

**Speaking Points of the Secretary for Development
at the Special Finance Committee Meeting (Planning and Lands)
on 8 April 2020 (Wednesday)**

Chairman,

1. In 2020-21, the priority tasks on the Planning and Lands portfolio under the purview of the Development Bureau (DEVB) are:
 - (a) Increasing land supply;
 - (b) Enhancing building safety;
 - (c) Common Spatial Data Infrastructure development; and
 - (d) Harbourfront enhancement.

Land Supply

2. We will continue to pursue the multi-pronged land supply strategy. The Tung Chung East Reclamation and Kwu Tung North/Fanling North New Development Area (NDA) projects are being implemented as scheduled. Subject to funding approval by the Legislative Council, land resumption and works for the first phase development of the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen NDA will commence in the second half of this year. As for the Yuen Long South development, the statutory planning process will start shortly.
3. Of the about 1 500 hectares (ha) of brownfield sites, some 800 ha (or more than half) are within the boundary of NDAs or other development projects. Regarding the remaining 450 ha which might have development potential, the Planning Department (PlanD) has completed the review of 160 ha and considered that over 20% of

them i.e. 36 ha, together with adjoining land parcels, are suitable for public housing development. The Civil Engineering and Development Department will kick-start the engineering feasibility studies progressively starting from the second quarter of this year. Meanwhile, the PlanD is examining the remaining 290 ha, with a view to completing the assessment by end 2020.

4. In September 2019, we commissioned the study on phase one development of the New Territories North covering the San Tin/Lok Ma Chau Development Node, and a study on the development of the 32 ha of Fanling Golf Course for housing purpose. The two studies are expected to be completed early next year.
5. We are now making final preparations for the launch of Land Sharing Pilot Scheme, including setting up a Panel of Advisors. We will strive to announce the details and start accepting applications within April.
6. In addition, we have commenced studies on the development of three urban squatter areas for public housing. These studies are targeted for completion in 2021.
7. We will continue to press ahead with the first batch of six projects under the “single site, multiple use” initiative. Within this year, we will consult District Councils about the mix of community facilities proposed for joint-user complexes, and thereafter commence the technical assessments, detailed design and other follow-up work as soon as possible.

Building Safety

8. In enhancing building safety, the Buildings Department (BD) will make effective use of additional resources to step up law enforcement in respect of slope safety, fire safety, window safety,

unauthorised building works and unauthorised, dangerous and abandoned signboards, as well as construction site safety. Besides, the BD will make effective use of the additional provision in implementing Operation Building Bright 2.0 and enhance efficiency and effectiveness in handling water seepage complaints.

Common Spatial Data Infrastructure (CSDI)

9. We will use the earmarked funding of \$360 million to launch the territory-wide 3D digital map in phases from this year onward and roll out the CSDI for full operation by end-2022. We also plan to establish the first Geospatial Lab in late 2020 to encourage development of innovative and smart mobile applications for improving quality of life.

Harbourfront Enhancement

10. The Government will continue to pursue vigorously various harbourfront enhancement projects with the earmarked funding of \$6.5 billion. Last year, around two kilometres of promenades were opened up for public use. This year, we will keep up the efforts and open up another kilometre to extend the total length of the promenades along both sides of the Victoria Harbour to about 24 kilometres.
11. The above is a brief report. My respective Controlling Officers of the Planning and Lands Branch and relevant departments have provided answers to 160 written questions from Members accounting for the use of resources under their purview. We will be happy to respond to any further questions that Members may wish to raise. Thank you.