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Dear Miss LEUNG,

Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development

Follow-up to meeting on 13 December 2005

Thank you for your letter of 16 December, seeking information on the planning of arts and cultural facilities.

The Administration's response to Subcommittee's questions is at the **Annex**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arsene YIU'.

(Arsene YIU)
for Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

**Legislative Council Subcommittee
on West Kowloon Cultural District Development**

Response to Subcommittee's Questions of 16 December 2005

- (a) After the dissolution of the two Municipal Councils (MCs), the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) is the policy bureau responsible for the provision of cultural facilities; the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is the department responsible for the actual planning work of cultural facilities. The Planning Department will identify and reserve the sites for the development of the proposed arts and cultural facilities
- (b) Apart from the West Kowloon Cultural District, cultural facilities planned or being planned after the dissolution of the two MCs by HAB/LCSD are as follows :

Museums :

- Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum at Kom Tong Hall, Castle Road (planned to open in early 2007)

Performing Arts Facilities :

- Ko Shan Theatre Annex
- Performance facilities in the districts to be planned according to different priorities

Public Libraries :

- A major library in Yuen Long district
- A number of small and district libraries in various districts

- (c) The Planning Sections in the former Urban Services Department and Regional Services Department have been reorganised into two separate sections under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and LCSD respectively in 2000. Since the establishment of LCSD in 2000, the Planning Section of LCSD has taken up the responsibilities of planning, co-coordinating, securing capital funding, monitoring and implementing leisure and cultural services projects in accordance with the procedures set out in the Government's Public Works Programme. In implementing LCSD projects, the Planning Section will consult respective District Councils, and co-ordinate and work closely with other departments and bureaux to ensure that such projects are implemented on schedule and the facilities provided are up to the required standards.

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