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**Paper for Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of
the West Kowloon Cultural District Project**

**Proposed continuation of work of the Joint Subcommittee
in the 2011-2012 session**

Purpose

This paper seeks the views of members of the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project ("the Joint Subcommittee") on the need for the Joint Subcommittee to continue its work in the 2011-2012 session.

Background

2. The Joint Subcommittee was appointed by the Panel on Home Affairs and the Panel on Development in December 2008 to monitor issues relating to the implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD") project, including the work of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("WKCDA"), WKCD's interface with arts and cultural development, and other related matters, focusing on the following areas -

- (a) preparation of the Development Plan ("DP") for WKCD;
- (b) planning and construction of the core arts and cultural facilities and other associated facilities;
- (c) institutional and procedural arrangements for WKCDA, such as the appointment of its Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), other senior staff and committees, arrangements for enhancing the transparency of its meetings, and public access to information on its operations;

- (d) financial management and procurement procedures;
- (e) public engagement ("PE") arrangements; and
- (f) development of cultural software which has a direct bearing on the planning or financing of the arts and cultural facilities in WKCD.

Work of the Joint Subcommittee

3. Under the chairmanship of Hon IP Kwok-him, the Joint Subcommittee has since December 2008 held 14 meetings with the Administration and WKCD and received views of deputations at three of these meetings. Major issues studied by the Joint Subcommittee are as follows -

- (a) Development of WKCD
 - (i) preparation of DP for WKCD, including the planning approach for WKCD, selection of the preferred Conceptual Plan Option and public participation in the process;
 - (ii) planning of M+, including the theme of M+, appointment of curatorial professionals, building up of collection items, promotion of public knowledge on M+, and implementation of the interim M+;
 - (iii) planning of the core arts and cultural facilities, including their alignment with the existing cultural facilities outside WKCD;
 - (iv) WKCD's connectivity with adjoining districts and the community, and the use of public open space and facilities in WKCD; and
 - (v) impact of the construction of the West Kowloon Terminus of the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link on the development of WKCD, traffic improvement works in the West Kowloon district, infrastructural works for supporting the arts and cultural facilities in WKCD, and noise and vibration mitigation measures for the facilities in WKCD.

(b) Work of WKCDA

- (i) appointment of members to the WKCDA Board and the six committees of WKCDA;
- (ii) resignation and recruitment of CEO and other senior executives of WKCDA;
- (iii) Stages 1 and 2 PE exercises, including the establishment, function and role of the Consultation Panel of WKCDA and arrangements for and outcomes of the PE exercises; and
- (iv) use of the upfront endowment of \$21.6 billion for WKCDA.

(c) WKCD's interface with arts and cultural development

- (i) measures to promote the development of cultural software to complement the WKCD project, including the funding support for arts development, nurturing of young artists, audience building, promotion of arts education in schools, training and development of arts administrators/stage management professionals, interim programmes and activities before the commissioning of Phase 1 arts and cultural facilities;
- (ii) resource allocation for software development and the timeframe for WKCDA to implement related programmes and activities; and
- (iii) delineation of the responsibility between the Home Affairs Bureau and WKCDA in the development of arts and culture.

Need for continuation of work in the 2011-2012 session

4. Most of the issues highlighted in the preceding paragraph, such as the masterplanning of and financial arrangements for WKCD and development of cultural software, are ongoing issues, the progress of which will have a significant bearing on the implementation and sustainability of the WKCD project. There is a need for the Joint

Subcommittee to continue to monitor these issues.

5. In addition, WKCD will soon proceed to a critical phase of development. WKCD will conduct Stage 3 PE exercise to gauge the views of the public and stakeholders on the draft DP, which is expected to be finalized and submitted to the Town Planning Board for consideration by the end of 2011. WKCD will also launch a wide variety of interim arts and cultural programmes and activities at the WKCD site before the commissioning of Phase 1 arts and cultural facilities. The Joint Subcommittee will need to continue to monitor the development of these matters, which are within the purview of its terms of reference.

6. Having regard to the considerations in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, members may wish to consider the need for the Joint Subcommittee to continue its work in the 2011-2012 session.

7. Members may also wish to note that approval was given by the House Committee ("HC") at its meeting on 22 October 2010 for the Joint Subcommittee to continue its work in the 2010-2011 session in accordance with House Rule 26(c). Under the said House Rule, a subcommittee should complete its work within 12 months of its commencement and report to the relevant Panel. If it is necessary for a subcommittee to work beyond that 12 months, the subcommittee should, after obtaining the endorsement of the relevant Panel, report to HC and give justification for an extension of the 12-month period.

Advice sought

8. Subject to members' views on the continuation of the Joint Subcommittee's work, the approval of the Panel on Home Affairs and the Panel on Development will be sought at their meetings on 13 October 2011 for the Joint Subcommittee to continue its work in the 2011-2012 session. Upon approval by the two Panels, a report will be made to HC for the continuation of the work of the Joint Subcommittee in the aforesaid session.