

Tenders invited for site formation and engineering infrastructure works at Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) today (April 12) gazetted a notice to invite tenders for the contract for the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area Second Phase Development – Contract 3 – Site Formation and Engineering Infrastructure Works (Contract No. YL/2023/03). The closing time for the tender is noon on June 21.

The works mainly include:

1. site clearance and formation (including land decontamination works) for about 50 hectares of lands, together with provision of associated engineering infrastructure;
2. construction of district distributor and local roads connecting the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area to Tin Ha Road and Castle Peak Road;
3. construction of a pedestrian footbridge and associated stairs and lifts;
4. construction of a vehicular underpass and associated depressed roads;
5. realignment and revitalisation of some sections of Tin Sam Channel;
6. construction of a sewage pumping station;
7. construction of a common utility enclosure;
8. reprovision of a sitting-out area near Tung Lei Path;
9. modification of existing MTR Light Rail Transit junctions at Castle Peak Road;
10. modification of MTR Tuen Ma Line Emergency Access Point 26 in Tuen Mun;
11. construction of associated works including water mains, drainage and sewerage works, district cooling mains, cycle tracks, footpaths, box culverts, landscaping works, electrical and mechanical works and other ancillary works; and
12. implementation of environmental mitigation measures (including noise barriers) and environmental monitoring works for the works mentioned above.

The works are scheduled to commence in the third quarter of 2024 and will take about 95 months to complete.

The CEDD has commissioned Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited to design and supervise the works. Interested contractors may obtain the forms of tender and further particulars from the company at Level 5, Festival Walk, 80 Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon Tong.

Details of the tender notice are available at the CEDD's website (www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/tender-notices/contracts/tender-notices/index.html). For enquiries, please call Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited at 3447 6109 during office hours.

Fatal traffic accident in Castle Peak

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident happened in Castle Peak today (April 12), in which a man died.

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At 6.27am, a motorcycle (SA5**5) driven by a 43-year-old non-ethnic Chinese man was travelling along Tuen Mun Road towards Tuen Mun. When approaching the Tuen Mun Road Bus-Bus Interchange, it reportedly lost control and rammed into barriers.

Sustaining serious head and multiple body injuries, the male driver was rushed to Tuen Mun Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 7.23am.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, New Territories South is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 1346.

Tenders invited for drainage improvement works in Kowloon City

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) today (April 12) gazetted a notice to invite tenders for the contract for drainage improvement works in Kowloon City (Contract No. DC/2024/04). The closing time for the tender is noon on May 24.

The works mainly include:

- construction of an underground stormwater storage tank and a stormwater pumping station, superstructure and associated electrical and mechanical facilities at Argyle Street Playground in Kowloon City;
- construction of stormwater drains at Olympic Avenue, Kowloon City Road, Ma Tau Kok Road in To Kwa Wan and Baker Street, Lo Lung Hang Street, Bulkeley Street and Dock Street in Hung Hom;
- reprovision and enhancement of Argyle Street Playground; and
- other related works.

The works are scheduled to commence in August 2024 and will take about 57 months to complete.

The DSD has commissioned Binnies Hong Kong Limited to design and supervise the works. Interested contractors may obtain the forms of tender and further particulars from the company at 43/F, AIA Kowloon Tower, 100 How Ming Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

Details of the tender notice are available on the DSD's website (www.dsd.gov.hk/EN/Tender_Notices/Current_Tenders/index.html). For enquiries, please call Binnies Hong Kong Limited at 2601 1000 during office hours.

[DoJ releases Action Plan on the Construction of Rule of Law in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area \(with photo\)](#)

The Department of Justice (DoJ) today (April 12) released the [Action Plan on the Construction of Rule of Law in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area](#) to set forth the guiding principle, the development direction and specific policy measures on the construction of rule of law in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) in the future.

The Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, said that the Action Plan is an important policy document. The first-time release of the Action Plan on the fifth anniversary of the promulgation of the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area demonstrated the importance the DoJ attaches to its work relating to the GBA and its proactive and pragmatic approach. He said, "The DoJ will take action as a means and adopt a result-oriented approach to pursue in a pragmatic spirit the implementation of the Action Plan during the tenure of the current-term Government, with a view to contributing to the construction of rule of law in the GBA with concrete results."

Mr Lam pointed out that there are two key features in the Action Plan: underpinning the guiding principle of "Three Interfaces, Two Connects and One GBA", and strengthening collaboration with the legal and dispute resolution sectors and other stakeholders to effectively implement the various policy measures set out in the Action Plan.

