#### Signature Project Scheme in Central & Western District Latest Progress

#### **Purpose**

This paper sets out the latest progress of the Signature Project Scheme (SPS) in Central and Western (C&W) district and the work plan in 2014-15.

#### **Background**

2. At the meeting held on 21 March 2013, the Central & Western District Council (C&WDC) agreed to undertake the Harbourfront Enhancement and Revitaliation (HEAR) at the Western Wholesale Food Market (WWFM) as the SPS project in C&W district, providing a public open space at the waterfront. The First Round Submission of the SPS project was approved by the Home Affairs Department (HAD), and the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) agreed to become respectively the works agent of the project and the venue manager upon completion of the works.

#### **Work Progress**

3. Since the endorsement of the SPS project, the works progress has been satisfactory. Details are set out below.

#### (a) <u>Feasibility Study and Second Round Submission</u>

4. Following discussions of the Steering Committee on Signature Project in Central & Western District under C&WDC (Steering Committee) held in May and September 2013, ArchSD completed the Technical Feasibility Statement (TFS) regarding the works components of the SPS project. The TFS was approved by the Development Bureau in January 2014, confirming that such project was prima facie technically viable. Having consolidated the comments of the Steering Committee on the works and non-works components of the SPS project, the Central & Western District Office (C&WDO) submitted the Second Round Submission to HAD in January 2014 for approval.

#### (b) <u>Consultation with the operators in the wholesale market</u>

5. On 11 October 2013, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of C&WDC and the District Officer (Central & Western) consulted the WWFM Market Management Advisory Committee (MMAC) regarding the width of promenade covered by the SPS project. At the meeting, MMAC representatives agreed to release a space of 6.5 metres wide at the carriageway along the seaside of WWFM for the development of a waterfront promenade under the SPS project.

## (c) <u>Western Wholesale Food Market Flea Market cum Carnival (WWFM Carnival)</u>

6. On 14 and 15 December 2013, C&WDC held the WWFM Carnival for the third consecutive year, attracting more than 4 700 visitors to this two-day event. Taking this opportunity, C&WDC and C&WDO carried out first-stage publicity for the SPS project at this subject site, with the support of HAD's central allocation (about \$150,000) set aside for each district for advanced stage promotion. Booth and display boards were set up to introduce the SPS project as well as the recommendations contained in the University of Hong Kong's report of the "Western Harbourfront Conceptual Master Plan" commissioned by C&WDC. Promotional leaflets and souvenirs were also distributed on site. The C&WDO also conducted a questionnaire survey and successfully collected views on the SPS project from 374 respondents. More than 95% of respondents supported the implementation of the SPS project in C&W District. Details of the survey are at Annex I.

#### Work Plan of 2014-15

#### (a) <u>Design Concept and Layout Design</u>

- 7. The various public consultations conducted at earlier times had laid a solid foundation for the SPS project. According to the work plan, 2014 will be devoted to the discussion on design concept and layout design, enabling ArchSD and the departments concerned to prepare detailed plans and budgets on recurrent expenditure of the project for approval by the Legislative Council (LegCo) in the first quarter of 2015. The works component is expected to be completed in early 2017.
- 8. The design concept of the SPS project advocates openness, shared uses, diversity and no-frills. It also boosts certain features of the WWFM and the piers therein. Based on these principles and the public views collected earlier, ArchSD has worked out the design concept and will present it at the meeting of the Steering Committee on 14 February 2014.
- 9. ArchSD will prepare a more detailed layout design according to the design concept for consultation with the Steering Committee around June 2014, with a view to securing the endorsement by C&WDC in July 2014. Similar to other promenade projects, we will brief the Harbourfront Commission on layout design after C&WDC's endorsement.

#### (b) <u>Public engagement and consultation</u>

10. The SPS project is bottom-up, driven primarily by the aspirations of the people. Hence, early engagement of the community and the key stakeholders such as the general public, elderly, market operators and local residents on the design concept is crucial to collect their views and solicit their support to the project. On-going public engagement and promotion is also pivotal to sustaining the momentum and generating greater public awareness about the SPS project.

