The Invigorating Island South (IIS) initiative was announced in the 2020 Policy Address to develop the Southern District into a place full of vibrancy, vigour and velocity for people to work, live, explore new ideas and have fun. A dedicated office, IISO, was set up in February 2021 to take forward, co-ordinate, and implement various projects under the initiative.

Taking cognizance of the key projects contemplated in the Policy Address, we have formulated a CMP covering the Wong Chuk Hang, Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau areas — the IIS focus areas. The CMP is an evolving document which will be updated from time to time, after studying various opportunities and constraints, co-ordination within the Government, and following dialogues with the community.

The following IIS broad strategies are adopted in the CMP –

Enhance Connectivity and Walkability – formulate and implement schemes to improve the pedestrian environment and vehicular traffic to bring vibrancy;

Improve Urban Environment – enhance public spaces through "place-making", connect these spaces to form an integrated network, and promote green urban environment;

Unleash Development Potential – unleash development potential through promoting optimal use of land and facilitating development/redevelopment projects; and

Enliven the District – provide an appealing and vibrant place for people to work, live and enjoy.

Enhance Connectivity and Walkability

A consultancy study will soon be commissioned to formulate comprehensive proposals for pedestrian environment and traffic improvements to bring vibrancy to the areas. We coordinate government efforts for early implementation of quick-win measures, and short-term proposals to be identified in the study. For medium to long-term proposals, we will formulate an implementation plan for taking forward. Some key directions include —

- Connectivity in Wong Chuk Hang Business Area (WCHBA)
 Enhance connectivity and walkability in WCHBA and to the waterfront nearby. Quick-win measures include repainting the Wong Chuk Hang Road flyover, repaving footpaths, and provision/widening of road crossing facilities. More proposals will be formulated under the consultancy study.
- Connectivity along Sham Wan and Po Chong Wan Waterfront Explore setting back and/or consolidation of some shipyard and marine engineering workshop sites to enhance connectivity and walkability in the area.
- Pedestrian environment and traffic circulation in Ap Lei Chau North

Improve the pedestrian environment in Ap Lei Chau North and connectivity to the waterfront. Possible part-time pedestrianisation in tandem with the provision of a local road connection to improve both walkability and traffic circulation will be studied. Quick-win measures include repaving of road carriageway in the Main Street area, and improvements to at-grade crossings.

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Improve Urban Environment

Green Link in Wong Chuk Hang

Provide a Green Link between MTR Wong Chuk Hang Station and Aberdeen Country Park through a series of attractive sitting-out areas and pedestrian facilities in WCHBA, and a walking trail to connect with Aberdeen Nature Trail. A design competition will soon be launched to gather creative and innovative ideas for the implementation of this quick-win project.

- Revitalisation of Staunton Creek Nullah and adjoining public spaces
 Formulate proposals for the revitalisation of Staunton Creek Nullah into a
 river with environmental and landscape upgrading, integration with
 adjoining public open spaces to become a focal point, and creating a more
 comfortable and enjoyable walking environment. Quick-win measures
 include landscape enhancement to the upstream section of the nullah, and
 improvements to the public spaces near Tai Wong Ye Temple and Aberdeen
 Tennis and Squash Centre.
- 6 Waterfront open space in Ap Lei Chau North
 Formulate proposals for developing a planned waterfront open space site adjoining Ap Lei Chau Park, including possible incorporation of a permanent dragon boat storage area to promote water-friendly culture.
- Recycling station in Ap Lei Chau
 Explore the feasibility of providing a recycling station (formerly known as Community Green Station) under GREEN@COMMUNITY to make better use of a site at Ap Lei Chau Drive for promoting environmental education and recycling in the community as well as providing outdoor landscaped area for public enjoyment.

Unleash Development Potential

- Revitalisation of industrial buildings in WCHBA
- Provide facilitation services to help expedite redevelopment or conversion of industrial buildings in WCHBA, which would in turn help provide more space for emerging industries and arts and culture.
- "Single site, multiple use" projects

Explore redevelopment and consolidation of government, institution or community and open space facilities, such as existing recreation ground, sports ground, sports centre and swimming pool facilities in Wong Chuk Hang, to promote "single site, multiple use". Provision of public parking spaces in suitable government projects will be studied. The on-street parking spaces and public toilet facility at Yip Fat Street would be re-provisioned in a project nearby so as to provide more open space in WCHBA.

Review of temporary sites

Review the future use of a number of temporary sites such as sites being occupied by shipyards, marine engineering workshops and bus depots. We will consult stakeholders in the process.

Enliven the District

Future strategy of Ocean Park

Take forward the future strategy of Ocean Park, leveraging its strengths in education and conservation, to offer diversified entertainment, leisure and travel experiences. Jumbo Floating Restaurant would be revitalised to become a distinctive cultural heritage and tourist attraction. Explore new marine tourism routes with Ocean Park as the core, together with waterborne transport in the district.

Waterfront of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter

Enhance the waterfront on both sides of the typhoon shelter to bring more vibrancy, including exploring possible improvement proposals for the Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market area and the Shum Wan Pier Drive area. Quick-win measures include opening up the enclosed landscaped and grassed area adjoining Ap Lei Chau Park, and setting back the boundaries of an existing public carpark and a sewage pumping station to provide more open space for public enjoyment.

Expansion of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter

Study the expansion of the typhoon shelter and vessel berthing area to give new vigour to Aberdeen Harbour. Quick-win measures include improving existing marine-related signage, and providing additional landing facilities in the northeastern part of Ap Lei Chau.

Revitalisation of Cooked Food Market

Explore revitalising Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market and the adjoining public open space, with a quick-win to provide a direct connection between the market and the adjacent footbridge leading to MTR Wong Chuk Hang Station.

R Place-making Events

Facilitate place-making events and promote water-friendly culture to bring more vibrancy and vigour to the areas.

While some projects are led by other relevant policy bureaux, we will co-ordinate the overall planning and implementation of the IIS initiative in the areas. We will engage stakeholders and collect views and suggestions from the public. More ideas may emerge in the course of interactions with stakeholders, both within and outside the Government.



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