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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

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Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services (TONG Ka Hung, Edwin)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

The Government stated that it is continuing with the consultancy study for revitalisation of water bodies. In this connection, please advise on:

- (1) the study on improving the water quality at Kai Tak Approach Channel, specifically the current water quality, details of the planned projects, objectives, expected completion date and estimated expenditure; and
- (2) any study on revitalisation of water bodies to commence this year. If yes, what are the details and estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

- (1) The Government has implemented mitigation measures as recommended under the approved environmental impact assessment report on Kai Tak Development to improve the water quality of the Kai Tak Approach Channel (KTAC) and Kwun Tong Typhoon Shelter (KTTS). These measures include rectification of expedient connections, interception of polluted discharges from hinterland into KTAC/KTTS, dredging of sediments within KTAC, and bio-remediation treatment of sediments at KTAC and KTTS. The water quality in KTAC has been substantially improved. The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) is carrying out detailed design of the next phase of improvement works at KTAC and KTTS to further improve the water quality there. The project cost and anticipated completion date will be ascertained upon completion of the detailed design.

Besides, CEDD has commissioned a study to explore the feasibility of further enhancing the water quality of KTAC and KTTS in response to public aspirations for water sports in Kai Tak. The study is targeted for completion in mid-2016.

- (2) The Drainage Services Department commissioned a consultancy study on revitalisation of water bodies in December 2015 to evaluate the circumstances of major river channels in Hong Kong including geographical location, aesthetics, ecological value, degree of public enjoyment, etc. so as to explore practicable revitalisation proposals. The results of the study will serve as a reference for large-scale drainage improvement works and planning drainage networks for new development areas in the future. The consultancy study is scheduled for completion by early 2018. The estimated expenditure of the consultancy study is \$17.9 million.

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