Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Chapter 370)

Scheme annexed to Plans Nos. 240246/GZ001 and 240246/GZ002 under section 5 describing PWP Item No. 6182TB Elevated Pedestrian Corridor in Yuen Long Town connecting with Long Ping Station

General Description of the Works

Under powers delegated by the Secretary for Transport and Housing under section 3(3) of the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Chapter 370) ("the Ordinance"), the Acting Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) proposes to execute the road works within the limit of works area as shown on Plans Nos. 240246/GZ001 and 240246/GZ002 ("the Plans") annexed hereto and described hereunder. The proposed road works are required to relieve the prevailing pedestrian congestion on at grade footpaths and to meet the anticipated pedestrian traffic demand to be induced by the future developments in the Yuen Long town area.

- 2. The general nature of the proposed works is as follows
 - (i) construction of an approximately 540m long covered elevated pedestrian corridor ("the Proposed Footbridge") along the Yuen Long Town Nullah from the West Rail Long Ping Station to the south of Kau Yuk Road;
 - (ii) construction of six pedestrian connectivity platforms adjacent to Yuen Long On Ning Road, Castle Peak Road - Yuen Long and Kau Yuk Road providing proposed staircases, lifts, footpaths, pedestrian

- ramps, and escalators to connect the Proposed Footbridge with the existing at grade footpaths with landscape areas;
- (iii) permanent closure and conversion of sections of the existing landscape areas into footpaths and staircases;
- (iv) permanent closure and conversion of sections of the existing footpaths into footbridge columns, staircases and landscape areas;
- (v) permanent closure and conversion of a section of the existing maintenance ramp of the nullah at Yu Wing Path into landscape area;
- (vi) temporary closure and reconstruction of sections of the existing landscape areas;
- (vii) temporary closure and reconstruction of sections of the existing footpaths;
- (viii)temporary closure of sections of the existing carriageways, footpaths, traffic islands, parking spaces, maintenance ramp of nullah, landscape areas and amenity areas;
- (ix) approximately 0.01 hectares of Government foreshore or sea-bed inside Yuen Long Town Nullah to be reclaimed for the construction of columns of footbridge and column walls of pedestrian connectivity platforms; and

(x) ancillary works including drainage, environmental, utility, public lighting, landscaping and electrical and mechanical works.

Creation of Easements and Other Permanent Rights

- 3. For the purposes of or incidental to the works or the use, the Acting Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) proposes that powers under section 15 of the Ordinance may be exercised to create in, under or over the land as shown on the Plan for Creation of Easements and Other Permanent Rights No. YLM9249 annexed hereto and described in the table set out thereon the following easements and other permanent rights in favour of the Government -
 - (i) the right to construct, modify, extend, keep, retain, maintain and repair the Proposed Footbridge;
 - (ii) the right to manage, operate and use the Proposed Footbridge;
 - (iii) the right to enter and remain on the Proposed Footbridge;
 - (iv) the right of exclusive occupation and use of the Proposed Footbridge and the right to allow members of the public to use and occupy the Proposed Footbridge;
 - (v) the right to enter, occupy or remain in, under or over the land for the purpose of carrying out management, operation, maintenance and repair works for the Proposed Footbridge; and

(vi) the right to occupy and use the land and the right to permit and allow the contractors, employees, servants, agents, licensees and other authorized persons of the Government to occupy and use the land for any purposes incidental to any of the above purposes set out in paragraphs 3(i) to 3(v) above.

Further notice, setting out the manner in which easements and other permanent rights are to be created, will be issued under section 16 of the Ordinance as and when required.

Creation of Rights of Temporary Occupation of Land

4. For the purposes of or incidental to the works or the use, the Acting Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) proposes that powers under section 15 of the Ordinance may be exercised to create, in favour of the Government, rights of temporary occupation of the land as shown on Plan for Creation of Rights of Temporary Occupation of Land No. YLM9320 annexed hereto and detailed in the table set out thereon. By the creation of such rights, the Government, its contractors, employees, servants, agents, licensees and any other person authorized or permitted by the Government are given full rights and liberty to enter, occupy or remain on that portion of land and to use such portion of land as works areas and other uses for the purposes of or incidental to the works described in paragraph 2 above or the use. Further notice, setting out the manner in which the land is to be temporarily occupied, will be issued under section 16 of the Ordinance as and when required.

Roads to be Closed and Government Foreshore or Sea-bed to be Reclaimed

5. For the purposes of or incidental to the works or the use, the Acting Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) proposes that powers under section 17 of the Ordinance may be exercised to close permanently sections of the existing footpaths, landscape areas and maintenance ramp of nullah; to close temporarily sections of the existing carriageways, footpaths, traffic islands, parking spaces, maintenance ramp of nullah, landscape areas and amenity areas; and to reclaim Government foreshore or sea-bed within the limit of works area as shown on the Plans. Temporary alternative access will be provided and temporary diversions will be carried out during the construction period as and when required. Further notice, setting out the manner in which such carriageways, footpaths, traffic islands, parking spaces, maintenance ramp of nullah, landscape areas and amenity areas are to be closed and such Government foreshore or sea-bed are to be reclaimed, will be issued under section 18 of the Ordinance as and when required.

Apparatus whose Course or Position to be Altered

6. For the purposes of or incidental to the works or the use, the Acting Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) proposes that powers under section 20 of the Ordinance may be exercised to require alteration of the course or position of any existing utility service apparatus, such as electricity cables and ducts, telecommunication cables and ducts, water-mains, storm water drains, foul drains, gas pipes and any other service apparatus lying within the limit of works area, and to require repairing of any road surface thereby disturbed. Further notice, setting out the manner in which the course or

position of such apparatus is to be altered and the repair of any road surface, will be issued under section 20 of the Ordinance as and when required.

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