

Conflict between skateboarders and residents at Belcher Bay Promenade

Reply from the Development Bureau:

Taking into account the opinion received from the public, the Development Bureau adopted a different site management model from that of other open spaces at the Belcher Bay Harbourfront Open Space (BBHOS). In order to enhance visitors' experience, the Harbour Office (HO), by arranging "pop-up" activities, invites private professionals to build activity platforms and seats using pallets used for cargo transportation in the multi-purpose space in the center of the site. The activity platform can be assembled at users' discretion, allowing visitors to develop their creativity and use them freely according to their preferences.

The site has been widely appraised by the public since its opening on 19 October 2020. Many users have expressed that the arrangement of various "pop-up" facilities in the site has brought along a brand-new harbourfront experience. However, the HO has also noticed that some users may have caused inconvenience on other visitors when using the relevant facilities. Therefore, the HO has added relevant signs to the site to remind the public to keep safe, and to take care of others while taking care of themselves. The security guards have also been reminded to pay more attention so that all visitors can enjoy the facilities safely and happily. We will further consider Members' suggestions on strengthening the publicity and education on site.

The multi-purpose space in the Belcher Bay Promenade covers an area of about 3,000 square meters. Currently, there are about 200 pallets for the public to use freely. Using the estimation that each pallet approximately takes up 1.32 square meters, the pallets are occupying about 10% of the total area of the multi-purpose space. The public will stack or erect the pallets from time to time, so the actual space being occupied by the pallets is less than the above ratio. Taking into account the opinion expressed in this discussion paper, we will continue to closely monitor the usage of the pallets and make necessary adjustments and arrangements as and when necessary.

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