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SUPPLEMENTARY PAPER ON PLANNING INTENTION FOR SUNSHINE ISLAND

PURPOSE

1. This Paper aims to provide Members with information on the planning intention for Sunshine Island as reference for their consideration of proposed development in the vicinity of this island.

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- 2. The Island is located about ½ km northeast of Hei Ling Chau (see Plan attached) and falls within the Western Harbour Development Study Area. There is at present no committed major development on the island. It is believed that there may be one or two residents on the northern part of the island. Sunshine Island has been recommended as the "re-housing" site for Romer's Tree Frogs from Chek Lap Kok. However, the suitability of the island as a release site for the Romer's Tree Frogs is still being studied by HKU. The island has also been short-listed as the selected potential land-based borrow areas by the Working Group on Potential Land Based Borrow Areas as one of the possible sources of fill for the Lantau Port Development in the long term.
- 3. Sunshine Island is currently not covered by any layout plan, outline development plan or outline zoning plan. According to the Interim Recommended Strategy of the SWNT Development Strategy Review which was endorsed by the Development Progress Committee (DPC) on 10.6.93, the Island is recommended to be designated as conservation area/landscape protection area.
- 4. According to the current thinking of the SWNT DSR, which is expected to produce a final Recommended Strategy by the end of this year, the planning intention for Sunshine Island is mainly conservation oriented. Although the Island is in close proximity to the Lantau Port, it ranks much lower in priority for development when compared with other islands such as Peng Chau, Cheung Chau and Lamma as the Island is not easily accessible and almost uninhabited. Therefore, it is not envisaged that there would be major development on Sunshine Island in the long term.

