



Securing Steady and Sufficient Supply of Land

A steady and sufficient supply of land for housing is key to ensuring that we meet demand and keep property prices in check. We will boost land supply through a well-planned land production and disposal programme; develop essential infrastructure; and streamline government procedures for land development.

To speed up reclamation and land formation

Initiatives

We will announce each year a rolling five-year Land Disposal Programme which comprises, inter alia, a site-specific schedule of land sales for the first two years and a forecast of land for sale for the following three years.

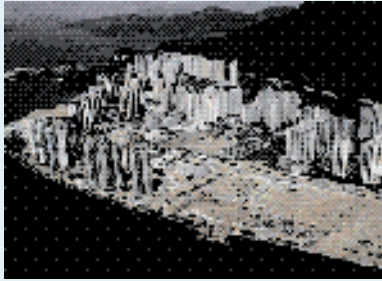
We will make available about 690 hectares of land for public and private housing development in the first five-year Land Disposal Programme.

Benefits

✓ This will provide the community with an annually updated picture on medium-term land supply.

✓ The first five-year Land Disposal Programme will provide :

<i>Year</i>	<i>Hectares</i>
1997-1998	126
1998-1999	167
1999-2000	135
2000-2001	147
2001-2002	115
Total	690



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We will form some 137 hectares of new land in West Kowloon, Kai Tak - Kowloon Bay, Tseung Kwan O and Tung Chung - Tai Ho. Over two-thirds will come from reclamation.

We will develop the following strategic growth areas :

- Au Tau - Kam Tin - Yuen Long South;
- Central - Wanchai Reclamation (Remainder);
- Fanling North - Kwu Tung;
- Green Island Reclamation;
- Hong Kong Island South;
- South East Kowloon;
- Tsuen Wan Bay Reclamation;
- Tseung Kwan O;
- Tung Chung - Tai Ho; and
- West Kowloon Reclamation.

Benefits

✓ This will produce over 200 000 flats between 2001 and 2006.

✓ This will produce sufficient land for supplying over 270 000 flats between 2006 and 2011.



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<p><i>We will streamline the process of reclamation and land formation planning with a view to cutting down the normal planning time</i></p>	
<p>We will integrate planning and engineering feasibility studies for new strategic growth areas, so that all related projects, including roads, sewerage and drainage projects, will be planned at the same time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This will save 12 months from the 42 months of normal planning and engineering feasibility study process.
<p>We will fast-track reclamation works by adopting an advance start and a parallel approach in the gazetting under the Town Planning Ordinance and the Foreshore and Seabed (Reclamations) Ordinance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This will cut 26 months from the normal 62 months of statutory procedures and preparation of detailed design.
<p>We will seek approval from the Finance Committee for funds to enable detailed design of site formation work and related infrastructure to be carried out in parallel with the statutory procedures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This will accelerate land formation works by about 12 months.



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We will allow tenders to be invited for site formation and infrastructural works in parallel with seeking approval from the Finance Committee for upgrading the project to Category A status.

We will introduce legislation to impose a nine-month statutory time limit for resolving objections to draft town plans and infrastructural projects.

We will introduce legislation in 1998 to facilitate land assembly.

By end 1997, we will complete a review of our land use policy to facilitate rezoning of existing land, including agricultural and industrial land, where infrastructural capacity and environmental considerations permit.

Benefits

- ✓ This will advance commencement of construction works by three months.
- ✓ This will reduce the time for resolving objections in order to expedite housing developments.
- ✓ This will help the private sector to maximise its ability to produce flats using their existing land holdings.
- ✓ This will free up suitable agricultural and industrial land for housing development.



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To extend the rail and road system and other infrastructure development

Initiatives

We will implement a programme of major railway developments and carry out planning studies on the feasibility of more rail projects. *(see below and opposite page)*

Benefits

- ✓ Our planned railway developments will improve our transport infrastructure and maximise the potential of individual housing sites.

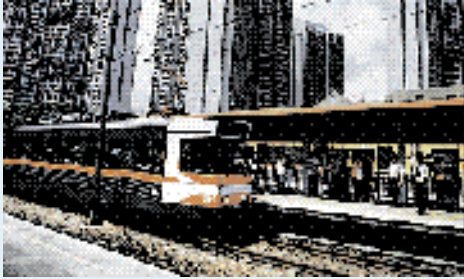


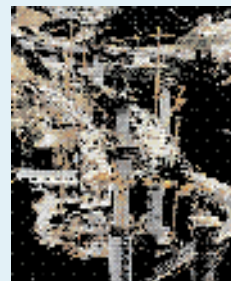
Rail Projects Underway

- The passenger system of the KCR West Rail from West Kowloon to Yuen Long will be completed by 2002, and further extended to Tuen Mun in 2003
- The MTR Tseung Kwan O Extension will be completed by 2002
- A decision will be made on the Ma On Shan to Tai Wai rail link and
- the KCR Extension from Hung Hom to Tsim Sha Tsui by end 1997

Feasibility Studies on Rail Projects

- A new MTR North Island Line from Central, through Wanchai to Causeway Bay, with possible extension to Island South
- A new East Kowloon Line to serve the Kai Tak area on redevelopment
- Westward extension of the MTR Island Line to Kennedy Town
- Phase II of the West Rail comprising cross-boundary passenger and freight services
- A second connection from the Ma On Shan Railway into Kowloon
- A fourth cross harbour line





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We will implement a programme of major road developments and carry out planning studies on the feasibility of more road projects. (*see below and opposite page*)

Benefits

- ✓ Our planned road developments will improve our transport infrastructure and maximise the potential of individual housing sites.



Road Projects Underway

- — — — We will widen Tolo Highway between Shatin and Tai Po by 2001
- — — — We will complete Route 9 from Northwest Tsing Yi to Lai Chi Kok by 2006
- — — — We will complete the Sham Tseng Link connecting Northwest New Territories with Northeast Lantau by 2007

Feasibility Studies on Road Projects

- — — — A new "western" highway, including Route 7 on Hong Kong Island, Green Island Link, Sham Tseng Link and Deep Bay Link, with a possible connection to Shenzhen and Zhuhai
- — — — An "eastern" highway between the urban area and the eastern part of the New Territories, with a possible connection to Shenzhen
- — — — A new east-west route linking up the "eastern" and "western" highways
- — — — The Central Kowloon Route to facilitate traffic flow between West Kowloon and Southeast Kowloon





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We will spend \$11 billion over the next five years in accelerating housing-related infrastructure.

Benefits

- ✓ Some 61 projects, including water-works, sewerage, land formation, schools and other infrastructure will be funded quickly to allow necessary housing development to proceed on schedule.