- 11. We recommend a three-stage public consultation and promotion strategy for 2014. In Stage I (March to June 2014), we focus on introducing the design concept and the layout design to the public through focus groups and workshops. In Stage II (May to July 2014), emphasis will be placed on soliciting comments from the C&WDC, the Steering Committee and the Harbourfront Commission. Stage III represents the on-going promotional efforts about the SPS project throughout the year until submission of the proposal to LegCo. Details are at Annex II.
- 12. We estimate that the aforesaid consultation and promotion campaign in 2014-15 will cost about \$150,000. We will seek funding approval from HAD.
- 13. The expenditures on community involvement and promotional activities from 2015 onwards (i.e. non-works component of the SPS project) will be paid from the provision of the \$100 million upon approval by LegCo in due course. The preliminary programme and budget of the non-works element is at **Annex III**.

#### **Latest Estimates**

14. Taking into account the forecast price adjustment for constructions in the coming years, the latest budget for the works component of the SPS project in C&W District is estimated to be \$90.9 million, which includes a contingency of about \$10 million. As the estimates for works exceeds the original budget, the provisions reserved for non-works component (community involvement and publicity activities) is revised to \$3.6 million. The remaining is for staff costs and other contingencies. Details are at **Annex IV**.

#### **Advice Sought**

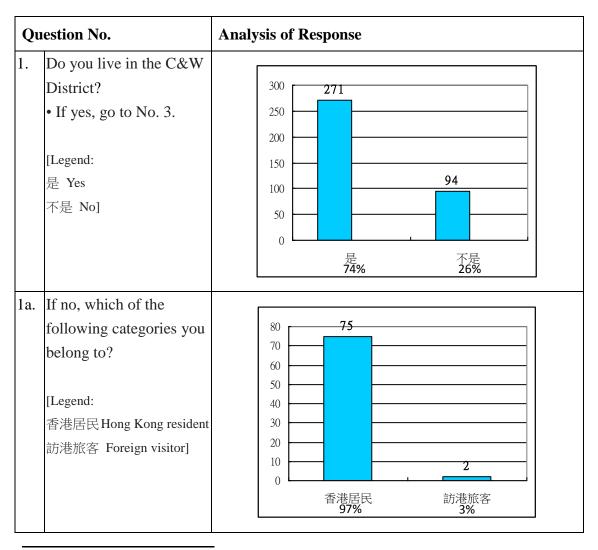
15. Members are invited to note the paper and comment on the recommendations proposed in paragraphs 7 to 14.

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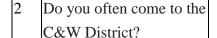
#### Annex I

### "Signature Project Scheme (SPS) in Central & Western (C&W) District" and "Western Harbourfront Conceptual Master Plan (Conceptual Master Plan)" Findings of the Questionnaire Survey

The "Western Wholesale Food Market (WWFM) Flea Market cum Carnival" (WWFM Carnival) was held by the Working Group on the Central & Western District Harbourfront under the Central & Western District Council (C&WDC) on 14-15 December 2013. A questionnaire survey regarding the SPS in C&W District and the Conceptual Master Plan was conducted on site during this two-day event. Altogether, 374 questionnaires were successfully completed. The views of the respondents<sup>1</sup> are presented below:



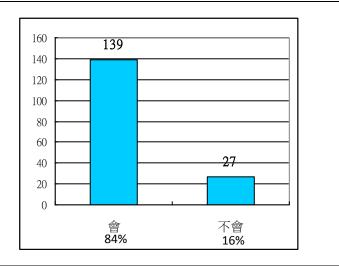
The survey was conducted in Chinese. The questionnaire and the findings here are translated into English; the Chinese version should prevail.



