

Transcript of remarks by SDEV at media session

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Development, Ms Bernadette Linn, at a media session after attending a radio programme today (March 3):

Reporter: Can you recap in English about how would the Government ensure the construction projects of Fung Cheung Kee to carry on even though it winded up, and also on Kau Yi Chau, how do you ensure that the Government will kick-off the project by mid-2026?

Secretary for Development: On your first question about this contractor Fung Cheung Kee, actually it is not an active participant in our public works projects, so currently we do not have any on-going projects on hand being undertaken by this company. So as far as our public works projects are concerned, there are no implications.

On your second question regarding the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands, while the Government will put back the original target year of starting reclamation by the end of 2025, it is still our determination to press ahead with the project and do well all the necessary preparatory works. We are still striving to start the reclamation works within the current term of Government. So with that in mind, in the course of this year, we will progressively complete our environmental assessment impact report and then have it submitted and have the statutory process triggered. We will also be commencing a number of detailed works design studies to get ourselves prepared. And with more technical and engineering information on hand, we will be in a better position to assess the phasing of this mega project and the financing arrangement for the different phases and for the entire project.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)