

## **SPORTS COMMISSION**

### **Progress of Kai Tak Sports Park Project**

#### **PURPOSE**

This Paper reports the progress of the Kai Tak Sports Park (the Sports Park) project.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. The Sports Park, with a project cost of \$31.9 billion, is the most important investment of the Government in sports infrastructure in recent decades. Its contract for design, construction and operation (the Contract) commenced in February 2019. At the meeting on 9 April 2019, Members were informed of the project progress, including the key design features and operation commitments of the winning tenderer, the Kai Tak Sports Park Limited (KTSPL), via Paper No. SC 1/2019.

#### **PROGRESS OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**

3. Shortly after the ground breaking ceremony on 23 April 2019, the piling works commenced on site and is now close to completion. Works on basement, substructure and superstructure are in progress. On the other hand, preliminary designs on architecture, structure, building services and landscape have generally been completed whereas detailed designs on façade, interior fitting out, signage, security and information technology system etc. are in progress.

## **LATEST DESIGN PROPOSAL**

4. The 50 000-seat Main Stadium has adopted the “Pearl of the Orient” as its façade design theme. It is equipped with a retractable roof offering an all-weather venue, a vast activity terrace overlooking the Victoria Harbour through a gigantic glass wall, a stage pocket facilitating convenient stage set up, a project gallery promoting sports and introducing the project history, and a sub-podium passage providing an alternative indoor crowd dispersal route over Shing Kai Road.

5. The Main Stadium and the Indoor Sports Centre with a 10 000-seat arena will provide world-class facilities where a variety of large-scale events can be held. The 5 000-seat Public Sports Ground will also be a suitable venue for holding athletic activities as well as local football and rugby events.

6. More than 8 hectares of Public Open Space will be provided, including a deck across Shing Kai Road, a landscaped garden, waterfront promenade, passive amenities and park features such as outdoor courts, children’s playgrounds, fitness stations, jogging trail, as well as a cycle track connecting the GreenWay network in the Kai Tak Development Area.

7. Other key features in the Sports Park include the Sports Avenue which will be the main axis running in north-south orientation, connecting all key facilities of the Sports Park with the adjacent MTR Stations and leading to the harbourfront promenade; a large canopy over the Main Plaza providing abundant shading for holding large-scale events; and an outdoor amphitheatre-like southern stepped terrace enhancing the connectivity between the landscape deck and the harbourfront promenade.

8. A historical Precision Approach Radar Building, being an important relic in the aviation history of the former Kai Tak International Airport, has been retained at the south-western part of the project site. As part of the Sports Park, it will be revitalized into an education area with display of interesting airport equipment and artefacts.

9. Illustrations of the design and site photos of the Sports Park are at **Annex**.

## **INTERFACING WITH OTHER PROJECTS**

10. There are various developments around the Sports Park, including the Shatin to Central Link (SCL), Station Square, a hotel-cum-office and a cluster for water sports, which will create synergy and add vibrancy to the whole Kai Tak area.

### *Shatin to Central Link*

11. Two MTR stations of the SCL, i.e. Kai Tak Station and Sung Wong Toi Station, are at walking distances from the Sports Park via Station Square and Sung Wong Toi Park. Phase 1 of SCL from Tai Wai to Kai Tak was opened in February 2020. It is expected that the SCL will be in full operation before the commissioning of the Sports Park in 2023.

### *Station Square*

12. The Station Square provides way-finding, barrier-free connection and crowd dispersal route for the Sports Park with the Kai Tak MTR Station. The Station Square is targeted for completion in 2022-23.

### *Hotel and Office Development*

13. The land tender for the adjacent hotel and office site was awarded in August 2019. The winning tenderer is required to develop the adjoining Public Open Space (POS) between the Dining Cove of the Sports Park and Shing Kai Road. According to the development programme, the POS will be completed in 2022 while the hotel and office will be completed in 2023.