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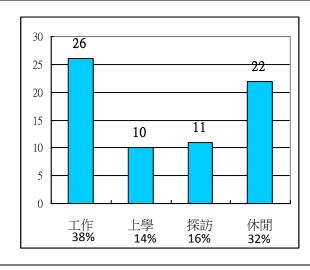
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工作 For Work

上學 For Study

探訪 For Visit

休閒 For Leisure]



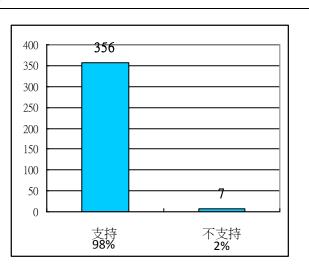
3. The Report of the "Conceptual Master Plan" contains a series of recommendations aiming to foster the development of a continuous and vibrant waterfront promenade in C&W District in the long run. Please indicate whether you support the planning objectives recommended in the Report.

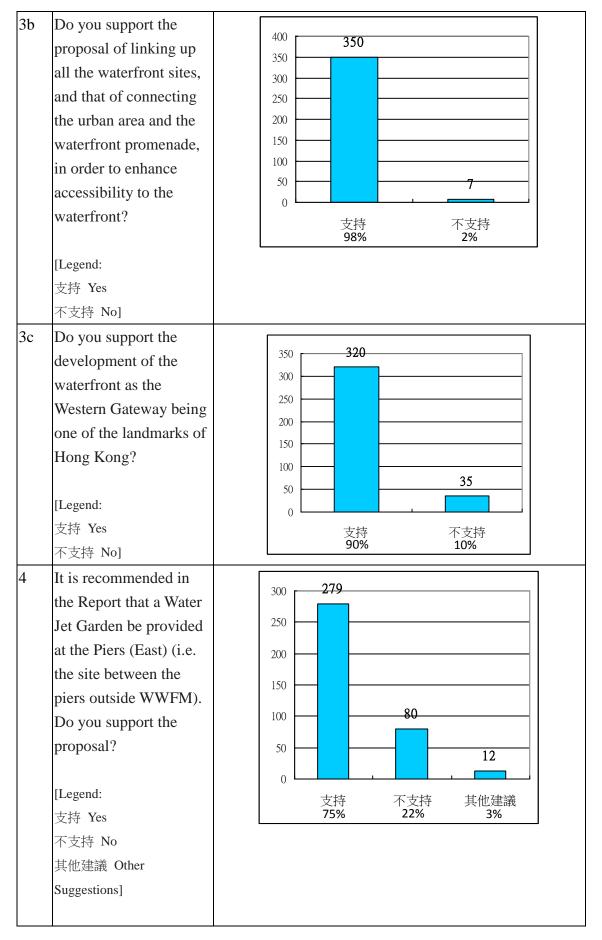
Do you support the provision of a safe and vibrant waterfront for use by tourists and residents?

