

Northern New Territories
Green Tourism Development Programme
(Construction of Tin Hau Temple Piazza in Kat O)

Purpose

This paper updates the Committee on the progress of the Northern New Territories (NNT) Green Tourism Development Programme, and seeks Members' views on the preliminary conceptual layout of the Kat O Piazza Project.

Background

2. We submitted Papers No. 26/2005 and 4/2006 to the Committee between September 2005 and January 2006 to brief Members on proposed enhancement works to be conducted in the North District under the NNT Green Tourism Development Programme.

3. In January 2006, the Committee proposed to construct a piazza in front of Tin Hau Temple in Kat O. The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) initially confirmed that the proposed piazza construction works were technically feasible. In March 2006, we wrote to the Committee to confirm that the item had been included in the scope of improvement works.

Updated Progress of the NNT Green Tourism Development Programme

4. On 19 April 2006, we notified the North District Council and other stakeholders in writing regarding the latest position of two pilot projects in the Plover Cove and Tolo Channel area and Tung Ping Chau. The project works have commenced in mid-March 2006 and are

scheduled for completion in 2007. The report is attached for Members' ease of reference (see **Annex I**).

Conceptual Design and Works Schedule of Kat O Piazza

5. The CEDD has completed the preliminary conceptual design of the Kat O Piazza, which includes:

- (a) Repaving of the piazza outside Tin Hau Temple in Kat O;
- (b) Provision of a Chinese pavilion, and landscaped areas and seating facilities under the trees; and
- (c) Provision of feature facilities in the open space along the waterfront of the Piazza (This may include a "pai lau", information boards telling the history of Kat O or introducing places of historic interest, stone sculptures etc.).

The conceptual design is at **Annex II**.

6. Subject to Members' views, the CEDD will work on the detailed planning and design, assess the project cost and set out the works schedule. We shall continue to update Members on the progress of the project.

Views Sought

7. Members are invited to comment on the conceptual design of the Kat O Piazza.

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