

Steering Committee on Review of the Urban Renewal Strategy

Progress Report on the Partnering Organisation Programme

Purpose

This paper reports on the progress of the Partnering Organisation Programme.

Background

2. The objective of the Partnering Organisation Programme is to broaden the reach to the public and encourage their active participation in the Review of the Urban Renewal Strategy (URS). A paper explaining the design of the Partnering Organisation Programme and detailing the criteria for assessing the applications was considered by the Steering Committee on 22 January 2009.

3. The Programme covers two phases, i.e. Phase 1 for projects commencing from February to June 2009 and Phase 2 for projects commencing from July to November 2009. Successful organisations will become Partnering Organisations of the URS Review and each organisation may receive up to \$10,000 as sponsorship for implementation of the proposed project.

Phase 1 of the Programme

4. We invited applications from the District Councils, professional bodies, tertiary institutes, secondary schools in December 2008, a total of 11 applications were received. An assessment panel, consisting four members of the Steering Committee, representatives of the Development Bureau (DEVB) and the Public Engagement Consultants with an observer from URA, held its meeting on 18 February 2009 to assess the applications based on the objectives, creativity, feasibility, scale of outreaching, cost effectiveness of their proposals and their prior experience in organising similar events. Nine applicants¹ became Phase 1 Partnering Organisations of the URS Review.

¹ Out of the 11 applications submitted for Phase 1 of the Programme, one organisation subsequently withdrew its application and one failed to submit supplementary information and decided to join the programme in Phase 2.

5. The nine Partnering Organisations include professional institutes, youth organisations, community groups and schools. The activities organised took the form of discussion forums, seminars, workshops, field visits and exhibition. Some organisations had made use of the Urban Renewal Idea Shop as the venue for their events. We had also invited members of the Steering Committee as observers. Details of the progress of their activities are contained in **Annex 1**.

6. By now, the activities organised by the Partnering Organisations are either completed or near completion. The reports submitted by the Partnering Organisations will be uploaded onto the URS website and available for public inspection in the Idea Shop. Approximately, phase 1 of the Programme has reached out to 1,000 people. We have also provided support to the organisations such as speaking on the URS Review when invited and also attending some of the events being organised. In general, the Programme has raised the awareness of the URS Review through the network of our Partnering Organisations especially for the youth and professional groups. Invitations are sent to these Partnering Organisations to encourage their attendance at our other public engagement activities during the “Public Engagement” Stage.

Phase 2 of the Programme

7. Invitations for applications to Phase 2 of the Programme were launched on 20 April 2009. By the close of deadline, we had received a total of 18 applications. Similar to Phase 1, we invited members of the Steering Committee to join an assessment panel. Two Steering Committee members joined the assessment panel, which was held on 24 June 2009. All 16 valid proposals² were approved. Among the 16 applicant organisations, three are also Partnering Organisations of Phase 1. An overview of the approved activities under Phase 2 is at **Annex 2**.

8. As compared with Phase 1, it is encouraging to see more applications coming from secondary schools from different districts and a number the District Council members’ offices. The level of public outreach is much wider than in Phase 1. The activities are also more wide-ranging from seminars, exhibitions, web design contest, Facebook feedback initiative, photography competition to field trip. It is estimated that Phase 2 activities will attract about 8,700 participants. We will continue to provide support to

² Out of the 18 applications for Phase 2 of the Programme, one was withdrawn and one, which was already a Phase 1 Partnering Organisation, did not require a fresh approval as it was only an approved proposal with postponed implementation.

these organisations and make available the activities schedule for Steering Committee members as well as all the Partnering Organisations to join the events. Details of the Programme will be available on the URS Review website: http://www.ursreview.gov.hk/eng/public_engagement_po.html.

Advice Sought

9. Members are invited to note the progress on the Partnering Organisation Programme, and to participate in the activities to be organised by the Phase 2 Partnering Organisations.