### *Cluster for Water Sports*

14. The Kai Tak Approach Channel between the former Kai Tak runway and Kowloon Bay has been proposed for water sports use. Applications for land grant from three different organizations for water sports activities thereat are under processing.

## **NEXT STEPS**

### *Formulating strategies for flexible usage*

15. The Sports Park accords top priority on promoting sports and allows flexibility for serving community use and holding different events. In addition to those common facilities provided in an indoor sports centre, the Sports Park allows a combination of sporting pursuits to be provided such as sport climbing, bowling, futsal and beach sports.

16. To increase the flexible usage of the Sports Park, the KTSPL is formulating a pitch surface strategy for the Main Stadium, with a view to achieving the highest turf standard for football and rugby events while concurrently providing different pitch surface options for other non-turf events. The KTSPL is also working on an arena flooring strategy for the Indoor Sports Centre, which aims to provide a great flexibility in terms of seating arrangement, seating capacity, configuration of field of play and event profile for different sports usage in a cost effective, timely and operationally efficient way.

### *Engaging the stakeholders and enhancing publicity*

17. We have been maintaining close liaison with the sports sector, including the “national sports associations” (NSAs) as well as other stakeholders such as the Performing Industry Association, Hong Kong Tourism Board, Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development, District Councils concerned and major service providers. The sports sector and relevant stakeholders will be further invited to offer views on operation planning before completion of the Sports Park. Other interested parties including the Advisory Council on the Environment and Rehabilitation Advisory Committee will also be reached.

18. At present, information on the Kai Tak Sports Park is promulgated through the website “<https://kaitaksportspark.hk/en>”. Latest news and more information will be promulgated as the project progresses. KTSPL has arranged a series of visits to schools and community centres, set up community hotlines and participated in sports exhibitions with a view to establishing connection with the local community. Building on the momentum, the KTSPL

will carry out more intense and frequent engagement activities in the run-up to the operation of the Sports Park.

## **PREPARATION FOR OPERATION COMMENCEMENT**

19. The KTSPL is required to operate the Sports Park in accordance with the operating requirements. Before operation commencement of the Sports Park, the KTSPL shall develop and submit a Pre-opening Plan, with details including the establishment of governance and monitoring committees, formulation of operation plans and manuals, recruitment of key post holders, procurement schedule of furniture & equipment and proposals on test events. The Pre-opening Plan will also include the first Annual Business Plan and other annual operation plans that are required as part of the operating requirements governing the future operation of the Sports Park.

