

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

The Public Engagement Exercise

Purpose

This paper sets out the details of the public engagement exercise on the recommendations of the Consultative Committee (CC) on the Core Arts and Cultural Facilities of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) project.

Background

2. Following the release of the recommendation report of the CC, the Government launched a three-month public engagement (PE) exercise in mid-September to explain the recommendations and to solicit views from the public.

3. The public engagement work was carried out extensively, both in terms of the number of people and variety of sectors involved. Members of the public have been encouraged to provide the Administration with their views by joining the on-line discussion forums, completing the wish cards available on-line or at the roving exhibitions held in venues of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, community halls, Government offices and other places. They could also make their submissions in writing or express their views during the public forums.

4. Many Members of CC and its three Advisory Groups, namely the Financial Matters Advisory Group, Museums Advisory Group and Performing Arts and Tourism Advisory Group, have actively participated in the PE exercise in their personal capacity to explain to the public and the respective sectors the recommendations and the rationale behind them.

5. For the whole exercise, the Government had organised three public forums, a series of roving exhibitions held at 28 venues, and over 40 sector-specific briefings for, inter alia, Legislative Council, arts practitioners and administrators, the education sector, children and youth groups, policy think tanks, sectoral leaders, professional bodies, relevant district councils, chambers of commerce, as well as consul generals and international cultural organizations. At the close of the PE exercise on 12 December, the Government received over 3 800 public views. Major details of the engagement work are at **Annex A**.

6. We have commissioned the Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University to be an independent consultant to collate and analyze public views received during the PE exercise. Their major tasks include conducting an analysis of public views obtained from public forums, sector-specific briefings, meetings, written submissions, on-line discussion board and wish cards, as well as conducting two telephone polls for the purpose of gauging and triangulating public views.

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**Public Engagement Work Undertaken by the
Administration in the Public Engagement Exercise**

	Date & Time	Event	People Involved
1.	7 September 2007	Briefing for Consultative Committee on Core Arts and Cultural Facilities in West Kowloon Cultural District and its Advisory Group members	33
2.	8 September 2007	Briefing for Committee for Performing Arts and its Committees (Funding Committee, Venue Partnership Committee, and Programme and Development Committee) and Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee	31
3.	10 September 2007	Briefing for HK Arts Development Council, HK Academy for Performing Arts, HK Arts Centre	19
4.	11 September 2007	Briefing for Performing Arts Groups and Arts and Cultural Bodies	42
5.	11 September 2007	Briefing for Professional Institutes	22
6.	12 September 2007	Briefing for LegCo WKCD Subcommittee / Home Affairs Panel / Planning, Lands and Works Panel	29
7.	13 September 2007	Briefing for Public Policy Think Tanks	13

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8.	14 September 2007	Briefing for Counsel Generals and International Cultural Bodies	18
9.	17 September 2007	Briefing sessions for Tourism Sector	15
10.	20 September 2007	1 st Public Forum held at the Hong Kong Space Museum	128
11.	22 September 2007	Attend People's Panel for West Kowloon Forum	100
12.	27 September 2007	Briefing for Yau Tsim Mong District Council	19
13.	28 September 2007	Briefing for Sham Shui Po District Council	29
14.	3 October 2007	LegCo WKCD Subcommittee	35
15.	3 October 2007	Briefing for HK Institute of Planners	17
16.	5 October 2007	Briefing for Town Planning Board	33
17.	8 October 2007	Briefing for HK Trade Development Council	20
18.	9 October 2007	LegCo WKCD Subcommittee	39

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19.	9 October 2007	Briefing for HK Construction Association	43
20.	17 October 2007	Briefing for Harbourfront Enhancement Committee	38
21.	17 October 2007	Briefing for HK Institute of Architects	18
22.	18 October 2007	Briefing for Lands and Buildings Advisory Committee	23
23.	21 October 2007	Briefing for Association of Hong Kong Dance Organizations	194
24.	22 October 2007	Briefing for the Business and Professionals Federation of Hong Kong	13
25.	23 October 2007	LegCo WKCD Subcommittee	63
26.	23 October 2007	Meeting with the students of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts	440
27.	24 October 2007	2 nd Public Forum held at the Tsuen Wan Town Hall	80
28.	29 October 2007	3 rd Public Forum held at the Hong Kong Arts Centre	102
29.	30 October 2007	Briefing for HK General Chamber of Commerce	41

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30.	30 October 2007	Briefing for HK Institution of Engineers	46
31.	8 November 2007	1 st Forum with Secondary School Principals and Teachers	127
32.	8 November 2007	Briefing for members of the Curators Grade, Cultural Managers Grade, Technical Officers Grade and Stage Technician Grade of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department	119
33.	9 November 2007	2 nd Forum with Secondary School Principals and Teachers	112
34.	12 November 2007	Briefing for HK Institute of Surveyors	98
35.	17 November 2007	Attend West Kowloon Cultural District Consultative Forum organized by Hong Kong Arts Development Council	43
36.	19 November 2007	Briefing for five Children's Groups	45
37.	29 November 2007	LegCo WKCD Subcommittee	23
38.	4 December 2007	Briefing for Wan Chai West Area Committee	21
39.	5 December 2007	Breakfast meeting with Australian Chamber of Commerce	27

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40.	5 December 2007	Focus Group Discussion with Members of Hong Kong Association of Youth Development	41
41.	7 December 2007	Attend luncheon meeting with Zonta Club of Kowloon	31
42.	7 December 2007	Briefing at the closing session of ELIA Leadership Symposium	100
43.	8 December 2007	Attend HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education (SPACE) Forum on 'Master Plan for West Kowloon Cultural District'	62
44.	12 December 2007	Briefing for Post-secondary Institutions	16
45.	13 December 2007	Presentation at the Business of Design Week 2007	500
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