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Hong Kong

MASTER PLAN FOR SOUTH EAST KOWLOON (STAGE I)

For the Hong Kong SAR Territory Development Department, 1999

The Territory Development Department (Kowloon Development Office) commissioned a study in late 1999 to review previous planning work for South East Kowloon and to prepare a new Master Plan for the area. Ove Arup and Partners (HK) were the lead consultants. Mike Sharrocks undertook planning and urban design work through the planning sub-consultants.

The South East Kowloon site area comprised the former Kai Tak airport that had been vacant since July 1998 when the new airport was opened at Chek Lap Kok. The site, which represented the last major development area (of roughly 400 hectares) in central Hong Kong, was enclosed by high-density housing

and light industry, including some older areas requiring urban renewal, and had an extensive waterfront area that formed part of Kowloon Bay.

There were a number of requirements for the proposed Master Plan that included the need to accommodate a population of between 240,000-300,000 in order to relieve the pressing housing shortage, new major road and rail infrastructure, a large metropolitan park and stadium, and a proposed cruise liner terminal and associated tourism and leisure facilities.

Mike Sharrocks reviewed the public consultation exercise for a recently-produced Outline Concept Plan and prepared land use options in response. The options looked at the possibilities for reduced reclamation into Kowloon Bay, various population targets, major road alignments and their form (surface or underground), and various locations for major facilities and attractions depending on the development theme for South East Kowloon. These were submitted for the selection of a preferred option that would be worked up into a Preliminary Layout Plan that was put to public consultation in May 2000.



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