<u>Draft Wan Chai North Outline Zoning</u> <u>Plan approved</u>

The Chief Executive in Council has approved the draft Wan Chai North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP).

"The approved OZP provides a statutory land use planning framework to guide the development and redevelopment within the Wan Chai North area," a spokesman for the Town Planning Board said today (November 17).

The planning scheme area, covering about 55.17 hectares, is bounded by Hing Fat Street to the east, Victoria Park Road and Gloucester Road to the south, and Fenwick Pier Street to the west. It includes the existing Wan Chai area to the north of Gloucester Road and Island Eastern Corridor and the reclamation area to the north of Hung Hing Road.

The approved OZP has incorporated amendments shown on the draft Wan Chai North OZP No. S/H25/5, which mainly involve the rezoning of a site covering the existing Wanchai Tower, Revenue Tower, Immigration Tower, Kong Wan Fire Station and Gloucester Road Garden together with part of Harbour Road from "Government, Institution or Community" and an area shown as 'Road' to "Other Specified Uses (6)" annotated "Exhibition Centre with Commercial Development" to facilitate a composite development comprising convention and exhibition facilities, hotel and office.

Opportunity is also taken to amend the Notes and Explanatory Statement of the OZP to reflect the above amendments and to update the general information of various land use zonings and the planning circumstances, where appropriate.

The approved Wan Chai North OZP No. S/H25/6 is available for public inspection during office hours at (i) the Secretariat of the Town Planning Board, (ii) the Planning Enquiry Counters, (iii) the Hong Kong District Planning Office and (iv) the Wan Chai Home Affairs Enquiry Centre.

Copies of the approved OZP are available for sale at the Map Publications Centres in North Point and Yau Ma Tei. The electronic version of the OZP can be viewed on the Town Planning Board's website (www.tpb.gov.hk).