

**Yau Tsim Mong District Council
Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade Beautification Project –
Latest Position and Works Programme**

PURPOSE

To update Members on the latest position and works programme of the Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade Beautification Project (the Project).

BACKGROUND

2. We consulted the Yau Tsim Mong District Council on various proposed tourism initiatives for Tsim Sha Tsui in February 2003. One of the initiatives is the beautification of the Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade. The Project will give a major facelift to the waterfront stretching from the open area south of Salisbury Road from Tsim Sha Tsui Star Ferry Pier Concourse, the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, the Hong Kong Museum of Art, and the promenade along the Tsim Sha Tsui East waterfront up to the International Mail Centre. There will be upgraded hard and soft landscaping, reprovisioned street lighting, open spaces for leisure purposes, outdoor activities and performances, an alfresco dining area, lighting and audio equipment in the piazza outside the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. Members welcomed and supported the proposal.

LATEST POSITION

3. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved funding for the Project in February 2004. The Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) then proceeded with the phased works programme and the tender exercise. Works for the Project have commenced on 31 August 2004.

PROJECT PROGRAMME AND PHASING OF WORKS

4. The Project will be carried out in phases and is targeted for completion in April 2006. To minimize disturbance, ArchSD, in consultation with relevant departments, has prepared a construction phasing plan at **Annex A**. Mitigation measures to minimize potential disturbance during the construction period as set out in **Annex B** have been drawn up.

5. A Site Liaison Group for the Project has been set up, comprising representatives from the Tourism Commission, ArchSD, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Marine Department, Yau Tsim Mong District Office and the contractor. The group meets regularly to closely monitor the actual construction progress. Should there be major changes to the phasing plan, we shall inform members accordingly.

