

Revitalisation and Preservation



URA's Mallery Street/Burrows Street Revitalisation Project "Comix Home Base".



Children participate in a drawing workshop at “Comix Home Base”.



URA Chairman Mr Victor So, Chief Secretary for Administration Mrs Carrie Lam, Secretary for Development Mr Paul Chan and comics industry celebrities at the Grand Opening of “Comix Home Base”.

The URA’s revitalisation work has enjoyed solid progress during 2012/13.

Wanchai

The Hong Kong Arts Centre will operate a “Comix Home Base” at the Mallory Street/Burrows Street revitalisation project which will provide a platform for local and international art exchange. Alteration and addition works to this rare cluster of pre-war tenement houses are complete, and the official opening is scheduled for mid-2013.

During 2012/13, works that were commenced by the now dissolved Old Wan Chai Revitalisation Initiative Special Committee had been completed. Electricity supply meters and bollards had been handed over to 130 hawkers on Tai Yuen Street and Cross Street for use. In addition, open space and street improvements under the “Public Private Partnership on Revitalisation for Old Wan Chai” had been completed.

Central Oasis

The URA is steering the international design consultancy to prepare the conceptual design for the Central Oasis for green recreation and leisure use. Major modifications of the building and the vertical extension of additional storeys to create space for diverse uses and rooftop greenery have necessitated the submission



An artist impression of the "Central Oasis".

of a section 16 application for the Town Planning Board (TPB)'s approval. With the withdrawal of a legal action in January 2013, the then draft Central District Outline Zoning Plan has now been approved by the TPB. The Section 16 application was submitted to the TPB in May 2013.

Based on the feedback from the 'Request for Information' exercise for the main operator of the Central Oasis, an invitation for Expression of Interest to become the main operator returned nine submissions (plus one late submission) in January 2013. The URA expects to award the tender in mid 2014.

Pak Tsz Lane

Phase 2 of the Pak Tsz Lane revitalisation project involved the refurbishment and interior beautification works for the Gage Street Refuse Collection Point (RCP). The project had been completed and the RCP handed over to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in December 2012.



The Refuse Collection Point at Gage Street.

Mong Kok

The URA is enhancing the unique local characteristics and ambience of a number of themed streets involving streetscape and pedestrian walkway improvements and greening. The first phase at Flower Market Road is almost complete now. Site works for streetscape improvement works at Tung Choi Street will commence in 2013/14, subject to relevant Government departments' approval, and the detailed design for the remaining streets will be developed.



Street beautification work in the Flower Market Road.

Tai Kok Tsui

Following the completion of the Phases 1 and 2 works along Beech Street and the Cherry Street roundabout, the Phase 3 landscape improvement measures cover several streets in Tai Kok Tsui. Works for stage 1 of Phase 3 which involved improvement works mainly in parts of Fuk Tsun Street and Tai Kok Tsui Road started in 2012/13 and will be completed in 2013/14.



Landscape improvement work in Tai Kok Tsui.

Shophouse Preservation Projects

The acquisition of interests is continuing for the Prince Edward Road West project where partial conservation works have commenced on two blocks of the acquired buildings. The Shanghai Street project had reverted to the Government and clearance is in progress.



Conservation work in two acquired blocks of the Prince Edward Road West project.



Existing view of the Shanghai Street project.

Western Market

The term of the land grant for the century old Western Market which is a declared monument has been held over up to February 2015. Following the completion of a structural survey, a consultancy to identify the character-defining elements of the Western Market had also been completed. The URA is discussing with the Government on the way forward for the market.



Existing view of the century old Western Market.