




# The Focus Study on Aberdeen Harbour

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## 3 DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS

### *Opportunities*

The Study Area has the following opportunities:

- its unique maritime heritage and history



- its existing tourist attractions such as the fishing harbour, Ocean Park and floating restaurants



- its proximity to other existing tourist attractions, e.g. Repulse Bay, Stanley



### **Constraints**

However, the Study Area also has the following major constraints:

- shortage of developable land



- congested typhoon shelter in particular during the period of Fishing Moratorium in the South China Sea



- congested local road network



- incompatible uses such as the bus depot in Ap Lei Chau



## 4 DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

### ***Fishing Port Theme***

Aberdeen Harbour has its unique maritime and fishing history. It has been a known seaport since the Ming Dynasty. It has also been home for fishing fleets and floating village.



*Aberdeen in the past*

With its rich maritime heritage, history and unique characters, the area has been one of the major tourist attractions in Hong Kong.



In order to build on its existing reputation and pay full respect to its unique maritime and fishing history, it is proposed to adopt the Fishing Port Theme to guide the selection and design of tourism products in Aberdeen Harbour, to market the area as an international tourist destination and a location for new investment opportunities.

### ***Fisherman's Wharf Development***

Based on the Fishing Port Theme, it is proposed to provide a Fisherman's Wharf Development within Aberdeen Harbour. The term "Fisherman's Wharf Development" has been widely used and has been interpreted in a range of ways. According to the Study, Fisherman's Wharf Development is defined as the redevelopment of a traditional fishing port/area. Similar to other Fisherman's Wharves abroad, the proposed Fisherman's Wharf Development will maintain and enhance the existing fishing activities in the Harbour while incorporating the following tourism and recreation uses:



• **Maritime museum** showing the maritime history of Hong Kong and Aberdeen Harbour



• **Floating markets** selling souvenirs, arts and crafts



• **Live fish market** maintaining and enhancing fishing activities in Aberdeen Harbour



• **Flea markets** offering internet retail opportunities