

DEVELOPING LANTAU FOR NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Strategic Positioning & Development Directions



Hong Kong has been playing a pivotal role in the Pearl River Delta (PRD) region. With its premier geographical location and various large-scale infrastructure developments, Lantau has huge growth potential, and is set to become the convergence point of Hong Kong, Macau and the PRD and play a strategic role in Hong Kong's sustainable development.

Strategic Positioning

1 International Transport, Logistics and Trade Hub in PRD

Lantau is connected to the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) and the Tsing Ma Bridge that leads to downtown areas. With the future completion of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the Tuen Mun - Chek Lap Kok Link, Lantau's edge in transport infrastructure will further enhance Hong Kong's network with the Mainland and overseas. Leveraging on Lantau's connectivity, Hong Kong's role as an international transport, logistics and trade hub will be strengthened.

2 Connecting Services in Greater PRD Region and Asia

With large-scale infrastructure projects and a comprehensive transportation network, the travelling time between Lantau and most PRD cities can be within three hours and the island enjoys convenient flight connections with many Asian cities and towns. Capitalising on this connectivity edge, Hong Kong can further develop as a one-stop and high-value modern service hub that facilitates business expansion of the city's well-respected legal, medical, financial and education services on the Mainland and in Asia.

3 Strategic Growth Area with New Metropolis

The central waters between Lantau and Hong Kong Island are close to the existing business districts. The area has the potential to be developed into a new metropolis that can accommodate hundreds of thousands of people and become a third core business district in Hong Kong, expanding economic development and job opportunities as well as relieving the existing overcrowding situation of the urban core.

4 Treasure of Natural Assets

Most of Lantau is covered by country parks and surrounded by natural coastlines with scenic landscapes and a rich diversity of flora and fauna. This treasure of natural assets together with diverse tourism facilities on the island will create greater synergy for a wide range of visitor experiences spanning conservation, culture, heritage, entertainment and tourism.

Development Directions

Based on the Revised Concept Plan for Lantau published in 2007 and the aforementioned strategic positioning of Lantau, the Lantau Development Advisory Committee has proposed the following four development directions:

Northern Lantau Corridor (For Economic and Housing Development)

With the HKIA, the Tung Chung New Town Extension project and other major infrastructure along its route, the Corridor can provide ample opportunities for housing, economic and commercial uses.

2 North-eastern Lantau Node (For Leisure, Entertainment and Tourism)

With new and diversified tourism and entertainment elements that complement the existing leisure facilities on north-eastern Lantau, Hong Kong's position as Asia's tourist hub and events capital can be reinforced.

3 East Lantau Metropolis (ELM) (Strategic Growth Area with a Core Business District)

Reclamation for one artificial island or more in the central waters to form an additional core business district and new town can serve Hong Kong's long-term needs in a sustainable manner. The ELM would adopt a smart, diverse and environmentally friendly new town concept with transport infrastructure connections to major districts on Hong Kong Island.

4 Predominant Part of Lantau (For Conservation, Leisure, Cultural and Green Tourism)

Most of Lantau is rich in ecological habitats, rural townships and cultural and heritage attractions. In preserving the island's intrinsic and unique qualities, there is a great potential for leisure, cultural and green tourism development on Lantau.