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Question:

Regarding the work of "commencing the investigation and planning of transforming King Yip Street nullah into Tsui Ping River", what is the current preliminary idea? What are the expected commencement date, time required, expenditure and manpower involved for the work? What is the earliest time expected for the Drainage Services Department to conduct public consultation on the project?

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

The project aims at revitalising the King Yip Street nullah into Tsui Ping River to enhance the environment, provide quality leisure and greenery space for the public and improve the pedestrian accessibility and connectivity to the major streets and urban spaces in the vicinity. It is one of the ten main tasks under the Conceptual Master Plan of Energizing Kowloon East for the transformation of Kowloon East into another core business district for Hong Kong.

The investigation study is scheduled to commence in mid-2015 for completion in the first quarter of 2017 at an estimated cost of \$17.4 million. The study is managed by a Chief Engineer and a Senior Engineer on a part-time basis, and supported by an Engineer and a Landscape Architect. We plan to conduct public consultation in the third quarter of 2016.