## **PROJECT TIMETABLE**

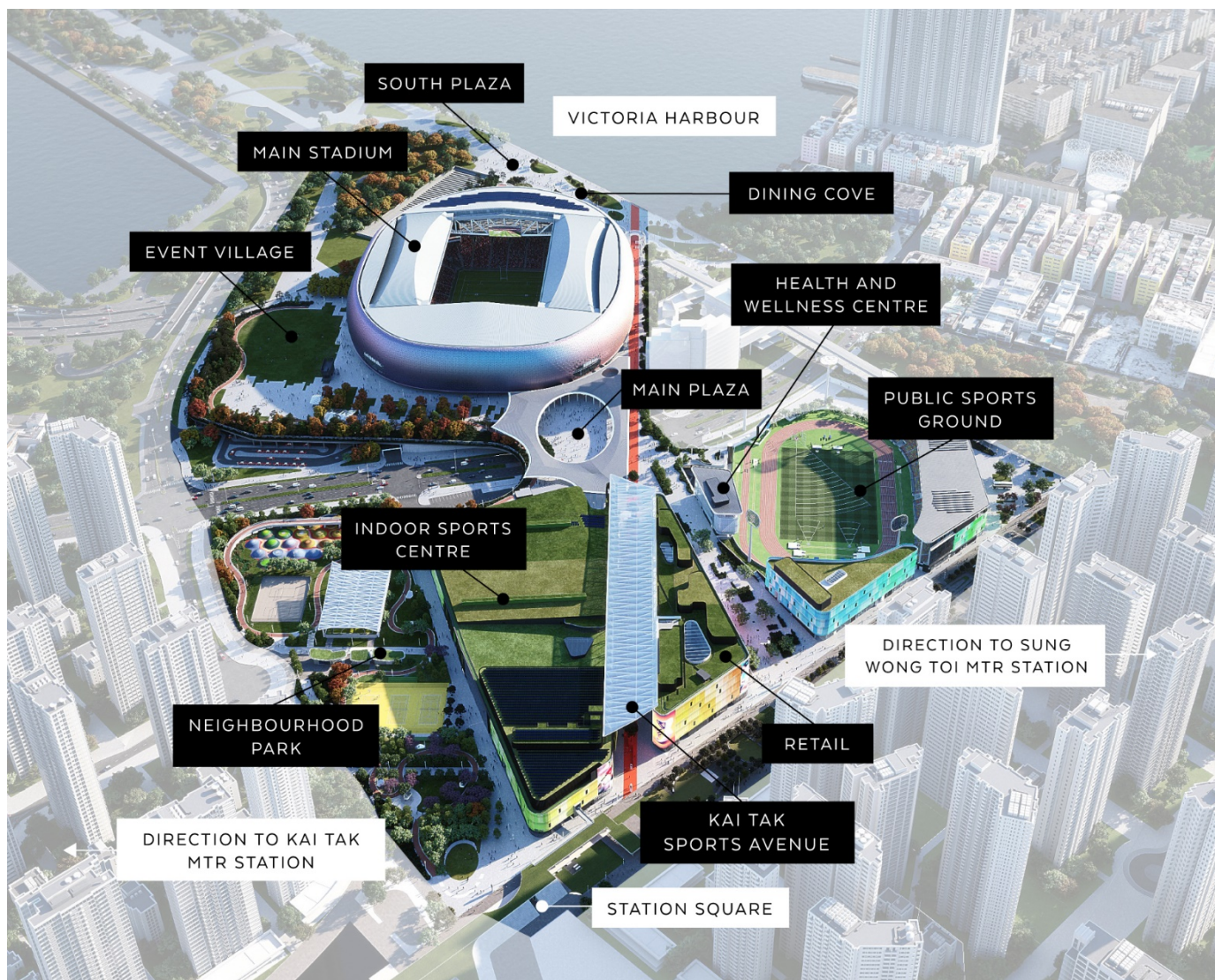
20. Earlier this year, the COVID-19 pandemic affected the off-site prefabricated production works of the steel structure elements outside Hong Kong. The production works, however, have been fully resumed to keep up with the progress. A series of measures to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic have been implemented, including re-sequencing the works, streamlining workflow and redeploying resources to catch up with the construction programme.

21. Based on the latest programme and works progress, the Sports Park will be completed in the second half of 2023 as scheduled.

