Geospatial Information Hub (GIH) in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government

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Present Day Information Problems

- Data scattered in different departments
- Data in different formats, structures and computer systems
- Can be very inconveniently to access useful data keep by different departments
- Request, retrieve, prepare and disseminate of data involve substantive human interaction



Present Day Information Problems

- Duplicating effort in data processing among different parties
- Duplicating investment in building GIS with similar functions and data

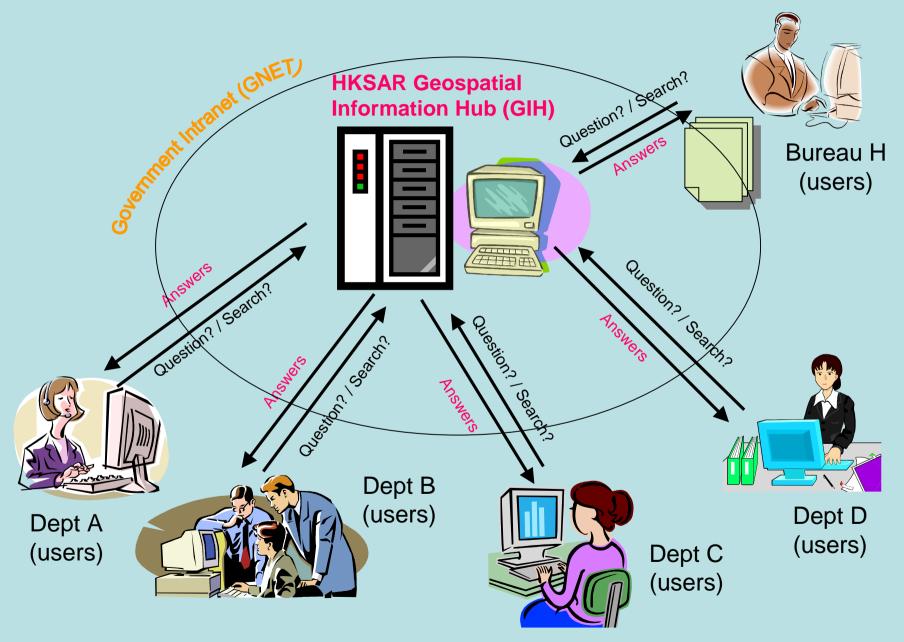


Problems Affecting Information Transparency and Accessibility

- Different government departments have different views on data sharing
- Spatial Data Interface (SDI) policy yet to be formulated in Hong Kong



A New Way of Accessing Geospatial Information in the Government



GIH Development

- Lands Department to develop and manage the GIH
- GIH launched in July 2004
- One-Stop information Service
- Run on ArcGIS Internet Mapping System
- A web-based information hub
- Use Lands Department's digital map data as a base
- Serving about 50 government departments



Lands Department's Role in GIH

- Integrate geospatial data from different sources (more than passive clearinghouse)
- Make geospatial data easily accessible in the Government
- Increase awareness and facilitate the sharing of geospatial data in the Government



Data available in GIH

- 1:1,000, 1:5,000 & 1:10,000 digital base map
- Aerial photos
- Ortho-rectified air photos
- Planning zoning boundaries
- Geodetic survey information
- Land status information



Data available in GIH

- Building and address information
- Road and transportation facilities
- Utility post information
- Planning zoning boundaries
- Education institution information
- Population census data



