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Dear Mr.Chu,

**Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development**  
**Meeting on Friday, 4 January 2008**

Thank you for your letter dated 4 December 2007 inviting the Hong Kong Construction Association to give views on the Government's proposal in relation to the establishment of a statutory body to take forward the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) project. We are pleased to submit our views as follows:

The Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA) fully supports the establishment of a statutory body, i.e. the WKCD Authority to take forward the WKCD project. More importantly, we would like to see the early establishment of the WKCD Authority so that the project could be implemented as early as possible. We have seen and heard enough debates and arguments over the lost precious time and what we need now is a decision. A decision to proceed. As the Government had already gone through the consultation exercise with views from experts, stakeholders and the general public being gathered and consolidated, we should plan and action accordingly.

HKCA wishes to point out that in order to assist fast track delivery of no less than 15 quality performing arts venues of various types and sizes, expert advice and professional supervision in the procurement, constructability, method and construction management etc would be paramount to ensure that these facilities are delivered with the appropriate quality and on time. It is therefore our proposition that the WKCD Board ought to include representatives from the construction industry and should include representation from organizations such as HKCA. HKCA has always been and will remain ready and willing to provide our professional services on matters relating to building and construction for the benefit of public at large.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Tse  
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