**Secretariat, Steering Committee on Review of the Urban Renewal Strategy
July 2009**

Urban Renewal Strategy Review
Partnering Organisation Programme – Progress of Phase 1 Activities

Overview

Status	Quantity	Organisation(s)
Projects completed	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists – Hong Kong Centre (CIAT) and The Institute of Hong Kong Architectural Technologists • The Chartered Institute of Building (Hong Kong) (CIOB) • Hong Kong Institute of Land Administration (HKILA) • Roundtable Community Ltd • Leadership 21, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Reports submitted	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIAT and The Institute of Hong Kong Architectural Technologists
Financial reports submitted	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIAT and The Institute of Hong Kong Architectural Technologists • CIOB
Projects with completion date extended	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELCHK Lutheran Secondary School (<i>extended from May to July 2009</i>) • Hong Kong Institute of Real Estate Administrators (HKIREA) (<i>extended from June to August</i>) • Community Cultural Concern (<i>extended from mid-May to late June</i>) • HKICC Lee Shau Kee School of Creativity (<i>extended from mid-June to mid-July</i>)
Reports delayed	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIOB (<i>Activities were finished in mid-May; report would be submitted in early July</i>) • Leadership 21, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (<i>Activities were finished in mid-May; report would be submitted in early July</i>)

Details of progress

Name of organisation	Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists – Hong Kong Centre and The Institute of Hong Kong Architectural Technologists
Project Name	How to strike a balance among Redevelopment, Rehabilitation, Revitalisation and pReservation (4Rs) in Urban Renewal
Programme details	A forum was held to discuss how to strike a balance among Redevelopment, Rehabilitation, Revitalisation and pReservation in urban renewal. Students of the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education and members of CIAT and The Institute of Hong Kong Architectural Technologists were invited to participate.
Implementation schedule	April 2009
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All activities have been completed. • Project report and financial report have been submitted.

Name of organisation	ELCHK Lutheran Secondary School
Project Name	「市區更新你我他」 (Chinese only)
Programme details	Project-based learning activities are organised under the theme of urban regeneration with the objective to increase students' awareness of and participation in Hong Kong's urban renewal and cultural conservation whilst building their commitment to the sustainable development, national identity and sense of belonging to Hong Kong. Activities include a briefing session, case studies and topical activities.
Implementation schedule	March-July 2009
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of activities, including seminars, workshops and site visits, have been completed. • A debate competition related to the URS was originally scheduled in late June, but cancelled due to the Swine Flu. • A survey related to the URS has been completed and the findings of which are under analysis. • Works created at the workshops would be exhibited on campus. • The report would be submitted around late July.

Name of organisation	The Chartered Institute of Building (Hong Kong)
Project Name	Urban Renewal – the Opportunity and Challenge to Construction Professionals
Programme details	Two “Continuing Professional Development” events were held to keep their members updated on the latest development of urban renewal.
Implementation schedule	April-May 2009
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events have been completed, including two seminars held at the Urban Renewal Idea Shop, participated by more than 60 members each. • Report-writing is in progress.

Name of organisation	Hong Kong Institute of Real Estate Administrators (HKIREA)
Project Name	Comprehensive Review of the Urban Renewal Strategy
Programme details	To engage the various professional groups within the HKIREA in the URS Review process and encourage active participation through a series of Professional Engagement programmes, e.g. seminars and questionnaires.
Implementation schedule	March-August 2009 (to be confirmed)
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first seminar was held in May, with over 100 of HKIREA’s members participating. • The concluding forum would be postponed to August. • An interim report would be submitted.

Name of organisation	Hong Kong Institute of Land Administration (HKILA)
Project Name	Land Administration Views on Urban Renewal Strategy
Programme details	Members and university students were invited to participate in seminars and workshops to share their knowledge and experiences in urban renewal as well as to provide suggestions for the Review.
Implementation schedule	June 2009
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events have been completed. • Report writing is in progress.

Name of organisation	Roundtable Community Ltd
Project Name	Urban Re-creation – a Junior Journalist Project
Programme details	The programme was designed to encourage secondary school students to examine and explore the different aspects of Hong Kong's renewal projects, and look at the future of the URS Review through acquiring the skills of news reporting, writing and photography as well as attending site visits at URA's target areas. Reporters, photographers, academics, residents in target areas and urban planners were invited to explain the concepts and policies of urban renewal. Participants could focus their studies according to their own interests in urban renewal. Their works were assessed and modified by professionals, which would be uploaded onto the organisation's website.
Implementation schedule	March–June 2009
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events have been completed. • Report writing is in progress.

Name of organisation	Leadership 21, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Project Name	The Eleventh Youth in LegCo: Basic Certificate Course for Youth Community Leaders
Programme details	Secondary school students were invited to participate in, experience and learn about the principles of policy discussions at the Legislative Council. They were given the opportunity to study the URS Review through workshops, community visits and seminars.
Implementation schedule	February–May 2009
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events have been completed. • Report writing is in progress, and submission would be in early July.

