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Dear Miss Tai,

**District Councils Review**

Thank you for your letter of 28 March 2002.

After the Executive Council approved the final recommendations arising from the District Councils Review (DC Review) to enhance the roles and functions of DCs in November 2001, actions have been taken by relevant government departments to implement these recommendations. On 4 January 2002, the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (DLCS) wrote to all DC Chairmen setting out the measures to be taken in implementing the relevant recommendations made in the report of the DC Review, including the consultation with DCs on the usage and management of district leisure/cultural facilities and performance of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department's (LCSD) service contractors. In fact, the respective DCs have each established a committee to advise on the usage and management of district-based cultural and leisure facilities such as indoor games halls, parks, swimming pools, beaches, local libraries. A list of the committees is attached at the Annex.

LCSD's District Leisure Manager of the respective district, and the Senior Manager (Cultural Services) of the respective regional office attend the meetings of DC and/or the relevant committees to answer members' enquiries about LCSD's services. To facilitate DC members' discussions, bi-monthly reports on the usage of district-based cultural and leisure facilities, and the participation/attendance rates of the district recreational and cultural activities organised are submitted to DCs and/or the relevant committees. LCSD will also gradually expand and incorporate the following information in the bi-monthly report for DC members' advice :

- (a) matters relating to district recreational facilities, such as contracting-out/management of carparks at leisure venues, cleansing of venues and improvement projects;
- (b) services and facilities provided in district-based civic centres and libraries, public opinion survey results and improvement projects;
- (c) applications of district arts organisations for free use of cultural venues for organising district cultural activities;
- (d) views of the Customer Liaison Groups of the district venues;  
and
- (e) the service and performance of LCSD's contractors.

Starting from 2002-03, LCSD will also consult the DCs on the proposed annual programme of district recreational and cultural activities before finalising the programme.

To enhance communication with the DCs, DLCS will hold meetings with Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of DCs and the relevant committees on a half-yearly basis to collect their views on the work of the department. The progress of implementation of the recommendations arising from DC Review will be discussed at the next meeting around May to collect DC members' feedback.

The Home Affairs Bureau and Home Affairs Department will closely monitor the progress to ensure all recommendations arising from the DC Review are properly implemented.

Yours sincerely,

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**Committees responsible for district leisure/cultural facilities**

District	Committees responsible for district leisure/cultural facilities
Central & Western 中西區	Culture, Leisure & Social Affairs Committee 文化康樂及社會事務委員會
Eastern 東區	Leisure and Culture Committee 康樂及文化事務委員會
Kowloon City 九龍城	Culture, Recreation & Sports Committee 文化、康樂及體育事務委員會
Kwun Tong 觀塘	Culture, Recreation & Sports Committee 文化、康樂及體育事務委員會
Sham Shui Po 深水埗	Community Affairs Committee 社區事務委員會
Southern 南區	Community Building, Culture, Leisure & Tourism Committee 社區建設、文康及旅遊事務委員會
Wan Chai 灣仔	Leisure and Cultural Services Committee 康樂及文化事務委員會
Wong Tai Sin 黃大仙	Leisure & Cultural Services Committee 康樂及文化事務委員會
Yau Tsim Mong 油尖旺	Community Building Committee 社區建設委員會
Islands 離島	Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee 社區事務及文娛康樂委員會
Kwai Tsing 葵青	Recreation and Culture Committee 康樂文化委員會
North 北區	Recreation & Culture Committee 文化及康樂委員會
Sai Kung 西貢	Culture, Recreation & Sports Committee 文化、康樂及體育委員會
Sha Tin 沙田	Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee 文化、體育及社區發展委員會
Tai Po 大埔	Recreation, Sports and Cultural Affairs Committee 文娛康體委員會
Tsuen Wan 荃灣	Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee 文娛康樂及體育委員會
Tuen Mun 屯門	Leisure and Culture Committee 康樂及文化委員會
Yuen Long 元朗	Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee 文化、康樂及體育委員會