Use of GIH in Lands Department

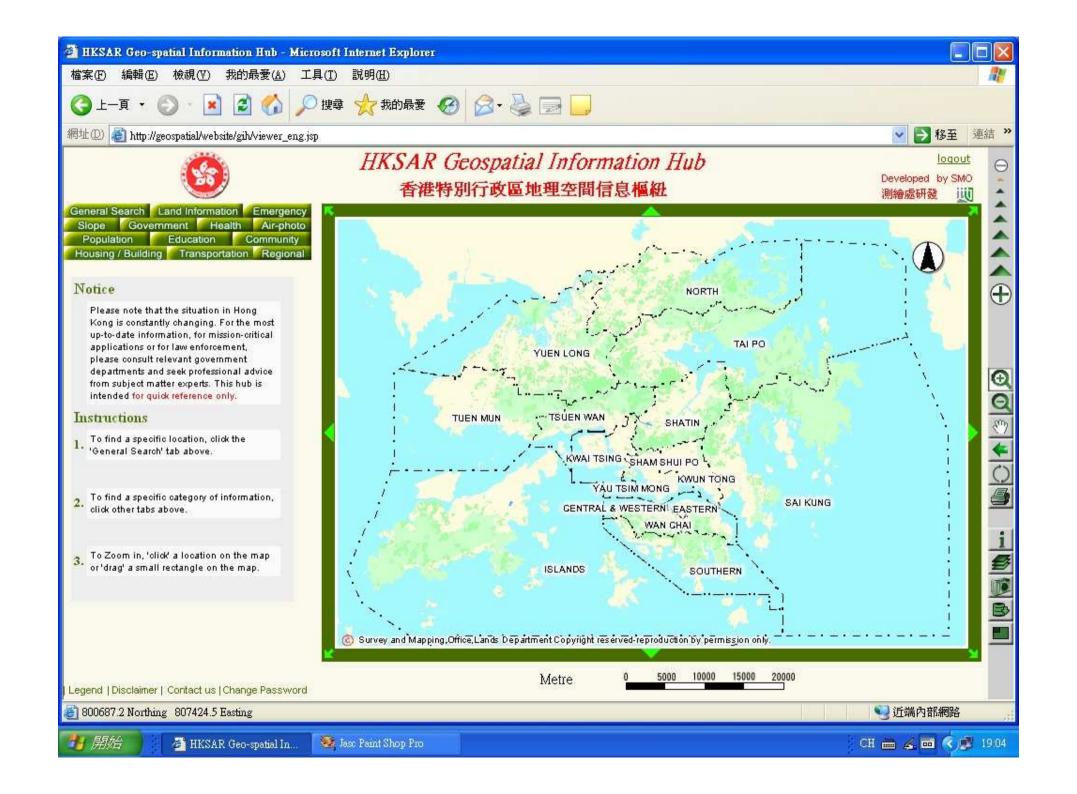
- Support land administration
- Support land boundary surveying
- Support topographic surveying
- Support map production
- Support air survey