6. Members are invited to note the phasing of works and mitigation measures of the Project.

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Works Phasing Plan**

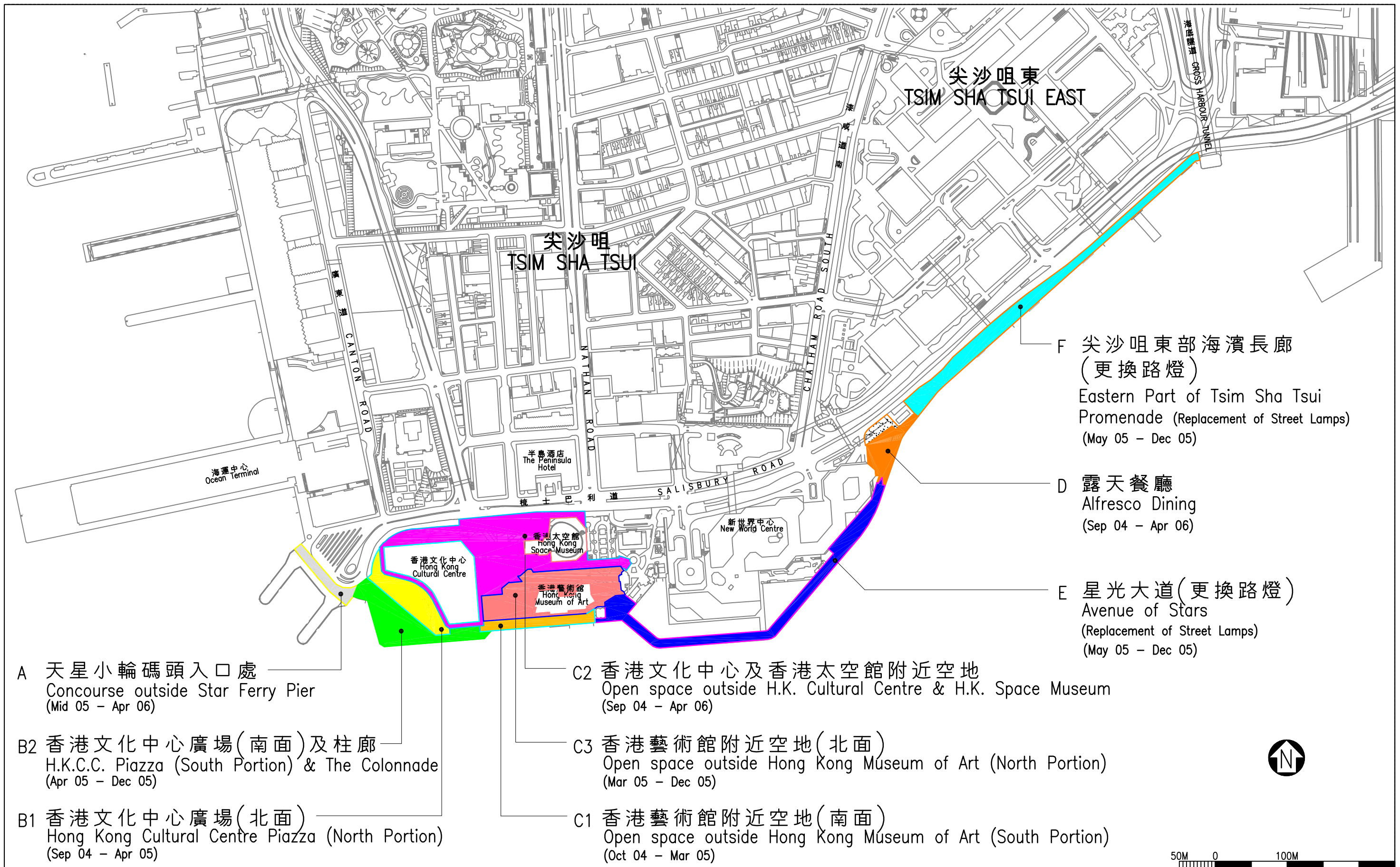
| Sites (please refer to map at Appendix) | Concerned Areas | Period |
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| A | Concourse outside Star Ferry Pier | Mid 2005 –April 2006 |
| B1 | Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza (North Portion) | September 2004 - April 2005 |
| B2 | Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza (South Portion) & the Colonnade | April – December 2005 (works only commence after works of Site B1 are completed) |
| C1 | Open Space outside Hong Kong Museum of Art (South Portion) | October 2004 - March 2005 |
| C2 | Open Space outside Hong Kong Cultural Centre & Hong Kong Space Museum (works in this Site are divided into subphases, i.e. the Contractor needs to complete works in certain areas of Site C2 before commencing works in other areas of Site C2.) | September 2004 – April 2006 (The Contractor will only occupy parts of Site C2 at any particular time during these 20 months.) |
| C3 | Open Space outside Hong Kong Museum of Art (North Portion) | March – December 2005 (works only commence after works of Site C1 are completed) |
| D | Alfresco Dining Area | September 2004 - April 2006 |
| E | Avenue of Stars (Replacement of Street Lamps) | May - December 2005 |
| F | Eastern Part of Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade (Replacement of Street Lamps) | May - December 2005 |

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Mitigation measures

The following mitigation measures to minimize potential disturbance will be introduced –

- (1) Sufficient and safe pedestrian walkways will be in place throughout the construction period. They will be well-lit, with directional signage pointing to nearby attractions and facilities;
- (2) Designated emergency vehicular accesses (EVAs) will be maintained throughout the construction period at all times;
- (3) Disruption to the daily operation of the venues of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, the Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Space Museum, and the Avenue of Stars will be kept to a minimum. The works at the open space outside these venues will be carried out by phases. Safe and convenient accesses will be provided to users of these venues and members of the public;
- (4) There are sufficient noise mitigation measures to control the noise level of construction activities. These include the use of silencers; use of hoarding as barrier to screen out noise at ground level; prohibition of works when noise levels exceed permitted values in certain venues;
- (5) During the construction period, sufficient hoardings or other types of temporary barriers with temporary lighting will be erected to ensure public safety. Given the prominent status of Tsim Sha Tsui as a major tourist district, hoardings will be decorated to make them look aesthetically pleasing;
- (6) All the works will be carried out in accordance with the guidelines of Environmental Protection Department and other relevant departments. In addition to the aforesaid measures, dust, treatment and discharge of waste water, and site run-off nuisances will be controlled to within established standards and guidelines; and
- (7) On major festive occasions such as Christmas, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year, we will consider the suitability of holding events in the area, taking into account site condition and progress of works. Suitable safety and crowd management measures will be devised in consultation with Police and relevant departments if events are held in the venue.

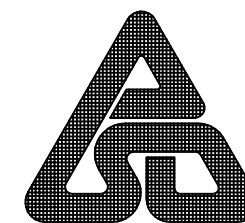
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