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Dear Chief Secretary,

Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development

Since the announcement of the establishment of the Consultative Committee on the Core Arts and Cultural Facilities of the West Kowloon Cultural District chaired by your goodself, your colleagues in the Home Affairs Bureau and the Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau have been keeping our Subcommittee abreast of the developments of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) project, in particular the work of the three Advisory Groups. I would like to take this opportunity to thank your colleagues for attending our Subcommittee's meetings and for providing useful information to facilitate our deliberations over the past year.

In monitoring the progress of the WKCD project, our Subcommittee has also met with deputations and listened to their views on how the WKCD project should be taken forward and on the work done so far by the Government. We understand that the Consultative Committee is at an advance stage of its work and is about to draw up its recommendations for submission to the Chief Executive. Having studied the developments so far and the views and concerns raised by deputations, we find it timely for the Subcommittee to consolidate its views on the following aspects of the Government's work on the WKCD project --

- (a) public involvement in the planning and implementation of the project;
- (b) adoption of an integrated and coordinated approach in planning the project;
- (c) overall planning for the 40-hectare site at the West Kowloon Reclamation; and
- (d) the establishment of an overseeing authority to steer the project.

The position statement attached sets out the consensus views of the Subcommittee on the Government's current approach in taking forward the WKCD project. The position statement was noted by the House Committee at its meeting on 9 March 2007.

We hope that the Consultative Committee would take heed of the Subcommittee's views before it concludes its findings, and in the meantime, provide the Subcommittee with a detailed work plan of the Administration in respect of the WKCD project.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman of the Subcommittee

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