

Response to consultation on "Development of the exhibition industry in Hong Kong"

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to oppose the idea of building phase 3 of Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. I think we should focus on the Top 10 Transportation Infrastructure instead of this expansion. According to HK government plan, Top 10 Transportation project includes:

1. South Island Line – serving more than 300K citizens
2. Sha Tin to Central Link
3. Tuen Mun Western Bypass & Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link
4. Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link
5. HK-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge
6. HK-Shenzhen Airport Co-operation
7. HK-Shenzhen Joint Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop
8. West Kowloon Cultural District
9. Kai Tak Development Plan
10. New Development Areas

According to Chief Executive, all of these projects can bring at least 250,000 headcounts to our local economy. Also, it can solve the unemployment in the most serious sector, construction, in which the unemployment rate is 11.1% as of Feb 2009. This is the Oasis in this economic downturn.

On contrary, the expansion of phase 3 of HKCEC cannot bring so many benefits to Hong Kong economy. It can only be beneficial to the private companies such as NWS holdings. So, our government should consider the priority of the projects and focus on the most important one.

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