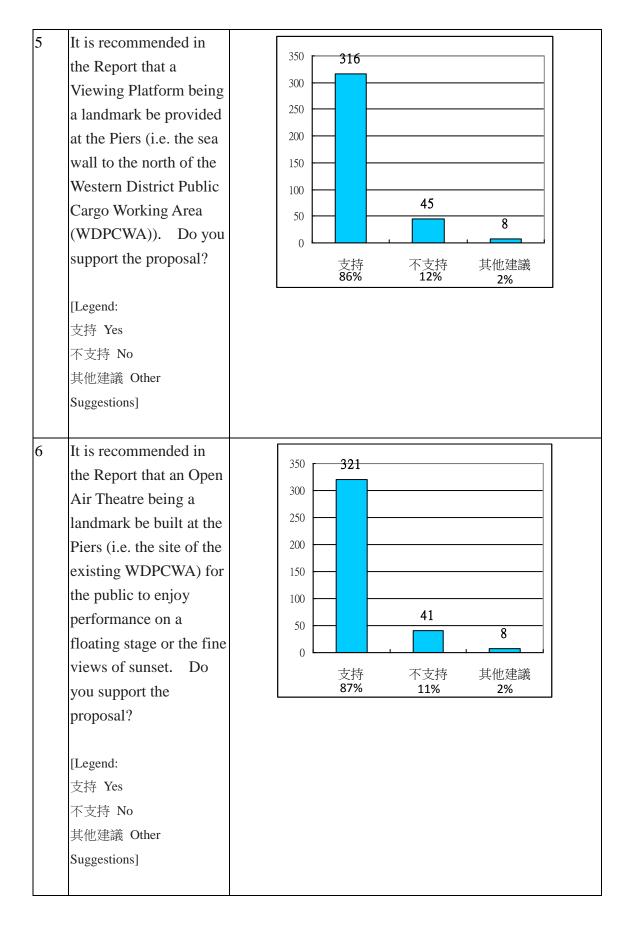
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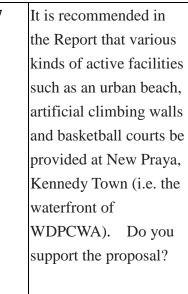
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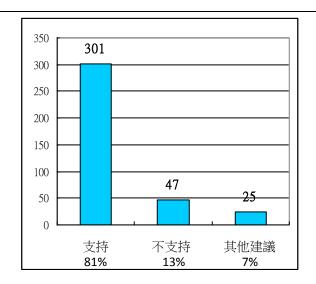
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Suggestions]

8 C&WDC suggested that the four currently idling piers and some waterfront sites at WWFM be rezoned to a public open space. Do you support the proposal?

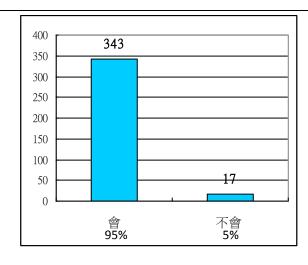
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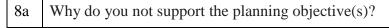
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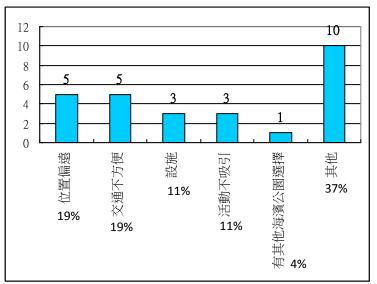
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其他建議 Other

Suggestions]







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位置偏遠 Remoteness of site

交通不方便 Inconvenient transportation

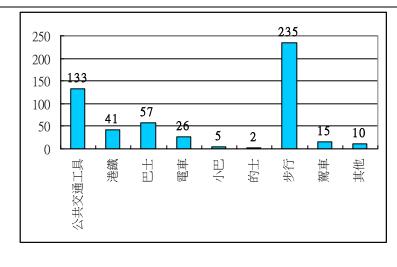
設施 Facility-related reasons

活動不吸引 Unattractive activities

有其他海濱公園選擇 Choices of other waterfront promenades

其他 Others]

How do you intend to get to the waterfront promenade at WWFM? (More than one answer is acceptable.)



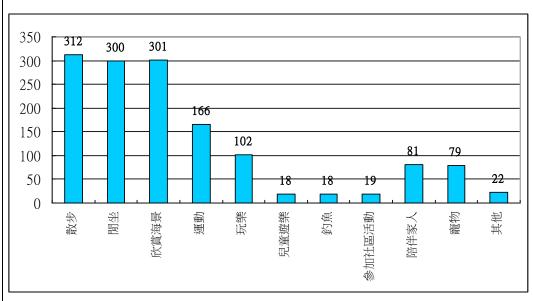
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公共交通工具 By public transport 的士 By taxi 港鐵 By MTR 步行 On foot 巴士 By bus 駕車 Driving 電車 By tram 其他 Others]

小巴 By minibus

## How do you intend to enjoy the waterfront promenade?

(More than one answer is acceptable.)



