

Information Sheet

**Project Title: On-street Survey of Public Expectations on the Pedestrian Environment  
Improvement Scheme in Yuen Long Town**

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**Project Abstract:**

Inadequate pedestrian facility is a long-standing problem in Yuen Long Town Centre (“YLTC”). Footpaths and pedestrian crossings, which were constructed in the 1960s, are inadequate to meet the surging demand. The presence of the Light Rail Transit System has restrained the scope of widening / improving the existing footpaths. Obstructions on footpaths including bus stops, building columns, newspaper stands, shopping activities, etc., have also aggravated the problem. The situation will further deteriorate in the coming years, when new residential developments in the vicinity of YLTC are completed and occupied.

In the 2008 Policy Address, it is stated that the Government will propose a scheme (“the Scheme”) to improve the pedestrian environment in YLTC. The Scheme may include but not limited to measures such as footbridges, pedestrian subways, pedestrianised streets, traffic calming streets, and relocation of Light Rail Transit underground or onto an elevated structure.

The Scheme may have potential impacts on social, cultural, traffic, land use, historical, economical, the environment and sustainability development of the YLTC. There is a need to engage the public at the preliminary planning stage to have a thorough understanding of the community needs and to obtain stakeholders’ preliminary views on the Scheme.

In order to research into this area, a detailed on-street survey will be undertaken by the Centre for Environmental Policy and Resource Management (“CEPRM”) of the Department of Geography and Resource Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The objective of the detailed on-street survey is to solicit the public’s views in respect of:

- the existing pedestrian environment and facilities in Yuen Long Town;
- the key issues and concerns of the community; and
- areas for improvement.