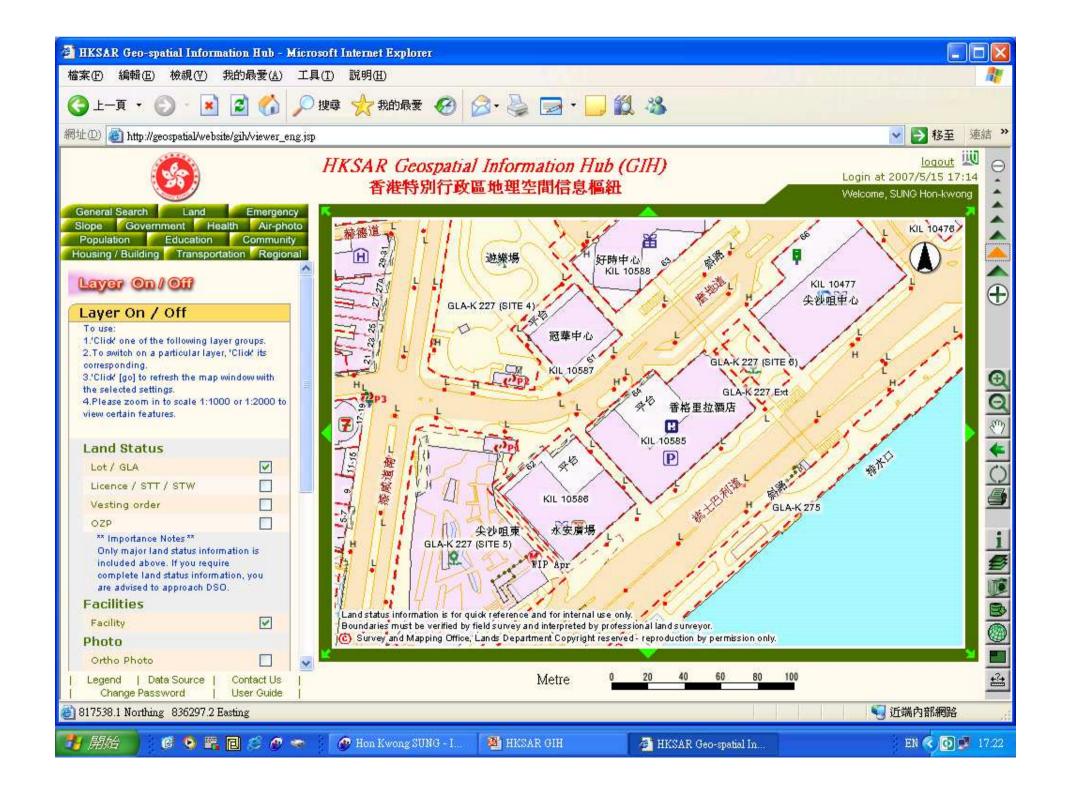


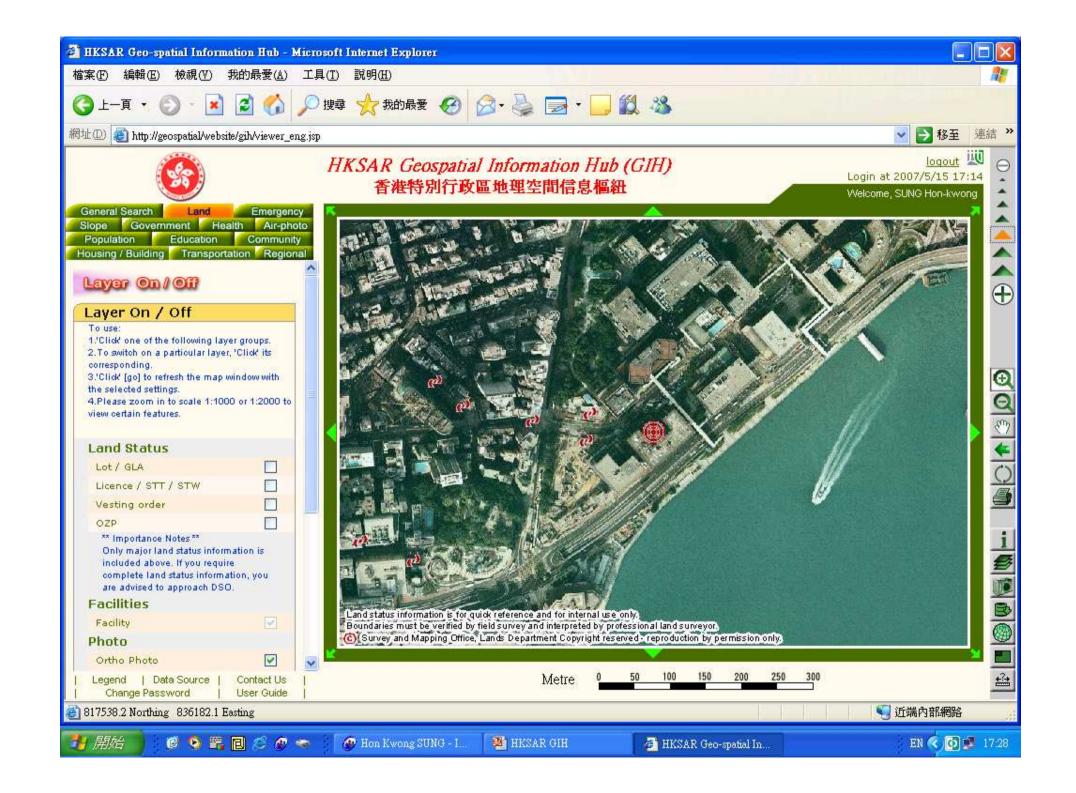
Use of GIH by Different Departments

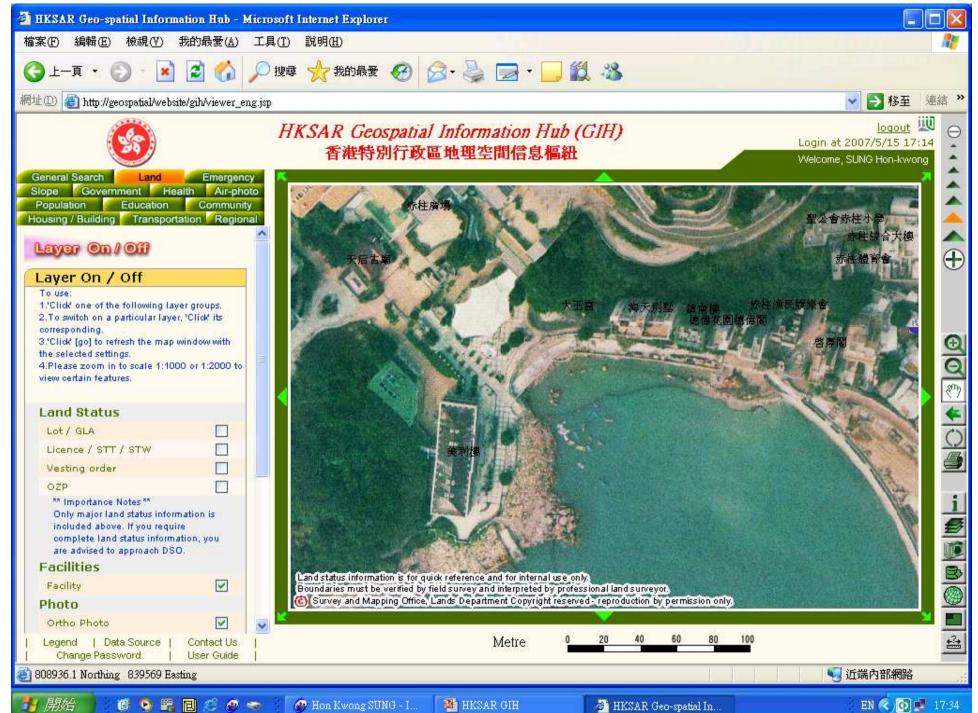
- Support control of dengue fever
- Support boundary delineation for election
- Support government property management
- Support engineering development
- Support town planning



