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散步 For leisure walk 釣魚 For angling

閒坐 For sitting-out 参加地區活動 For community activities

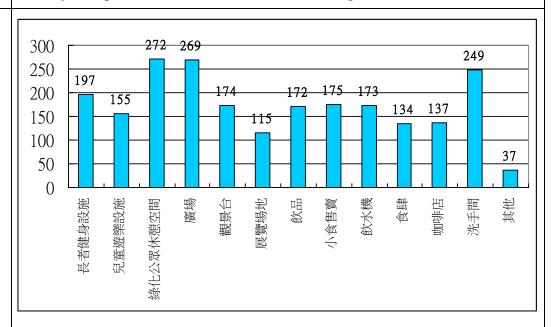
欣賞海景 Sea-viewing 陪伴家人 For family

運動 For sports 購物 For shopping

玩樂 For leisure 其他 Others]

兒童遊樂 For children's play

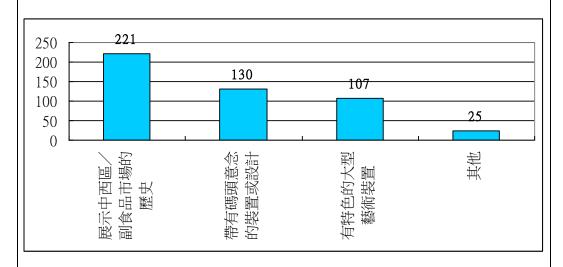
# What kinds of facilities at the piers and waterfront promenade in WWFM in future you hope for? (More than one answer is acceptable.)



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長者健身設施 Elderly fitness equipment 兒童遊樂設施 Children's play equipment 綠化公眾休憩空間 Greening of public open space 廣場 Square

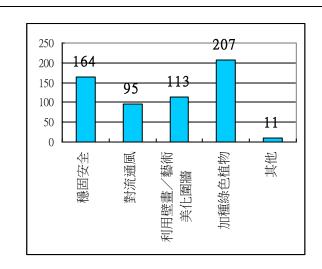
觀景台 Viewing platform 展覽場地 Exhibition area 飲品 Drinks and beverages 小食售賣 Refreshment kiosk 飲水機 Drinking fountain 食肆 Food establishment 咖啡店 Cafe 洗手間 Toilets 其他 Others] What characteristics you prefer to be featured in the design of the future waterfront promenade and piers? (More than one answer is acceptable.)



#### [Legend:

展示中西區/副食品市場的歷史 Features showing the history of C&W District/WWFM 带有碼頭意念的裝置或設計 Installation or design relating to piers 有特色的大型藝術裝置 Large-scale artistic installation 其他 Others]

To meet the operational need of WWFM, there will be proper segregation between the waterfront promenade and the wholesale market. Any views on the design of such segregation?



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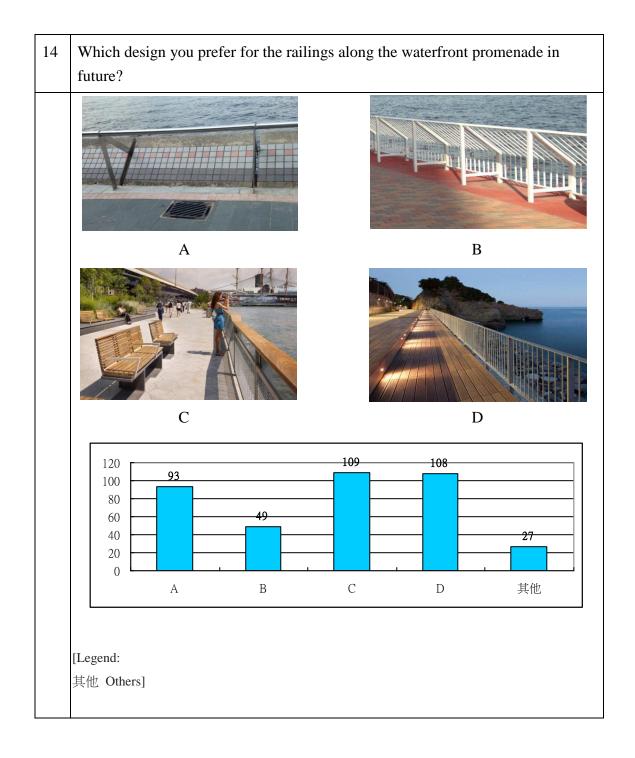
穩固安全 Safe and secure

