

PlanD and CEDD to hold “The Legend of Rocks: Destiny of Quarries” exhibition (with photos)

An exhibition entitled "The Legend of Rocks: Destiny of Quarries", jointly presented by the Planning Department (PlanD) and the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), will be held at the City Gallery in Central from tomorrow (June 27) until September 10. Through presenting the ancient and modern settings of quarries in Hong Kong, the exhibition will review the evolution of the quarry industry and showcase its contribution to the city's development.

Speaking at the exhibition's opening ceremony at the City Gallery today (June 26), the Director of Planning, Mr Raymond Lee, said, "PlanD and the CEDD have been collaborating seamlessly to carry out various planning and engineering studies, so as to ensure the optimal use of land resources for a smart, green and resilient Hong Kong." Citing the thematic quarries in the exhibition as an example, Mr Lee said that after cessation of quarrying operations, relevant planning and engineering feasibility studies are carried out by PlanD and the CEDD with a view to reshaping the rehabilitated quarries into green and liveable communities to serve the development needs of the territory and the district.

Noting its history that spanned across a century, the Director of Civil Engineering and Development, Mr Lam Sai-hung, said at the opening ceremony that not only has Hong Kong's quarry industry taken forward the city's development, it has also provided valuable land to support the development needs of Hong Kong. He said that the Government is studying the feasibility of identifying potential sites to develop new quarries to enable the quarries to come into operation in a timely manner in order to sustain the production of local rock material.

This is the second joint exhibition of PlanD and the CEDD at the City Gallery following their first collaboration in 2016. To tie in with the new exhibition, the City Gallery will hold related seminars, field trips and workshops to enhance the public's understanding of this historic local industry, and how ex-quarry sites can be reshaped into green and liveable communities through planning and development.

For more information about the exhibition and activities, please visit the City Gallery's website at www.citygallery.gov.hk or its Facebook page, or call 3102 1242.

