



香港小輪(集團)有限公司
HONG KONG FERRY (HOLDINGS) CO. LTD.

By Hand & By Fax

25 November 2004

Mr. Ricky Fung, JP - Secretary-General,
Legislative Council,
Hong Kong

(Fax No. : 2877 9600)

Dear Sir,

Now that I am back in Hong Kong from a trip to a remote part of China, I understand that there were press reports relating to my role in Henderson Land Development Co. Ltd.'s (HLD) bid for the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD).

I would like to point out that:

A) To the best of my knowledge and to date Henderson Land Development Co. Ltd. (HLD), a publicly-listed company, owns approximately 73.48% of Henderson Investment Ltd. (HI) which is also a publicly-listed company. HI in turn owns to the best of my knowledge and to date around 31.33% of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Co. Ltd (HKF). HKF is therefore not a subsidiary (附屬公司) of HLD. HLD does not hold a majority shareholding interest in HKF and is not the parent company of HKF. I shall be grateful if Honourable Members can note the legal position.

B) The Government, especially the Chief Secretary, the Hon. Donald Tsang GBS JP, has repeatedly told the Legislative Council and the public that the West Kowloon Cultural District project WKCD is a cultural project. It is a mega project for which, to my knowledge, HLD has employed over 30 local and overseas consultancy firms, each specialising in different areas of work, such as planning, architecture, mechanical/electrical engineering, structural engineering, water design, museum curatorial work, culture and arts, etc.



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HKF is just one of these consultants, focusing only on the broad culture and arts aspects.

C) As regards my involvement I would like to refer Honourable Members to the press releases issued by HKF on 9 and 15 November 2004 (copies of which are attached for easy reference). To reiterate, I am an employee of HKF. I work on assignments within the scope of work as approved by the Hong Kong Government in March 2004. In respect of the WKCD project, HKF and I only provide advice on cultural and arts aspects. HKF and I have no involvement, and I shall not have any involvement, in any property-related issues of WKCD whatsoever. In view of and provided that the work conducted by me and HKF is ring-fenced within the parameters of the Government's approval, and in particular, does not relate to land/property matters, the legal advice I was given is that my work falls within Government's approval dated 29 March 2004. As regards cultural work, I left my post of Director of Urban services and was transferred to another Government department in August 1999. In the five years since August 1999 and before my retirement from active Government service in November 2003, I have never (repeat, never) participated in any arts or cultural activities (or work) on behalf of the Government. So the "sanitation period" requirement for me to undertake cultural work has been satisfied more than adequately. The cultural aspects of WKCD is just one of the many work assignments which I have done for HKF, which work includes, travel, hotel, recreational services, batching plants, liaison with District Councils etc.

I should be grateful if you can let Honourable Members know about the exact legal and factual position. If they have other questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Co. Ltd.

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CC : The Hon. Joseph Wong, GBS, JP
Mr. P. H. Li



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鍾麗幟受聘於香港小輪

特此敬告

香港小輪(集團)有限公司就今日(2004年11月9日)傳媒查詢作出以下回應：

鍾麗幟小姐受聘於香港小輪(集團)有限公司，其任職範圍已在2004年3月得到香港政府批核，並在4月中開始在本公司上任。

鍾小姐所進行與文化藝術有關的工作，事先已得到香港政府認可，內容已包含在2004年3月29日香港政府發給鍾小姐的信件中，之後亦分別在2004年5月及9月得到公務員事務局再三確認。

至於有關西九龍文化藝術區的文化項目工作，只是鍾小姐在香港小輪(集團)有限公司眾多工作之其中的一部分，除此之外，她還經常需要出外公幹，參與中國業務發展。

特此敬告。



9 November 2004

PRESS RELEASE

In response to press enquires today, Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Co. Ltd. wishes to clarify as follows:

Ms. Elaine Chung is an employee of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Co. Ltd. She is working on assignments within the scope of work as approved by the Hong Kong Government in March 2004, prior to her commencement of work with Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Co. Ltd. in mid April 2004.

Her work relating to culture issues is within the scope of Government's approval for her post retirement employment. This issue is covered in Government's letter to her dated 29 March 2004, reconfirmed in May 2004 and again in September 2004.

The cultural aspects of West Kowloon Cultural District is just one of the many assignments which Ms. Chung has done for the Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Co. Ltd. She has also travelled frequently to many parts of China in the course of her work.



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有關鍾麗嫻小姐之工作範疇

香港小輪(集團)有限公司於2004年11月9日就鍾麗嫻小姐於本公司受聘發出聲明後,現接獲傳媒查詢,謹作出以下回應:

- (一) 有關鍾小姐參與地產工作的猜疑: -
在西九龍文化藝術區項目中,香港小輪(集團)及鍾小姐只為相關之文化藝術事宜提供意見,並無參與計劃中之任何地產部份。
- (二) 有關顧問公司的工作:
恒基兆業地產有限公司聘用的顧問公司超過30間,各有分工,負責不同領域,如劃則、建築、機電、結構、文娛等等,本公司只為其中一間,專責為文化藝術事宜提供意見。
- (三) 有關「過冷河」的問題:
鍾小姐於1999年8月離任市政總署署長後轉職其他政府部門,距今已多年,期間並無代表特區政府參與任何文化藝術工作。

特此敬告。



15 November 2004

PRESS RELEASE

In response to enquiries after our press release at the 9 November 2004, Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Co. Ltd. wishes to respond as follows :

- (1) In respect of the West Kowloon Cultural District project, Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Co. Ltd. and Ms. Elaine Chung only provide advice on cultural and arts aspects. Ms. Chung has no involvement in any property-related issues whatsoever.
- (2) There are over 30 consultancy firms serving Henderson Land Development Company Limited in various areas, such as architecture, mechanical / electrical engineering, structural engineering, culture and arts, etc. Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Co. Ltd. is just one of these consultants, focusing only on the culture and arts aspects.
- (3) Ms. Chung left her post of Director of Urban Services and was transferred to another department in August 1999. In the many years ensuing, she has not participated in any arts or cultural activities on behalf of the Government.