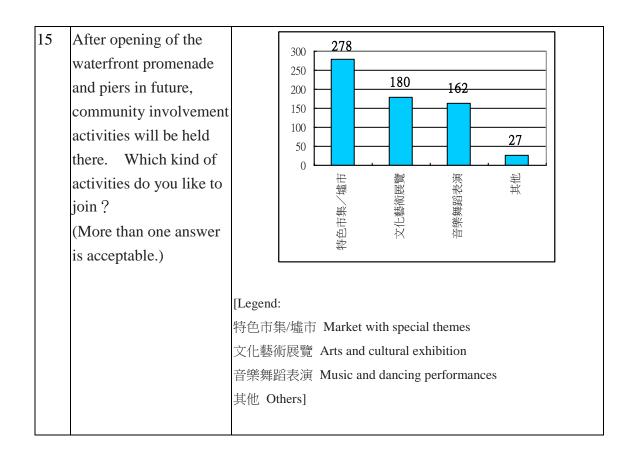
對流通風 Good ventilation

利用壁畫/藝術美化圍牆 Beautification of segregation with wall-painting/artistic installation

加種綠色植物 Growing of green plants

其他 Others]





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## Annex II

## Signature Project in Central & Western District Public Engagement and Consultation Programme in 2014-15

Stages	Public Engagement and Consultation		
February - May 2014	Introduction of the "Design Concept"		
Design stage:	<ul> <li>Enhancement of the participation, understanding and input of the community and stakeholders</li> <li>Steering Committee on Signature Project in</li> </ul>		
Public engagement and	Central & Western District		
consultation	Focus Groups		
	➤ Visit to the waterfront sites at WWFM		
June - July 2014  Design stage:  Consultation and endorsement	<ul> <li>Introduction and endorsement of the "layout design"</li> <li>Residents Seminars / workshops</li> <li>Steering Committee on Signature Project in Central &amp; Western District</li> <li>C&amp;WDC</li> <li>Task Force on Harbourfront Development on Hong Kong Island of the Harbourfront Commission</li> </ul>		
2014 - 15	Leaflets Posters		
Throughout the year	WWFM Flea Market cum Carnival and the Fall/Winter Sheung Wan Promenade Promotional souvenirs		

### **Annex III**

## Signature Project in Central & Western District Community Involvement and Publicity Programme (Non-works Component)

Year	Major contents of the programme	Budget
2015-16	Design competition (wall-painting / slogan)  Western Wholesale Food Market Flea Market cum Carnival (WWFM Carnival) / Opening ceremony for construction works of the SPS Project	\$500,000
2016-17	Wall-painting on segregation of WWFM (The entry of the winners of the Design Competition will be taken as the blueprint.)  WWFM Carnival (subject to circumstances)  Invitation of non-profit-making organisations to jointly implement the community involvement activities in 2017/18	\$700,000
2017-18	Completion of construction and opening ceremony of the project  A series of community involvement and promotional activities to be held  Invitation of non-profit-making organisations to jointly implement the community involvement activities in 2018/19	\$800,000
2018-19	A series of community involvement and promotional activities to be held  Invitation of non-profit-making organisations to jointly implement the community involvement activities in 2019/20	\$800,000
2019-20	Joint implementation of the community involvement activities with non-profit-making organisations	\$800,000
	Total expenditure of non-works components	\$3.6 million

## **Annex IV**

# Estimates of the Signature Project in Central & Western District (1/2014)

	Estimates of Expenditure
Works Component	\$90.9 million
Non-works Component	\$8 million
Community     Involvement /     Publicity	\$3.6 million
Other Expenditure on Administration / Staff	\$4.4 million
Contingency	\$1.1million
Estimates of Total Expenditure:	HK\$100 million