The DoJ has been actively promoting the construction of rule of law in the GBA with a view to taking full advantage of the establishment of Hong Kong's position as an international legal and dispute resolution services centre in the Asia-Pacific region provided for under the Outline Development Plan, thereby enabling the GBA to capitalise on its unique strengths under "one country, two systems and three jurisdictions". By means of the interfaces of mechanisms, regulatory frameworks and talent constituting the

"Three Interfaces", the DoJ will continue to proactively promote the connectivity of hardware and software in the construction of rule of law in the GBA, and the co-operation of various cities with their respective strengths and the collaboration of different legal systems in the GBA, thereby eventually achieving the goal of "One GBA".

As for the specific measures under the "Three Interfaces", the Deputy Secretary for Justice, Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan, who is the official on the Hong Kong side leading the working group on Guangdong-Hong Kong co-operation on legal and dispute resolution services as well as the working group on Hong Kong-Shenzhen legal co-operation, said that in relation to the interface of mechanisms, the DoJ will not only continue to make good use of the mechanisms already established with relevant ministries and stakeholders in the GBA, but will also proactively promote the establishment of a high-level GBA standing interface platform jointly with the Supreme People's Court to take forward the practical and research work on judicial and legal matters relating to the GBA, including closely following up on the implementation of various arrangements on mutual legal assistance in civil and commercial matters. At the same time, the DoJ will also promote the establishment of a GBA legal and dispute resolution services information platform to enable people and enterprises in the three places to obtain comprehensive and accurate information.

On the interface of regulatory frameworks, the DoJ has been taking steps to expand the scope of application of the measures "allowing Hong Kong-invested enterprises to adopt Hong Kong law" and "allowing Hong Kong-invested enterprises to choose for arbitration to be seated in Hong Kong" to enable legal and dispute resolution professionals of the area to complement each other for the promotion of market interface. To facilitate the interface of professional services, the department will also promote the formulation of best practices of GBA non-litigation dispute resolution rules to facilitate the interfacing and co-ordinating of different dispute resolution services in the GBA; make preparations for organising GBA mediators training programme in Hong Kong; set up a GBA online dispute resolution platform to facilitate the development of a multifaceted dispute resolution mechanism in the GBA; and continue to actively support Hong Kong mediation organisations to handle commercial mediation cases in the GBA in the form of "specially invited mediation organisations".

As for the interface of talent, the DoJ will also promote new measures, including the establishment of the Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy to gather and nurture more foreign-related legal talent in the GBA; actively promote the establishment of a platform for GBA lawyers to empower the professional development of GBA lawyers more systematically; enable Hong Kong's legal sector to integrate into the construction of the GBA to build a competitive brand of legal services; and at the same time continue to organise various visits and exchanges to promote the flow and foster synergy and development of GBA legal talent.

Mr Lam emphasised that the DoJ will continue to deepen co-operation among stakeholders from different sectors, including establishing standing and effective interface mechanisms with relevant Mainland authorities, and

continue to listen to the views of the legal and dispute resolution sectors and other stakeholders, encourage the sectors to open up new opportunities, and at the same time assist them to establish a platform for exchanges and collaboration so as to achieve integrated development through extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, contributing to the country's key strategic development.

The Action Plan on the Construction of Rule of Law in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area is available on the DoJ website at www.doj.gov.hk/en/publications/pdf/gba_action_plan_en.pdf.



[HKETO, Brussels supports Hong Kong design in Bologna Children's Book Fair 2024 \(with photo\)](#)

â€‹The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels (HKETO, Brussels) supported the launch of Hong Kong Pavilion in the 61st Bologna Children's Book Fair (BCBF) held in Bologna, Italy from April 8 to 11 (Bologna time).

The Hong Kong Pavilion as sponsored by Create Hong Kong of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, co-organised by Hong Kong Publishing Federation and the Hong Kong Printers Association, is themed "Soaring Creativity" to showcase the creativity and achievements of Hong Kong's publishing and printing industry to the world.

Under "one country, two systems", Hong Kong's sound legal and financial systems, robust protection of intellectual property, sophisticated logistical network, professional and multicultural workforce enable the city to become a regional publishing centre attracting international news and book publishers set up in Hong Kong for the Chinese market and Asian editions.

Officiated and spoke at the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong Pavilion

in the BCBF held on April 8 in Bologna, the Deputy Representative of the HKETO, Brussels, Miss Fiona Li said that "Hong Kong is leading in design and creativity as we promote arts and culture, and creative industries". Miss Li wished the guests appreciate the design, the creativity and the quality of the Hong Kong books and encouraged them to visit Hong Kong for vibrant arts and culture.

The BCBF is one of the world's most established professional fair for children's books. It is an ideal platform to promote Hong Kong's publishing and printing industry which is internationally renowned for its efficient services, quality products, innovative design and green production.

