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Southern District Council

Progress Report on Queen Mary Hospital Redevelopment Project

Purpose

This paper aims to brief members on the progress of the Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) Redevelopment, phase 1.

Progress Update

A. Senior Staff Quarters (SSQ) Conversion Works

- 1. The SSQ conversion and the associated works commenced on 28 July 2014 are currently in progress. The tentative completion including the decanting works of the existing Clinical Pathology Building (CPB), University Pathology Building (UPB) and Houseman Quarters (HQ) would be in 2017.
- 2. For the report on incidents and feedbacks, there is no reportable incident and feedback encountered during the reporting period from March to April 2016.

B. Preparatory Works for the Construction of the New Block

The construction of the New Block would involve extensive rock excavation. To reduce the induced vibration, use of chemical agent for rock excavation would be one of the feasible methods. With a view to verifying the effectiveness of the proposed rock excavation method by chemical splitting and hydraulic breaker, a site trial would be conducted at the car park area adjacent to CPB, UPB and HQ in May - July 2016 tentatively. The vibration and noise impact during the site trial would be minimal and a briefing session for user departments of the adjacent blocks including CPB, UPB and HQ had been arranged on 7 April 2016 to explain the details of the site trial, the potential impacts and the possible mitigation measures.

C. Hong Kong West Cluster Community Exhibition

To better communicate with the public, a community exhibition will be held on 28 May 2016 at Lei Tung Commercial Centre, Lei Tung Estate. There will be game booths and display panels to enhance public's understanding of QMH Redevelopment Project.

D. Internet Website for QMH Redevelopment Project

The development of the bilingual Internet website for the QMH Redevelopment Project is in smooth progress and the website is expected to be launched in the coming months. The website would be written in accordance with the judging criteria of the Web Accessibility Recognition Scheme organised by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) to ensure that the contents are accessible by the widest possible audience, including persons with disabilities.

Conclusion

2. Members are invited to note the progress report set out in the paper.

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