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**Lantau Development Advisory Committee
Sustainable Development Subcommittee**

**Task Force on Lantau Conservation
First Meeting**

Date: 5 December 2016 (Monday)

Time: 2:30pm - 5:15pm

Venue: Room C3, 3/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point,
Hong Kong

Notes of Meeting

Members In Attendance

Mr. Andrew LAM Siu-lo	Convener
Dr. Michael LAU Wai-neng	Deputy Convener
Dr. CHENG Luk-ki	Representative of Green Power
Dr. Merrin Pearse	
Ms. HO Pui Han	
Mr Julian KWONG Tse-hin	Representative of The Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong
Mr. Paul Zimmerman	
Mr. Randy YU Hon-kwan	
Mr. Eric KWOK Ping	
Mr. Benson LUK Hon-man	
Mr. WONG Man-hon	
Mr. Godfrey HO Kwok-fai	SE13(SDD), CEDD Secretary

Facilitators

Ms. Ginger KIANG Kam-yin	DPM(SD), CEDD
Ms. Amy CHEUNG Yi-mei	AD/T, PlanD
Mr. Simon HO Man-kai	SEPO(RA)5, EPD
Mr. Patrick LAI Chuen-chi	AD (C&MP), AFCD

In Attendance

Mr. Robin LEE Kui-biu	PM (HKI&I), CEDD
Mr. Kevin CHAN Sze-wai	STP/SP6, PlanD
Mr. Joe CHOW Chit	ADO(Islands)2, HAD

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Introduction

1. The Convener welcomed Members to the first meeting of the Task Force on Lantau Conservation (the "Task Force") under the Sustainable Development Subcommittee (the "Subcommittee") of the Lantau Development Advisory Committee (LanDAC). Mr. Robin LEE supplemented that the representatives of various Government departments were not members of the Task Force, but facilitators to assist the Task Force.

Agenda Item 1: Terms of Reference and Membership

2. In discussing the Terms of Reference (ToR), Members agreed that conservation should cover history and cultural heritage, apart from nature conservation. The ToR of the Task Force was therefore slightly amended as follows:

“To report to the Sustainable Development Subcommittee of the Lantau Development Advisory Committee nature, historical and cultural heritage conservation initiatives/proposals, suggested by members of the Task Force on Lantau Conservation, which are conducive to the sustainable development of Lantau.”

3. On the membership, the Convener requested the Secretariat to confirm with Members after the meeting if they would participate in the Task Force in individual capacity or as a representative of their respective organizations.

[Post meeting note : On 9 December 2016, the Secretariat sent an e-mail to Members requesting for their confirmation with regard to para. 3 above. Replies from Members are in **Annex.**]

4. On the notes of meeting, Members agreed to:

- record supporting/objecting views of individual Members by name; and
- upload the notes of the Task Force meeting onto the website of the Committee at www.landac.hk for public information.

5. Members were invited to give opinions on conservation initiatives. They opined that the items discussed, whether or not supported by the Task Force, should be submitted to the Subcommittee of LanDAC for consideration. Mr. Paul Zimmerman requested that any submission to LanDAC or the Subcommittee regarding the Task Force must be seen by Members in advance. He also requested for advance circulation of the draft meeting agenda for Members' reference.

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6. Members requested that experts/relevant stakeholders should be invited to the Task Force on a need basis.

