# **Enhancement of the Sai Kung Waterfront**

## Purpose

This is a project to enhance the facilities and environment of the Sai Kung Waterfront as a step towards the revitalization of Sai Kung District as the "Leisure Garden of Hong Kong" as envisaged in the Southeast New Territories Development Strategy Review (the Review).

## **Background**

2. Sai Kung is as one of the five major tourism development clusters mentioned in the Opening Ceremony of "Tourism Hong Kong Exhibition" on 24.8.2001. On the other hand, the Review envisages Sai Kung Town as the gateway to the rest of the Sai Kung District. The Review recommends, among others, improving the existing waterfront to integrate with the development of a gateway centre in the area.

3. The waterfront promenade is now primarily used as a pedestrian walkway and sitting-out area with passive amenities and planters. There is scope to improve the waterfront environment and revitalize its atmosphere. The proposed provision of retail stalls and staging of street performances will add more life to the area and enhance its attractiveness as a destination for local residents and tourists.

# Scope & Deliverables

4. The project involves renovating the existing Wai Man Road Rest Garden, streetscaping work along the promenade, and repaving and refurbishing Fuk Man Road.

- 5. The project includes the following components:
  - (a) a Visitors' Information Centre for providing information to visitors and booking facilities for tours;
  - (b) space and facilities for outdoor refreshments;
  - (c) kiosks for selling handicrafts, souvenir items and leisure-related merchandise;
  - (d) parking spaces for coaches and trucks;
  - (e) street paving, better quality street furniture and decorative lighting/ new balustrade/ railing along the promenade;
  - (f) improved environment of the children's play area adjacent to the rest garden and reprovisioning the existing public toilet next to the Visitors' Information Centre for creating a harmonious open space;
  - (g) enhanced streetscape of Fuk Man Road by repaying the streets, replacing street furniture and newly-designed street lighting and planting trees to create a pleasant arrival corridor for the visitors.

Location and layout plans are at the Appendix.

## **Programme for Completion**

6. It is expected that the construction works will commence in early 2002 and is targetted for completion in early 2003. Upon completion of the enhancement works, Leisure and Cultural Services Department's initial plan is to commission a single operator through open tender to manage the retail and refreshment kiosks and the staging of outdoor performance at the sitting-out area.

## **Views Sought**

7. Members are invited to give their views on the project as detailed above.

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