

# Opinion on Hong Kong Youth Development Centre (“HKYDC”)

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## 1. MY RECOMMENDATION, TO START WITH

1.1 ***I THINK IT TOO RISKY AND IRRESPONSIBLE TO VOTE FOR, OR TO VOTE AGAINST BUILDING THE HONG KONG YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE “HKYDC” & TO DECIDE ITS FORM OF INCORPORATION AT THIS MOMENT!***

1.2 I myself highly support and recommend building of the Hong Kong Youth Development Centre as soon as possible to help facilitate, coordinate and promote youth development of various dimensions, as I had been waiting for this since it first announced 6 years ago in 1998 when I was a member (volunteer) in Chaiwan Community Centre (the building being demolished for building “HKYDC”)!

1.3 **HOWEVER**, a number of elements / variables will drastically determine whether the “HKYDC” can well function, to serve its purpose, appropriately structured and staffed, and to grow and develop with time in a fairly self sufficient financial situation!

1.4 Possible **ALTERNATIVES** are suggested herebelow: -

## **A. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AS BIG PICTURE**

- A.1** First of all, taking this opportunity, Youth Development in big picture should be evaluated and formulated! “HKYDC” is a Building and a Concept to fit into Youth Development, but not Youth Development to fit into “HKYDC”
- A.2** Information regarding previous consultation in various occasions organized by the Home Affairs Bureau should be documented, summarized and available to the public and youth groups for reference and proposal! There are lots of positive and constructive feedbacks and suggestions during different consultation in 1999 in Wanchai & in the Central Government Headquarter!

## **B. ALTERNATIVES STEPS FOR “HKYDC” IN THE NEAR FUTURE**

- #1. PROCEED** building immediately  
+ **DESIGN** the definition and framework of goals of “HKYDC” plus its form of incorporation at the same time (through \*wide, thorough & comprehensive consultation / proposal competition (not tender) of form of incorporation & management (with strategic “business” plan if deemed fit) and creative and comprehensive solution  
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- #2. DEFER** building for 6-9 months (**SUBJECT TO** the consent of building main contract tenderers to remain terms and conditions and quoted price of the tender **FIXED UNCHANGE**)  
+ **START** \*wide, thorough & comprehensive consultation / proposal competition (not tendering) of form of incorporation, management & operation structure (with strategic “business” plan if deemed fit) and creative and comprehensive solution
- #3. DEFER** 6-12 months (**IF IT IS NOT ABLE** to get the consent of building main contract tenderers to remain terms and conditions and quoted price of the tender **FIXED UNCHANGE**)  
+ **RE-TENDER** after \*wide, thorough & comprehensive consultation / proposal competition (not tendering) of form of incorporation, management & operation structure (with strategic “business” plan if deemed fit) and creative and comprehensive solution

(\* = For “wide, thorough & comprehensive consultation / proposal competition” I mean to include all those who had been consulted before, youth workers in **Social Service field**, as well as the **Home Affairs field** of voluntary, self help/organized youth organization / groups / societies, instead of a selected group! I wonder there is such list in the Home Affairs Bureau, although

*there is someone in the bureau responsible for liason with youth groups!)*

## **2. BEFORE I CLOSE**

Just to share with you the experience that **IT WAS ONLY BY COINCIDENCE** that I was invited to present / share my opinion and expectation about “HKYDC” in the discussion forum on 22/12/2004 before meeting of the Hong Kng Council of Social Services (“HKCSS”)! When I call my former Centre-in-charge for season’s greetings in 15/12/2004 and nearly put down the phone after conversation, he hardly remember myself had involved a great deal for the period between 1998-2000 as a member of volunteer group in Chaiwan community Centre and as Chairman of Youth Council of Chaiwan Caritas Children & Youth Centre before it shut down due to re-allocation of youth resources for 1-school-1social worker!

**Noone is an expert in this “HKYDC” building & concept, TOGETHER LET’S MAKE IT WORK with our collective wisdom& creativitiy!**

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