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Welcome step to world-class harbourfront

The Society for Protection of the Harbour was delighted to learn from the chief executive's policy address that he supports the Harbourfront Commission's proposal for setting up a dedicated statutory harbourfront authority, to provide "a harbour for the people, a harbour of vitality".

Our society fully supports the government's proposal. Through this authority, the harbourfront can be developed in a holistic manner for the benefit of Hong Kong people. We shall collaborate with the government and the commission and hope this new authority can be established as soon as possible.

In the proposed public consultation, we look forward to the strong support of the Hong Kong public and legislative councillors for this statutory authority so that the required legislation can be passed without an inordinate delay.

This body is urgently needed because vital waterfront areas at West Kowloon, Kai Tak and Wan Chai need urgent planning.

The opportunity to give Hong Kong a world-class harbourfront should not be missed.

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