

Pierside Precinct at Wan Chai harbourfront further opens (with photos)

The Pierside Precinct located near Wan Chai Ferry Pier was further opened today (November 26), providing a nostalgic harbourfront leisure space with a panoramic view of Victoria Harbour for the general public. Members of the public can now stroll between the Pierside Precinct and the Water Sports and Recreation Precinct along the waterfront. This is the 12th harbourfront leisure space opened since October last year.

A spokesman for the Development Bureau said, "The newly opened space is located to the east of Wan Chai Ferry Pier on a harbour site reclaimed for the construction of the Central-Wan Chai Bypass. Under the incremental approach, a 180-metre-long promenade of the Pierside Precinct was opened in March this year and a further 80m was opened in October. The space opened today, with a size of about 4 600 square metres, has almost doubled the space of the Precinct."

In contrast to the colourful cartoon style adopted at the other harbourfront sites opened earlier in Western District and Wan Chai, the Precinct mainly comprises simple fair-faced concrete and wooden structures. With its clear and rectilinear layout and earth-tone colours, the new space features a stylish touch, echoing the overall direction of making every section special in harbourfront development.

Echoing the design concept with photo frames and neon lights, the newly opened harbourfront space features installations that are reminiscent of the past of Hong Kong. The Precinct is decorated with traditional, Hong Kong-style metal gates with brightly coloured mailboxes hanging on them. It showcases the lifestyles of Hong Kong in the past and offers check-in spots for visitors to take photos.

The promenade is a pet-friendly venue where visitors are welcome to bring along their pets on leashes. The newly opened space features a pet garden where pets can run freely, allowing owners and their pets to enjoy a great time.

HarbourChill, a themed harbourfront space located next to the Pierside Precinct, also opened an extended portion today. The new area, which covers an area of about 250 sq m, will be managed as a Harbourfront Shared Space under a vision-driven approach. It features artificial turf, a luminous word installation of "HarbourChill", and a curved outdoor deck with featured tables and chairs, providing more leisure and dining space for the public.

"We will continue to open more harbourfront spaces in phases while the infrastructure works at the Wan Chai harbourfront are in progress. It is anticipated that about 45 000 sq m of new open space at the Wan Chai

harbourfront will be completed by the end of this year or early next year. We greatly look forward to the opening of the Water Sports and Recreation Precinct (Phase II) in Wan Chai and the Revitalised Typhoon Shelter Precinct at the end of this year, so as to introduce fence-free harbour steps to Victoria Harbour for the first time and let visitors get even closer to the water," the spokesman said.

Located next to Wan Chai Ferry Pier, the Pierside Precinct can be accessed from the ferry pier or Wan Chai North Temporary Public Transport Interchange, or by walking just 10 minutes via footbridges from MTR Wan Chai Station (Exit A5) (see Annex).



