

Highlights of the Year

2007

April

Local leaders and residents of the Sham Shui Po community gather at the URA community workshop to explore possible way forward for urban regeneration of the district.

Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands, Mr Michael Suen, officiates at the milestone event for 20,000 rehabilitated units cum Best Rehabilitated Building Award presentation ceremony.

URA submits the development scheme plans of Kwun Tong Town Centre to Town Planning Board, signifying commencement of the statutory planning procedures for the mega project.

The Government announces the appointment of Mr Barry Cheung as the Chairman of the URA Board and the appointment or re-appointment of other 18 non-executive directors, with effect from May 1, 2007.



May

A heritage advisory panel set up under the URA's Central & Western District Advisory Committee conducts its first meeting to study and recommend ways to promote heritage conservation features in the Peel Street/Graham Street project.

June

The URA participates in the three-week exhibition in Beijing to celebrate the 10th anniversary of HKSAR displaying its 4R work and mega Kwun Tong Town Centre project.

July

The URA announces the commencement of the Peel Street/Graham Street project by conducting an occupancy survey.





August

About 60 people participate in the “Forum on the Conservation of the Street Market” organised by the Heritage Advisory Panel of the Peel Street/Graham Street project.

September

The URA consults the Wong Tai Sin District Council and the villagers about the preservation-cum-redevelopment design proposal for the Nga Tsin Wai Village.

The URA Staff Club with the assistance of the urban renewal social service team offers gift packs of mooncakes and fruit to the elderly people living in Yu Lok Lane/Centre Street project for the Mid Autumn Festival.



October

The URA announces the commencement of the Nga Tsin Wai Village project by ways of an innovative preservation-cum-redevelopment approach.

The URA issues purchase offers for the Yu Lok Lane/Centre Street project in Sai Ying Pun and Peel Street/Graham Street project in Central and Western District.

The Government announces the approval by the Chief Executive in Council to the draft Staunton Street/Wing Lee Street Development Scheme Plan and Nullah Lane/Hing Wan Street/King Street Development Scheme Plan.



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The Lands Department announces the resumption of land for three URA projects in Fuk Tsun Street/Pine Street, Tai Kok Tsui; Lai Chi Kok Road/Kweilin Street & Yee Kuk Street, Sham Shui Po and Mallory Street/Burrows Street, Wan Chai.

The URA announces a new package of enhancement policies for the benefits of residents and business operators affected by its redevelopment projects.

December

The URA announces Sports Retail City theme project in Sai Yee Street, Mong Kok.

The URA invites estate developers to provide expression of interests for the joint development of Pine Street/Anchor Street project in Tai Kok Tsui. An open tender exercise follows in January 2008.

The URA unveils plan to create a thematic “Wedding City” and a social enterprise pilot scheme in the Lee Tung Street project, Wan Chai.

The URA holds a community workshop for the Staunton Street/Wing Lee Street project to collect the local community’s views on the planning and design of the project.

The URA holds an exhibition in the Western Market to tie in with the “old shop” theme of the Peel Street/Graham Street project.

- The URA staff and social service team clean up the common areas of two residential buildings without owners’ corporation in the Kwun Tong Town Centre project for the new year.





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January

The URA issues purchase offers for the Nga Tsin Wai Village project.

The URA participates in the Hong Kong & Shengzhen Bi-city Biennale of Urbanism/ Architecture held at the Central Police Station Compound.

February

The URA commences the statutory planning procedure for the Chi Kiang Street/Ha Heung Road and Pak Tai Street/Mok Cheung Street redevelopment projects in Ma Tau Kok.

The Government announces the appointment of Mr Quinn Law as the Managing Director of the URA for a term of three years, with effect from 1 March 2008.



March

The URA issues purchase offers for the Staunton Street/ Wing Lee Street and Sai Yee Street projects.

The URA invites estate developers to provide expression of interests for the joint development of the Baker Court project in Hung Hom. An open tender exercise follows in the same month.

A joint development contract for the Pine Street/Anchor Street project is awarded to Sincere Development Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sino Land Company Limited.

The URA announces an expansion of its conservation strategy to preserve some 48 pre-war shophouses of Cantonese verandah type.

April

The Town Planning Board decides to submit the two Development Scheme Plans of the Kwun Tong Town Centre project to the Chief Executive in Council for approval after completing the statutory public consultation and hearing process.



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The URA and the Hong Kong Playground Association invite estate developers to provide expression of interests for the development of the Macpherson Indoor Stadium redevelopment project. An open tender exercise follows in the same month.

A joint development contract for the Baker Court project is awarded to Union Harvest Investments Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sino Land Company Limited.

The URA Board decides to implement the Kwun Tong Town Centre project in phases and acquires all properties in one go.

June

The URA and the Hong Kong Playground Association announces that Wealth Genesis Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kowloon Development Company Limited has won the bid to implement for the Macpherson Indoor Stadium redevelopment project in a public tender exercise.

The Government announces the approval of the draft Hai Tan Street/Kweilin Street and Pei Ho Street Development Scheme plan by Chief Executive in Council.





July

The Secretary for Development, Mrs Carrie Lam and the URA Chairman, Mr Barry Cheung, officiate at a ceremony to mark the completion of the URA's first redevelopment cum preservation project in Johnston Road, Wan Chai.

The Secretary for Development authorises the URA to proceed with the Chi Kiang Street/Ha Heung Road and the Pak Tai Street/Mok Cheong Street development projects in Ma Tau Kok.

The Old Wan Chai Revitalisation Initiatives Special Committee organises two workshops to collect the public views on the revitalisation of the open-air bazaar at Tai Yuen Street/Cross Street and Gresson Street, Wan Chai.

The URA announces tactical measures along with the implementation of Peel Street/Graham Street project in order to keep the nearby century-old market intact as well as to enhance its vibrancy.

The URA invites the community leaders and affected residents to participate in a ballot for selecting the valuation consultants to perform assessment of a notional seven-year-old flat for the Kwun Tong Town Centre project.