Name of organisation	Community Cultural Concern
Project Name	Exhibition and Seminar on Alternative Urban Renewal
Programme details	Workshops was organised to increase the public's knowledge in urban renewal cases and experiences of Western cities and Hong Kong. Feedback collected from participants would form important reference materials for the URS Review.
Implementation schedule	June 2009
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two seminars and an exhibition have been completed at the Urban Renewal Idea Shop. • Report writing is in progress.

Name of organisation	HKICC Lee Shau Kee School of Creativity
Project Name	再建九龍城 (Chinese only)
Programme details	This programme aimed to stimulate students' interest in their surrounding through learning about Kowloon City's special architectural features. Workshops, exhibitions and forums were organised to increase their knowledge in Kowloon City's geographical conditions and changes in the community.
Implementation schedule	March–June 2009
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A series of lectures and workshops have been completed. • An exhibition will commence on campus on 6 July and a forum will be held on 11 July.

(Annex provided by A-World as at 30 June 2009)

**Urban Renewal Strategy Review
Partnering Organisation Programme
Phase 2 Activities Overview**

Name of Organisation	Hong Kong Management Association K S Lo College
Project Name	How much do you know about '4R' in Hong Kong?
Programme Details	Organise learning activities including workshops, case study, field trip, web design contest, sharing session and exhibition to foster the understanding of sustainability concept among students. Residents in Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai will also have a better understanding towards the work in redevelopment, rehabilitation, revitalization and preservation.
Implementation Schedule	July – November 2009

Name of Organisation	Office of District Council member Mr Lam Ho-yeung
Project Name	大排檔 (Chinese Only)
Programme Details	Aims to examine the stakeholders' standpoint towards preservation and revitalization. A survey will be conducted to collect their views on the 4R strategy. The survey will focus on "Tai Pai Dong" and collect the opinion of Kowloon West residents. A comparative study focusing on Shek Kip Mei Street and Yiu Tung Estate will be conducted to collect opinion from residents and patronages. Then a seminar on preserving "Tai Pai Dong" will be organised.
Implementation Schedule	July 2009

Name of Organisation	SKH Leung Kwai Yee Secondary School
Project Name	Urban Renewal Equity Studies – Kwun Tong and Tsuen Wan
Programme Details	Project-based learning activities will be organised in two secondary schools in Kwun Tong and Tsuen Wan to promote opinion exchange and experience sharing among students. The urban renewal experience in Tsuen Wan will act as reference for the Kwun Tong students who will explore the district positioning. Workshops will be organised to equip students with a basic knowledge in urban renewal. Students will then conduct field trips and will do presentations to compete for “the Most Substantial Presentation” and “the Most Creative Presentation” Awards. A photographic competition and exhibition will then be organised for the schools to vote for their favourite team.
Implementation Schedule	September – November 2009

Name of Organisation	Office of District Council member Ms Siu Yuen-sheung
Project Name	市區重建，您的意見；舊樓維修，助找明燈 (Chinese only)
Programme Details	A district forum will be held for residents to know more about urban renewal and enable them to take part in the Urban Renewal Strategy Review. Meanwhile, it serves to provide assistance to property owners on building maintenance issues.
Implementation Schedule	August 2009

Name of Organisation	Ling Liang Church E Wun Secondary School
Project Name	從灣仔文化保育看香港市區重建策略 (Chinese only)
Programme Details	80 F.4 students to attend a half-day field trip (guided tour with discussion) organised by a NGO in two groups. These students will then act as leaders to bring other school students out to attend the URS Review public engagement activities such as public forums and road shows to express their opinion.
Implementation Schedule	October – December 2009

Name of Organisation	Division of Building Science and Technology, City University of Hong Kong
Project Name	雙主題活動 (Chinese only)
Programme Details	Organise two sessions of luncheon seminar cum field trip to Aberdeen, the University of Hong Kong, Kwun Tong and To Kwa Wan. Participants will produce study reports on culture and history of the heritage and the buildings. A brochure with observation and standpoint will then be produced to become an important reference material for concerned parties.
Implementation Schedule	August – December 2009

Name of Organisation	Mission Covenant Church Holm Glad College
Project Name	Building up Kwun Tong an Environmentally Friendly and Sustainable Image
Programme Details	Organise project-based learning activities to increase students' interest and participation in urban renewal with a perspective in environmental building and sustainable development. Seminar will be conducted to equip students with basic knowledge first; then field trips to Kwun Tong and Wanchai will be held. Post-trip activities will include presentation and exhibition. Polling will be conducted to select the best team.
Implementation Schedule	September – December 2009

