North District Council
District Development and Environmental
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# Northern New Territories <u>Green Tourism Development Programme</u>

(Enhancement Works for North District)

### **Purpose**

This paper briefs Members on the enhancement works planned to be implemented in North District under Government's Northern New Territories (NNT) Green Tourism Development Programme ("the NNT Programme").

## **Background**

- 2. NNT, by virtue of its rich natural, cultural and heritage resources, has potential for developing tourism. The Tourism Commission (TC) undertook a consultancy study on this subject in 2002, and consulted relevant parties and stakeholders including North District Council (NDC) on the consultant's recommendations in May 2003. The recommendations were given general support, and TC subsequently set up an Interdepartmental Committee ("the Committee") to consider how to take them forward under the NNT Programme.
- 3. Among other things, the Committee has proposed to implement a pilot green project in the Plover Cove and Tolo Channel area. In February 2005, TC conducted further consultation with various stakeholders including NDC and other relevant district councils, local residents and organizations, green groups, tourism and other relevant trades etc. on a proposed action plan for this pilot project. General support was received in the consultation for the proposal which comprises primarily minor works to provide and enhance basic facilities at major tourist spots in the area, together with complementary conservation and educational initiatives to ensure sustainable development of green tourism. The NNT Programme is

championed by TC and Civil Engineering and Development Department is the works agent.

#### **Works Items**

- 4. We propose to implement the following enhancements (with details shown at **Annex**) in North District:
  - (i) Repaying of the piazza outside Hip Tin Temple at Lai Chi Wo, with complementary provision of a pavilion with seating facilities, directional signs and mapboard;
  - (ii) Provision of a lookout point, footpath, directional signs and mapboard on Ap Chau; and
  - (iii) Provision of directional signs and mapboard on Kat O.
- 5. We estimate that the above works will cost \$7 million.

#### **Works Schedule**

6. We plan to commence the enhancement works by end 2005 for completion in early 2007.

#### Conclusion

7. Members are invited to note the proposed enhancement works as set out above. Comments are welcomed.

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