

Statement and wish list for 'Lantau Tomorrow' from HKIA

What is the "Vision" for 'Lantau Tomorrow'?

A good city always start with a 'Good Vision'. Cities like Singapore, New York and Sydney, their master planning always depart from a long-term vision that embodies the hope for better quality of life and the creation of a better place. Such intent can then be carried on and embedded into the planning and regulatory controls at later stages.

In contrary, a city planning that is driven solely from a pragmatic point of view with priority given to infrastructures, roads or railways will result in undesirable urban spaces that can greatly undermine a city's development, especially on its connectivity and vibrancy. Such lessons can be learnt worldwide where many large-scale urban revamps are undergoing to remove or relocate the infrastructures for better public space.

A vision is also crucial in gaining public support through visualization of an aspirational future. It should be a 3-dimensional model with spatial intervention that illustrates and depicts the urban life and public spaces.

The consultancy scope should identify the "Vision" for 'Lantau Tomorrow'. Will it be the East Lantau Metropolis? 3rd CBD? Transportation Hub? Double Gateway? Connection to Great Bay Area? And New Housing Domain?

Why Vision is so important?

'Lantau Tomorrow' is important for entire Hong Kong and not just Lantau Tomorrow for the next 20 – 30 years. Therefore, international standard concept plan and master plan with innovative planning framework, vision of Government, and new key strategies by Consultant are required to gain the Public Support. Furthermore, new planning process/approval mechanism such as new urban commission may also be considered to implement the innovative urban design.

How to gather Vision?

The consultancy study should be forward thinking for the next generation. Taking into account the planned future growth and any synergies with the surrounding existing

and planned urban developments. Holistic infrastructural considerations including but not limited to railway, public road and ferries must also take into account.

Public engagement methods are also important to make sure the views from the general public in particular the young generation will be included in the findings of the final study.

What are the consultancy procurement method and key scopes?

It is up most important to have multi-disciplinary collaboration in order to achieve a balance perspective from urban planning, architecture, landscape design, engineering and cost aspects for Lantau Tomorrow development. The study should have good visualization to enable the public to have understanding on the findings of study.

The Government should also consider whether two or more stages consultations will be required and how design competitions can be employed in the design study of 'Lantau Tomorrow' so talents all over the world can contribute to the planning design.

The study should cover the planning design from vision to reality in particular the phasing of the development. Put concept before planning, design before control, new urban design principles, policy making tool, visionary layer manager and allow flexibility for future regular reviews on the plans with actual growth and needs for 'Lantau Tomorrow' and Hong Kong.

What are the other detail scopes on the research and study for the consultancy study?

While it is important to achieve high standard of livability and sustainability for the 'Lantau Tomorrow', the consultant's scopes should also cover with the following aspirational future planning and new urban design principle but not limited to:

- People Oriented in particular the Waterfront
- 3-Dimensional planning
- Phasing strategies
- Smart City
- 5G or even 6G -Enabled
- Carbon Neutral
- Compact Living for walkability
- Artificial Intelligence

- Infrastructure
- Climate changes
- Transportation
- Robotic Parking
- Car Sharing
- Spatial Co-sharing
- Public Domain below +20mPD
- Landscape design
- Cost and economic aspects