## **ADVICE SOUGHT**

22. Members are invited to note the progress of the project.

Design and Construction of Kai Tak Sports Park



**Figure 1: Aerial view of Kai Tak Sports Park**



**Figure 2: Kai Tak Sports Park and adjacent sites**



**Figure 3: Latest construction progress**



**Figure 4: Main Stadium under construction**



**Figure 5: Indoor Sports Centre (top) and Public Sports Ground (bottom) under construction**





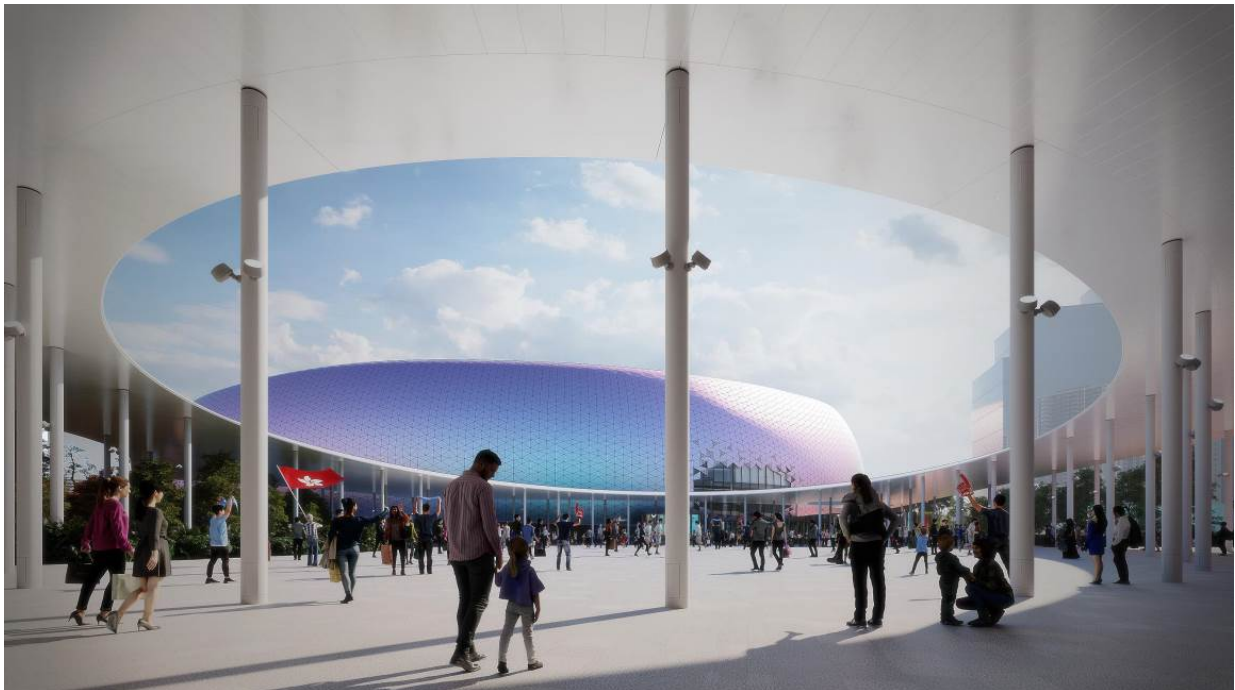
**Figure 6: Main Stadium by harbourfront**



**Figure 7: Main Stadium with retractable roof and south stand**



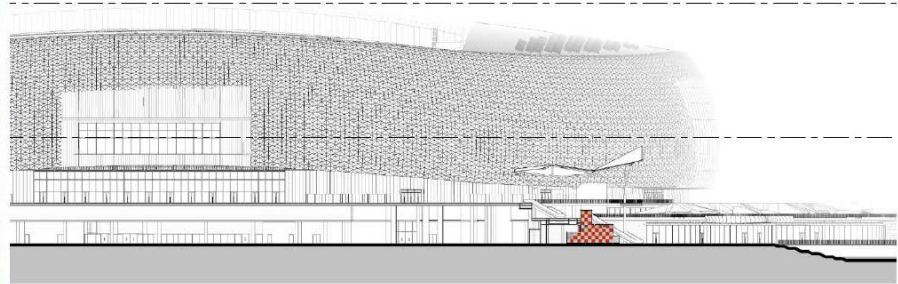
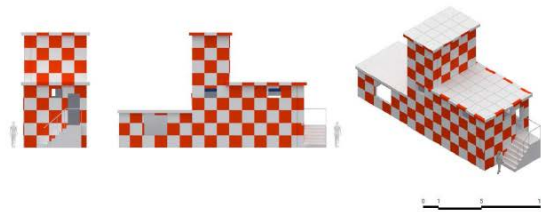
**Figure 8: Gigantic glass wall at Main Stadium south stand**



**Figure 9: Main Plaza canopy**



**Figure 10: Event Village with temporary overlay**



**Figure 11: Precision Approach Radar Building  
(to be renovated and revitalised)**