

MAJOR EVENTS OF THE YEAR

APR

The Government appointed four new non-official non-executive directors, namely Mr Chan Ka-kui, Ir Janice Lai Wai-man, Mrs Sylvia Lam Yu Ka-wai and Ms Yvonne Yeung Kin-ha, while reappointing nine non-executive directors (non-official) of the URA Board, for a term of three years with effect from 1 May 2022.

MAY

The Nga Tsin Wai Road/Carpenter Road Development Scheme (KC-017) in Kowloon City was commenced under a holistic plan and Integrated Approach to optimise land use for enhancing walkability and community facilities, and to renew the old district for connecting with the new Kai Tak Development Area, with a view to creating a liveable, vibrant district with local characteristics, while blending the old and new cityscapes.



JUN

At Central Market, visitors were captivated by the exquisite miniature exhibition displaying local characteristics and urban cityscapes. It was the first of its kind to showcase the city's development as part of the celebratory events to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).



JUL

Amendments to the Mong Kok Outline Zoning Plan (OZP), which was supported by the URA, was gazetted to propose relaxing some statutory planning parameters with a view to incentivising more private market participation in urban renewal with greater planning flexibility, thereby speeding up regeneration. Approval from the Chief Executive in Council was later obtained in June 2023, while similar amendments to Yau Ma Tei OZP was also exhibited by the Town Planning Board for public inspection.

The Young Leaders Programme, jointly organised by the URA and the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, was concluded with presentation of creative proposals for enhancing liveability in To Kwa Wan by the students, who had a better grasp of urban renewal and geographic information system after attending a series of learning activities.

The Sham Shui Po District Study was commenced to map out a blueprint for urban renewal by going through baseline reviews, identification of opportunities and constraints, formulation of plans and technical assessment stages.

AUG



SEP

Under the Integrated Approach, the URA commenced a three-year District-based Rehabilitation Pilot Scheme to promote proper maintenance and building rehabilitation to owners of the old building clusters along the area from Nam Kok Road to Tak Ku Ling Road in Kowloon City, expecting to benefit 1,000 residential units.

The Ming Lun Street/Ma Tau Kok Road Development Scheme (KC-018) and To Kwa Wan Road/Ma Tau Kok Road Development Scheme (KC-019) in To Kwa Wan was commenced to improve the living environment in the old districts through holistic restructuring and replanning of the land uses of the area. Additionally, connectivity of To Kwa Wan with the Kai Tak Development Area will be enhanced while a vibrant harbourfront will be created, thus bringing greater benefits to the community.

OCT



Organised by the URA as part of the celebrating activities for the 25th Anniversary of the HKSAR establishment, the four-month event of "Move 'n' Roll Beyond Barrier" Floor Curling was concluded with about 9,500 man-times of people of all ages and abilities playing floor curling, setting the world record of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

NOV

With the assistance from the URA and legal consultants, one of the undissolved co-operative building societies (CBSs) of the Kau Pui Lung Road/Chi Kiang Street Project (CBS-2:KC) completed the dissolution and reversion of property titles within approximately one year. A ceremony was held to witness the former CBS members acquiring legal titles of their properties and becoming registered owners to accept URA's acquisition offers.

The Queen's Road West/Kwai Heung Street Development Project (C&W-007) was commenced with the objectives of synergising with the Sung Hing Lane/Kwai Heung Street Development Project (C&W-005) through a holistic restructuring of the area, and enlivening the project and surrounding area under the Integrated Approach. Apart from improving the streetscapes, the URA will also enhance the facilities and connectivity of the open spaces.

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On the eve of Chinese New Year, the URA partnered with non-governmental organisations and some residents to clean up the Kim Shin Lane/Fuk Wa Street Development Project area that were plagued with insanitary conditions, while also helping families in need to do spring-cleaning preparing their homes for the new start of the year.



FEB

After considering the careful deliberation by the Tender Review Panel, the URA Board decided to reject the tender of Development Areas 4 & 5 of the Kwun Tong Town Centre Project. The URA will explore adopting the concept of 'vertical city' to optimise the land potential by integrating multiple uses including domestic uses into a vertical environment.



MAR



Volunteers from tertiary institutions and the URA participated in the Community Service Partnership Scheme to produce bespoke furniture out of abandoned wood for the underprivileged families in old districts, while also taking care of the mental and physical well-being of elderly people in care homes through art creation activities and the provision of gerontechnology.

APR

The third round of Operation Building Bright 2.0 (OBB 2.0) & Fire Safety Improvement Works Subsidy Scheme was open for application to assist building owners in carrying out proper maintenance and repair works. The application criteria for OBB 2.0 have been relaxed to encourage more voluntary building inspection and repairs.



MAY

The baseline review of the Tsuen Wan District Study was commenced to collect views from owners, tenants and relevant stakeholders in the district. The results will be analysed for devising a blueprint for urban regeneration of the Tsuen Wan district.

JUN

To offer continuous assistance to businesses during the post-pandemic economic recovery period, the URA decided to extend the special rent relief measures for its domestic and commercial tenants until September 2023. Since April 2020, the cumulative amount of rent concessions is expected to reach around HK\$267 million in September 2023, benefitting approximately 1,300 tenants.

The URA-assisted Transitional Housing Project in Hung Shui Kiu, Yan Oi House, completed construction. The URA rendered assistance in project management and construction for the non-governmental organisation Yan Oi Tong, and adopted the Concrete Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) method to reduce the overall construction time to 12 months, and an enhanced layout to increase the number of units - an exemplary of transitional housing projects for the industry.

