

Enhancing fire safety in old buildings

- Complete the public consultation on legislative amendment to the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance for enhancing fire safety of old buildings by end of 2022. (SB)

Improving property management

- Fully implement the Property Management Services Ordinance by the end of the three-year transitional period on 31 July 2023, benefitting around 28 000 buildings and over 3.6 million residents. (HYAB)
- Introduce a pilot scheme under the regularised Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme in phases starting from June 2022 to engage community organisations/NGOs to reach out to owners of “three-nil” buildings, thereby encouraging the formation of owners' corporations. (HYAB)

Enhancing community emergency preparedness

- Provide by the FSD and the Government Flying Service (GFS) 40 training sessions on cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and other basic emergency preparedness skills (collectively known as the “Three Basic Skills of Emergency Preparedness”), as well as on air rescue and mountaineering safety, for some 1 500 teachers in all secondary schools by April 2023 so that they can help train their students. (SB)
- Provide, by the FSD, 100 training sessions for tertiary students and 200 training sessions for the public on the Three Basic Skills of Emergency Preparedness each year starting from 2023. (SB)
- Increase, by FSD in collaboration with different sectors of the community, the number of publicly accessible AEDs by some 1 500 sets in three years. (SB)
- Distribute fire extinguishers, fire blankets and stand-alone fire detectors by the FSD to needy residents in old buildings in 18 districts by end-2022 to improve fire safety of old buildings. (SB)
- Starting from the first quarter of 2023, 90% of the GFS helicopters will arrive at the search and rescue scenes on Hong Kong Island/Kowloon/Northeast New Territories within 30 minutes after taking off from its Kai Tak Division. (SB)
- Organise by the FSD 12 training courses for some 240 trainees from the counterpart fire services departments in the GBA each year starting from the third quarter of 2022. (SB)

- Organise by the FSD 12 technical exchange sessions for some 2 400 trainees from the counterpart fire services departments in the GBA each year starting from the third quarter of 2022. (SB)

Building more columbaria

- Continue to take forward public columbarium development projects, of which the Cape Collison and Shek Mun projects are expected to complete by end-2022 and 2024 respectively, providing totally 65 000 niches. (EEB)

Enhancing animal welfare

- Amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance by introducing a positive duty of care to animals on responsible persons, enhancing offences against cruelty and strengthening enforcement powers. (EEB)