Agenda Items 2 and 3: Conservation Issues and Recommended Measures

7. Upon invitation of the Convener, Members shared their views on the conservation of Lantau as below:

- Dr. Cheng Luk-ki suggested that development should only be carried out when there was no significant adverse impact on conservation. Specific guiding principles should be established. For example, Lantau could be categorized into three types of areas/zones i.e. no go areas, less sensitive areas and development areas.
- Ms. Ho Pui-han advised the Government not to make any proposal at the planted mangrove at Tai O, which was re-provisioned as a compensation measure for development of the Chek Lap Kok Airport. Illegal activities, such as felling to get resins of incense trees, should be controlled. She opined that sustainable development should embrace the interests of all stakeholders. Conservation was one of the crucial elements only. Local views must be listened. She said Mui Wo was chosen by many of its residents because of the slow living pace, which should not be changed.
- Mr. Randy Yu Hon-kwan concurred with Dr. Cheng's suggestion of categorization of Lantau development into three types of areas/zones. He added that many private lands had been designated with conservation zonings and were subject to strict planning and development control. Interests of the land owners were adversely affected. Mr Yu suggested identifying the common interests of different stakeholders and prioritizing the measures for implementation accordingly. Considering that all lands in Pui O wetland were privately-owned and of conservation value, he suggested the Government purchasing them all for conservation purpose.
- Mr. Paul Zimmerman said that site specific solutions, like Development Permission Areas (DPAs) in Pui O and land resumption associated with Tung Chung River work could be further discussed in the future. He asked the Government to list out in groups all the possible conservation initiatives for Lantau for Members' consideration before the next meeting. Alternative transport mode should be considered in Lantau. He also asked for the next step after designating the conservation zonings and whether

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these areas could be resumed for public purpose.

- Mr. Eric Kwok Ping opined that Pui O wetland was of high conservation value. In order to conserve it while addressing the nuisances created by the buffaloes to local residents, he shared that land should be resumed at fair price for accommodating the buffaloes. Land enforcement actions against unauthorized developments should be stepped up.
- Mr. Julian Kwong Tse-hin said that Lantau had a lot of geological and geomorphological interests valuable for education and scientific research e.g. the rock cliffs of Tai O. They should be protected with adequate buffer zones. He opined that the best practices should be adopted in the planning and development /design on Lantau to match the natural environment such as promoting eco-shoreline, and to reduce development footprint, such as replacing toll booths with electronic charging.
- Mr. Wong Man-hon stated that local residents supported Lantau development. Transport infrastructure was essential to support Tai O development. In pursuing conservation, the Government should purchase private land to avoid conflict with local residents. He cited the strong protest by residents of “Three Villages” against the designation of conservation zones for their land. To resolve the recent conflicts arising from the buffaloes, he had suggested relocating them to Soko Islands, but that was not supported by AFCD.
- Mr. Benson Luk Hon-man expressed that conservation was an important element to be considered in all Lantau projects. The Government should continue to listen to the views of green groups on Lantau development and conservation, and bring up important issues to LanDAC for consideration.
- Dr. Merrin Pearse considered the Task Force a good platform for all parties to share views on Lantau conservation issues. The Government was encouraged to introduce more eco-options and energy saving measures in pursuing different project proposals.

Closing Remark

8. The Convener summarized the discussion and encouraged submission of conservation initiatives to the Secretariat, whether they were in the form of policies, management guidelines, conservation issues/proposals, for consolidation to facilitate further discussion by Members in the next meeting.

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[Post meeting note : The Secretariat sent Members via e-mail dated 9 December 2016 enclosing the proposals received during the public engagement on the proposed Lantau development in January-April 2016 for Members' reference while requesting for their submission.]

Agenda Item 4: A.O.B.

9. Upon enquiry of Dr. Cheng Luk-ki, it was clarified that arrangement was being made to discuss the Green Transport Strategy (GTS) submitted jointly by the green groups to the Development Bureau (DEVB) in the Traffic, Transport and District Improvement Items Subcommittee (TTDII SC). As requested, a meeting with DEVB was being arranged before the next meeting of TTDII SC. Members were also welcomed to raise the environmental issues in relation to the GTS for discussion in the coming Task Force meeting.

10. The Convener thanked Members for attending the first meeting of the Task Force. The meeting was closed at 5:15 pm.

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	Mr Eric KWOK Ping	郭平先生	個人 Individual
	Mr Benson LUK Hon-man	陸瀚民先生	個人 Individual
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