

ACE Paper 2/2023 For information on 6 February 2023

Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands

Background Note

PURPOSE

This paper provides background information on *ACE Paper 1/2023* on "Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands" prepared by the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and Planning Department (PlanD) for discussion at the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) meeting on 6 February 2023.

BACKGROUND

- 2. The Chief Executive announced the Lantau Tomorrow Vision in the 2018 Policy Address to meet the long-term development needs of Hong Kong. One of the key initiatives is to undertake studies on reclamation for the formation of artificial islands in the Central Waters. The development of the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands can provide about 1 000 hectares of land and will expand the scope and capacity of Hong Kong's development as well as enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness as a financial, commercial and trade centre.
- 3. At the ACE meeting held on 8 November 2021, CEDD and PlanD briefed Members on the initial plan of the project such as the vision and guiding principles, planning and urban design concepts as well as engineering and infrastructures. Members provided comments on the project and it was agreed that CEDD and PlanD should brief ACE regularly on the project progress and to gauge views of Members. The relevant paper and minutes of the meeting are appended below -

Relevant ACE Meeting		Relevant paper / minutes
The 250 th ACE meeting on 8 November	•	ACE Paper 20/2021
2021 to discuss the paper on "Study on the	•	Confirmed Minutes of Meeting
Artificial Islands in the Central Waters"		_

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