Name of Organisation	Leadership 21, the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups*
Project Name	The Twelfth “Youth in Legco: Basic Certificate Course for Youth Community Leaders”
Programme Details	A series of training will be provided for the participants to learn about public policy, as well as the function and the system in Legislative Council. Participants will be trained to discuss and comment on urban renewal in different perspective with constructive deliberation. Legislative Council members will be invited as guest speakers to enlighten the participants with their experience in monitoring the work of the Government.
Implementation Schedule	September – December 2009

Name of Organisation	Heung To Middle School
Project Name	Our District – Old and New Photographic Exhibition
Programme Details	A preparatory workshop on photography will first be organised to equip students with the necessary skills. Participants will submit their photos focusing on the historical buildings and humanities of Sham Shui Po. Exhibition with URS Review session will then be organised for students to express their viewpoint in urban renewal. Visit to elderly centers and residents in Sham Shui Po will be organised for the participants to care for the residents affected by urban renewal. Experience sharing session will then be held to enhance students' participation.
Implementation Schedule	September – October 2009

Name of Organisation	Roundtable Community Ltd*
Project Name	Urban Re-Creation – a Junior Journalist Project
Programme Details	Aims to encourage students to explore the different aspects of Hong Kong renewal areas. The programme consists of photo-journalist learning sessions and field trips. Academics, local residents and professional planners will be invited to share their knowledge and experience with the participants, who will then submit their work for comments. All submissions will form the content of an urban renewal blog which will become reference materials for urban renewal.
Implementation Schedule	July – August 2009

Name of Organisation	Centre of Development and Resources for Students of The University of Hong Kong (HKU CEDARS)
Project Name	Study of University Students' Knowledge and Attitudes on Urban Renewal
Programme Details	Start with a questionnaire survey to assess the need of education planning on urban renewal. A series of seminars will be conducted to enhance the awareness of urban renewal issues at the university with topics on "the Role of Urban Renewal Authority", "Urban Renewal Strategy and its Present Situation" and "Western District and Urban Renewal" and "Interview Skills and Methodology".
Implementation Schedule	July – November 2009

Name of Organisation	Methodist Centre
Project Name	"Urban Renewal Strategy" Wan Chai District Forum
Programme Details	Collaborating with the Wanchai District Council, a district forum will be held to let residents learn about and discuss Urban Renewal Strategy Review.
Implementation Schedule	November 2009

Name of Organisation	Professional Commons
Project Name	Thematic Discussions on Urban Renewal Strategy Review
Programme Details	A seminar will be organised to foster thematic discussions among the organisation members and the public on Urban Renewal Strategy Review. Facebook will be used as one of the promotional channels to reach a wider spectrum of the organisation members and the public.
Implementation Schedule	June – August 2009

Name of Organisation	30s Group
Project Name	Urban Renewal Strategy Review
Programme Details	The analysis of viewpoints on Urban Renewal Strategy Review will start with a questionnaire to engage the organisation's members for their viewpoints. Then a seminar will be organised to facilitate in-depth discussion and gain professional insight, knowledge and experience from the members, with a focus to discuss the "Role of Stakeholders", "Compensation and Re-housing Policies" and "Public Engagement". An outdoor forum will then be organised to involve the public to discuss environmental conservation and city image. Articles will be written on various issues and contributed to newspapers for sharing.
Implementation Schedule	September – December 2009

Name of Organisation	Community Cultural Concern*
Project Name	Studies and review of Urban Renewal in Hong Kong
Programme Details	Riding on the workshops organised in the first half of 2009, the organization will organize an inspiring discussion to further examine the Urban Renewal Strategy. Exhibition and forum will be conducted to promote a better and deeper understanding among members of the public. Comments collected will become reference materials for URS Review.
Implementation Schedule	October 2009

Name of Organisation	Central District Kai-fong Welfare Association Ltd
Project Name	舊區重建·共商齊議 (Chinese only)
Programme Details	Organise a seminar for the small business operators in the renewal area to gather and express their views on urban renewal. Comments will be constructive in planning future renewal with an aim to preserve historic relics and local characters while improving the living environment.
Implementation Schedule	August 2009

Remarks:

* Also Partnering Organisation of Phase 1