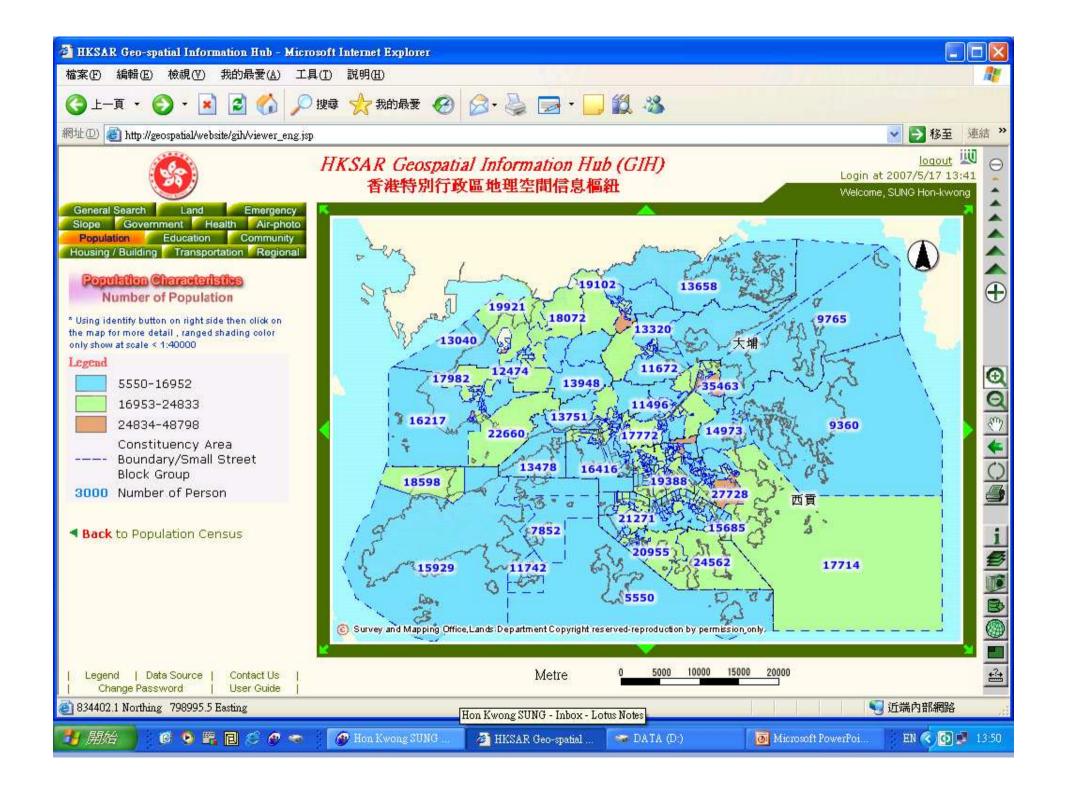


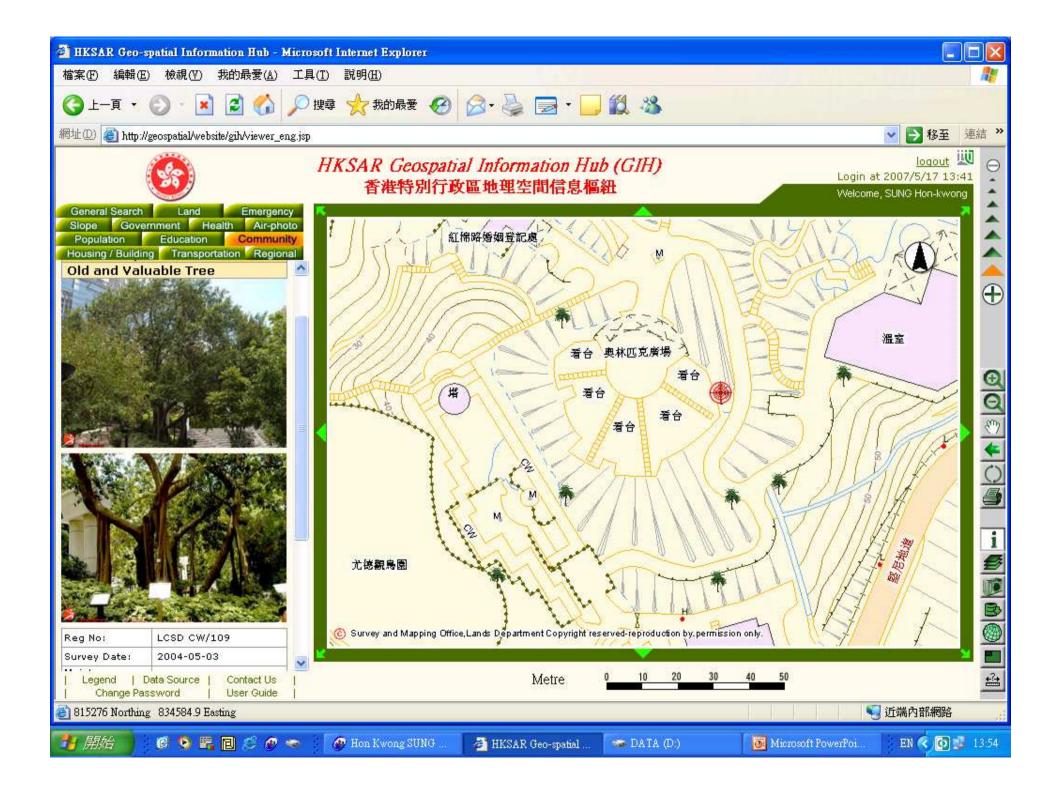












GIH Benefits

- Information right at fingertips convenient access
- Reduce response time/turnaround time
- Reduce duplication of effort in data integration
- Improve information transparency
- Facilitate crisis management
- More efficient and better public service



The Way Forward

- To assist in instilling a data sharing culture within Government
- To provide a platform for visualizing the benefits of mutual data sharing
- To provide a platform for efficient access of geospatial information
- To provide the service to more users in the Government
- To enrich the data and functions in GIH



