<u>Tenders invited for site formation and</u> <u>engineering infrastructure works for</u> <u>Yuen Long South New Development Area</u> <u>Second Phase Development</u>

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) today (December 20) gazetted a notice to invite tenders for the contract for Yuen Long South New Development Area Second Phase Development – Contract 4 – Site Formation and Engineering Infrastructure Works (Contract No. YL/2024/02). The closing time for the tender is noon on February 28, 2025.

The works mainly include:

 site clearance and formation (including land decontamination works), together with the provision of associated engineering infrastructure;
 construction of a retention pond;

3. construction of one nullah decking and three footbridges across Yuen Long Nullah;

4. realignment and widening of sections of existing Kung Um Road and Pak Sha Shan Road;

5. construction of associated works including junction improvement works, cycle tracks, footpaths, water supply system, sewerage system, drainage system, box culverts, slope works, retaining walls, landscaping works, electrical and mechanical works and other ancillary works; and 6. implementation of environmental mitigation measures for the works mentioned above.

The works are scheduled to commence in the third quarter of 2025 and will take about 48 months to complete.

The CEDD has commissioned AECOM Asia Company Limited to design and supervise the works. Interested contractors can download the tender forms and other particulars from the e-Tendering System (e-TS). Tenderers must submit tenders in electronic format via the e-TS.

Details of the tender notice are available on the CEDD's website (<u>www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/tender-notices/contracts/tender-notices/index.html</u>). For enquiries, please call AECOM Asia Company Limited at 3922 9000 during office hours.

<u>Two property owners fined over</u>

\$220,000 in total for not complying with removal orders

 $\hat{a} \in \mathsf{Two}$ property owners were convicted and fined over \$220,000 in total at the Fanling Magistrates' Courts early this month for failing to comply with removal orders issued under the Buildings Ordinance (BO) (Cap. 123).

The case involved five unauthorised structures, each with an area ranging from about 5.5 to 80 square metres, on the flat roofs of three units in a composite building at Tai Wing Lane, Tai Po. As the unauthorised building works (UBWs) were carried out without prior approval and consent from the Buildings Department (BD), removal orders were served on the owners under section 24(1) of the BO.

Failing to comply with the removal orders, the owners were prosecuted by the BD and were fined \$222,920 in total, upon conviction at the Fanling Magistrates' Courts on December 3. One owner holding two units was fined \$153,280, of which \$113,280 was the fine for the number of days that the offence continued, while the other owner holding one unit was fined \$69,640, of which \$56,640 was the fine for the number of days that the offence continued.

A spokesman for the BD said today (December 20), "UBWs may lead to serious consequences. Owners must comply with removal orders without delay. The BD will continue to take enforcement action against owners who have failed to comply with removal orders, including instigation of prosecution, to ensure building safety."

Failing to comply with a removal order without reasonable excuse is a serious offence under the BO. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$200,000 and one year's imprisonment, and a further fine of \$20,000 for each day that the offence continues.

<u>CE congratulates Sam Hou-fai on</u> <u>assuming office as sixth-term Chief</u> <u>Executive of Macao SAR and</u> <u>inauguration of sixth-term Government</u> <u>of Macao SAR</u>

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, today (December 20) led a Hong Kong

Special Administrative Region Government delegation to attend the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Macao's Return to the Motherland and the Inauguration Ceremony of the Sixth-term Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region. Mr Lee congratulated Mr Sam Hou-fai on assuming office as the sixth-term Chief Executive of the Macao Special Administrative Region and the inauguration of the sixth-term Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region.

"As the country's special administrative regions, both Hong Kong and Macao enjoy the advantages of 'one country, two systems'. The two places share a strong bond with frequent exchanges and years of seamless cooperation in such areas as economy, cross-border infrastructure, tourism, and culture, laying a solid foundation. Hong Kong will continue to work with Macao to achieve complementarity, jointly contributing to and promoting the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and striving to build a world-class bay area," Mr Lee said.

"I wish Mr Sam and the sixth-term Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region to lead Macao to scale new heights of development. I will work with Mr Sam to further enhance exchanges and co-operation between Hong Kong and Macao, leveraging the cities' strengths to serve the country's needs, demonstrating the vitality and superiority of 'one country, two systems', and making new and greater contributions to building a great country and moving towards national rejuvenation through Chinese modernisation."

<u>Appointments to Consumer Council</u> <u>announced</u>

The Government announced today (December 20) the appointment of seven new members and the reappointment of two incumbent members to the Consumer Council for a term of two years with effect from January 1, 2025.

The new members are Ms Chan Hoi-yan, Professor Marshall Jen Hong, Professor Lam Hon-ming, Mr Leung Shing-yum, Ms Leung Siu-ling, Dr Lin Wai-chi and Mr Augustine Wong Ho-ming. The reappointed members are Mr Kenneth Chan Kin-nin and Mr Selwyn Yu Sing-cheung, SC.

In addition, the Government expressed gratitude to the outgoing members, namely Mr Edward Ho Man-tat, Mr Victor Lam Hoi-cheung, Mr Matthew Lam Kinhong, Ms Doris Lian Shaodong, Mr Alan Lui Siu-lun, Dr Lui Wing-cheong and Ms Iris Wan Lai-Sze, who are about to complete their tenure, for their contributions to various aspects of the Council's work.

The composition of the Council with effect from January 1, 2025, is as

follows:

Chairman

Mr Clement Chan Kam-wing

Vice-Chairman

Mr Tony Pang Chor-fu

Members

Ms Chan Hoi-yan Mr Kenneth Chan Kin-nin Ms Ivy Cheung Wing-han Mr Holden Chow Ho-ding Professor Chung Chi-yung Ms Veronica Fung Kit-ming Professor Marshall Jen Hong Ms Miranda Kwan Ching-yi Professor Lam Hon-ming Mr Leung Shing-yum Ms Leung Siu-ling Dr Lin Wai-chi Mr Ma Tak-yan Professor Jack Poon Sik-ching Ms Siu Suk-yu Mr Augustine Wong Ho-ming Mr Wong Kin-wai Mr Andy Wong Man-kit Mr Selwyn Yu Sing-cheung, SC

<u>Appointments to Hong Kong Export</u> <u>Credit Insurance Corporation Advisory</u> <u>Board announced</u>

The Government announced today (December 20) the reappointment of Mr Kelvin Au Wai-kuen, Ms Helen Hui, Mr Bernie Ting Wai-cheung and Ms Winnie Wong Chi-shun as members of the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation (HKECIC) Advisory Board for a term of two years with effect from January 1, 2025.

The HKECIC was established in 1966 to provide insurance protection for Hong Kong exporters against non-payment risks arising from commercial and political incidents. It is wholly owned by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, which also guarantees its liabilities.

The composition of the HKECIC Advisory Board with effect from January 1, 2025, is as follows:

Chairman

Dr Dennis Ng Wang-pun

Members

Mr Kelvin Au Wai-kuen Ms Natalie Chan Wo-mi Ms Helen Hui Mr Samuel Lau Kin-pui Mr Timothy Lee Kwok-lam Mr Michael Li Chi-fung Mr Bernie Ting Wai-cheung Ms Winnie Wong Chi-shun Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development Executive Director, Hong Kong Trade Development Council or his representative (ex-officio)