

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): Not specified

Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services (MOK Wing-cheong)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

The Government will continue to take forward the “Rivers in the City” concept in the current year. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee:

1. of the projects completed and being carried out in the past 3 years, together with their respective details, commencement dates, anticipated completion dates and project funding involved; and
2. whether there are any projects to be implemented in the Central and Western District, Southern District and Islands District this year and in the next 3 years; if so, of the details and commencement dates of the projects with the expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hok-fung (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

Embracing the “Rivers in the City” concept, the Drainage Services Department (DSD) has been striving to carry out channel revitalisation works aimed at enhancing the ecological value of channels, promoting a water-friendly culture, improving the community environment, and increasing the connectivity between channels and their surrounding environment for better integration.

1. The projects completed and being carried out based on the “Rivers in the City” concept in the past 3 years are as follows:

Project Title	Details	Commencement Date	Completion Date	Project Funding (money-of-the-day (MOD) prices)
Revitalisation of Jordan Valley Nullah	To implement landscaping works at the downstream section of the channel and its adjoining areas; to build a viewing platform above the nullah so as to provide an open space; and to green the upstream section of the channel and provide ponds and fish ladders.	March 2020	April 2022	\$28 million

Project Title	Details	Commencement Date	Completion Date	Project Funding (money-of-the-day (MOD) prices)
Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River	To transform the 1-km-long King Yip Street Nullah into Tsui Ping River by improving the environment and adopting ecological elements and landscape design.	July 2020	scheduled for completion in 2024	\$1.342 billion
Tung Chung New Town Extension - River Park	To restore the engineered channel section of Tung Chung River; to enhance the ecological connection between upstream and downstream sections of Tung Chung River; to create a river park; and to increase the drainage capacity of Tung Chung River.	May 2021	scheduled for completion in 2025	\$415 million
Improvement of Yuen Long Town Nullah (town centre section)	To improve the overall environment of the nullah at the town centre section by carrying out a series of improvement and revitalisation works.	May 2023	scheduled for completion in phases in 2030	\$857 million

2. At present, there is no plan for the DSD to commence channel revitalisation projects in the Central and Western District, Southern District and Islands District within the next 3 years.

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