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Kowloon City District Urban Renewal Forum

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Report on Progress of Social Impact Assessment for Urban Renewal Plan for Kowloon City

Purpose

This paper serves to report to Members on the work progress of the Social Impact Assessment (SIA).

SIA Inception Report

2. The SIA Inception Report was endorsed by the DURF at its meeting on 23 July. The SIA Consultant revised the content of the questionnaires and work schedule in accordance with Members' comments, and submitted the final Inception Report to the Secretariat on 6 August.

Stage 1 SIA

3. Data collection of Stage 1 SIA formally commenced in early August. Applying a funneling approach, the assessment started from the compilation of Community Profile which took the Kowloon City as a whole and the areas affected by Preliminary Urban Renewal Proposals (PURPs) into account, then narrowed down to survey the social impacts on the local residents and business operators of the impacted areas. The following details the work progress of the SIA.

Community Profile of Kowloon City

4. The Consultant is now compiling the Community Profile of Kowloon City based on Large Street Block Group data from the 2011 Population Census. The

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Profile is expected to be completed in October.

Stakeholder Interview

5. The Consultant conducted 21 stakeholder interviews. The interviewees included:

- (a) Kowloon City District Officer;
- (b) District Councilors;
- (c) Chairman of Area Committees;
- (d) in-charge of social welfare organisations;
- (e) chairmen and committee members of business associations;
- (f) restaurant operators; and
- (g) affected local residents, etc.

6. In these interviews, the Consultant not only concerned about the living condition and business environment of the affected local residents and the business operators respectively, but also took note of the worries and aspirations of the elders, ethnic minorities, rooftop dwellers and restaurant operators.

Field Visit

7. The Consultant conducted 5 field visits in order to construct a participatory understanding of the social patterns and needs of urban renewal of community stakeholders in the impacted areas. Community stakeholders observed included the local residents living around Nga Tsin Wai Road, Thai residents and business operators in Lung Tong and residents of “5 Streets” and “13 Streets”.

Questionnaire Survey

8. The Consultant, meanwhile, also conducted questionnaire surveys to assess

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the existing environment of the impacted areas, the potential social impacts of the PURPs on the residents and business operators, and the aspirations and responses of stakeholders to urban renewal. The survey participants were mainly recruited through home and store visits, and by project partners. During August and September, the partners mobilized for survey completion were:

- (a) DURF Members;
- (b) District Councilors;
- (c) Chairman of Area Committees;
- (d) social welfare organisations; and
- (e) business associations.

9. To ensure a thorough penetration into the community, the Consultant also issued letters to invite all Owners' Corporations in the impacted areas to participate in the survey. As at 21 September, the completed questionnaires amounted to:

| Types of Questionnaire | Number of Completed Questionnaires | |
|--|---|------------------------|
| | Resident Questionnaire | Business Questionnaire |
| Redevelopment Priority Area (R1) | 186 | 121 |
| Rehabilitation and Revitalization Priority Area (R2) | 74 | 111 |
| Mixed Redevelopment and Rehabilitation Area (R3) | 39 | 83 |
| Revitalizing Business Area (RB) | Nil | 22 |
| Elders and Ethnic Minorities | Questionnaires completed by elders and ethnic minorities will be screened out at a later stage. | |

Remarks: The targeted number of completed resident questionnaires in R1, R2 and R3 are 200 for each area, while that of business questionnaires in R1, R2, R3 and RB are 100 each.

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Stage 1 PEP

10. The Consultant attended all Stage 1 PEP activities for the purpose of collecting views from participants on the potential impacts of PURPs.

Follow-up work

11. The Consultant will liaise with more local organisations for stakeholder interviews, field visits and survey. For the areas with less completed questionnaires, such as the “Mixed Redevelopment and Rehabilitation Area”, the Consultant will send more researchers for home visits and store visits, and proactively liaise with more non-governmental organisations for the arrangement of home visits.

12. Upon the completion of the above work, the Consultant will analyse the data and provide a preliminary social impact assessment to the Planning Study Consultant for the formulation of Urban Renewal Plan. Focus groups will be conducted to further analyse the impacts on car repairing and funeral-related industries. Also, the Consultant will prepare the draft Working Paper on Stage 1 SIA for discussion of the Working Group and Steering Group.

Advice Sought

13. Members are requested to note the work progress of the SIA.

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SIA Consultant

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