

# **Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau invites market to submit expressions of interest for better utilising Kai Tak Cruise Terminal space**

â€¢ The Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) today (May 21) invites the market to submit expressions of interest (EOI) for better utilising the space of the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal (KTCT).

A spokesman for the CSTB said that, as one of the strategies in the Action Plan on Development of Cruise Tourism, the CSTB aims to elevate the function of the KTCT as a cruise terminal for all. Apart from the cruise operation facilities, the KTCT also has an ancillary commercial area of about 5 600 square metres, and public space located on the rooftop and the second floor. The CSTB invites interested vendors and organisations to submit feasible proposals for the use of the ancillary commercial areas and public space, including use for conventional retail or other purposes, with a view to fully utilising the space.

The CSTB has been committed to promoting the KTCT for hosting more non-cruise and commercial events during the low season and on days when fewer cruises berthing thereat to better utilise the space at the KTCT. As well, with the official commissioning of the Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP) on March 1 this year, the KTSP has become a new hub for hosting major sports and entertainment events. The pedestrian walkway connecting the KTSP and the KTCT has recently been opened, and the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau has completed the tender exercise for the Youth Post hostel and spaces for cultural and arts exchanges for youths next to the KTCT. The organisation to operate the said youth development facility has been selected, and is expected to commence operation within this year. With the gradual population intake of the residential development projects at the former runway area of Kai Tak, the transport connectivity of the KTCT will continue to be enhanced in accordance with the plan. Seizing the opportunities brought by the abovementioned developments, the CSTB hopes to bring more visitors to the KTCT by the new activities and seek business opportunities through collaboration among the Government, the business sector and the community.

The CSTB welcomes interested commercial entities, non-profit-making organisations, organisations related to the cultural, creative and sports industries as well as young entrepreneurs to submit proposals.

The spokesman added that in considering the suggestions collected, the CSTB will focus on how the activities can create greater convenience and a better experience for cruise visitors, create synergies between the KTSP and the Youth Post hostel, and benefit the residential community of Kai Tak. The CSTB will determine the future use and management arrangements of the the

relevant space based on the suggestions.

The invitation documents for the EOI have been uploaded onto the website of the Tourism Commission ([www.tourism.gov.hk/en/papers-reports.php?type=expression\\_of\\_interest](http://www.tourism.gov.hk/en/papers-reports.php?type=expression_of_interest)). Interested parties must submit their EOI by July 18 (Friday). The CSTB will also hold a briefing session on the EOI invitation on June 3 (Tuesday). For details of the briefing, please refer to the respective invitation documents for the EOI.