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Paper for the House Committee meeting on 15 June 2012

**Request for priority allocation of a debate slot to the Chairman
of the Select Committee to Study Mr LEUNG Chun-ying's Involvement
as a Member of the Jury in the West Kowloon Reclamation
Concept Plan Competition and Related Issues**

Purpose

This paper invites Members to note that the Select Committee to Study Mr LEUNG Chun-ying's Involvement as a Member of the Jury in the West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Competition and Related Issues ("the Select Committee") will table its Report at the Council meeting of 27 June 2012, and to consider the Select Committee's request for priority allocation of a debate slot to its Chairman, Hon IP Kwok-him, to move a motion for debate on its Report at the Council meeting of 11 July 2012.

Background

2. On 8 February 2012, in response to media enquiries about the alleged involvement of conflict of interest of Mr LEUNG Chun-ying, who was a member of the Jury for the West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Competition ("the Competition") held in 2001-2002 for the development of an integrated arts, cultural and entertainment district at the West Kowloon Reclamation ("WKR"), the Administration issued a press release relating to the declaration of Mr LEUNG in the Competition and the adjudication process. There were calls in the community for the Administration to disclose fully all information relating to the Competition in order to consider if the conflict of interest allegations against Mr LEUNG were substantiated.

3. On 24 February 2012, the House Committee convened a special meeting to discuss the matter. After discussion with the Administration and having examined the documents provided for the special House Committee meeting, Members considered that the information disclosed by the Administration could not dispel public concerns and queries about the conflict of interest allegations against Mr LEUNG Chun-ying. Members agreed that a motion should be moved by the Chairman of the House Committee at the Council meeting of 29 February 2012 to appoint a select committee to study the matter.

4. The Council passed a resolution at its meeting of 29 February 2012 to appoint the Select Committee ("the Resolution"). The Resolution also authorised the Select Committee, in the performance of its duties, to exercise the powers conferred by section 9(1) of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) to order the attendance of witnesses to give evidence and the production of papers, books, records or documents by witnesses.

5. During the period from 10 March to 12 June 2012, the Select Committee held a total of eight meetings and six public hearings to take evidence from 17 witnesses. The Select Committee has scheduled another two meetings to complete its study and will table its Report at the Council meeting of 27 June 2012.

Motion debate on the Report of the Select Committee

6. As the study of the Select Committee has been of wide public concern, the Select Committee considers it necessary to provide an opportunity for all Members and the Administration to express their views on its findings and observations. At its meeting on 5 June 2012, the Select Committee agreed to seek the House Committee's agreement for priority allocation of a debate slot to its Chairman, Hon IP Kwok-him, for moving a motion for debate on its Report at the Council meeting of 11 July 2012.

7. Under Rule 14A(h) of the House Rules ("HR"), committees and subcommittees of the Council may make a request for priority allocation of debate slots and such request shall be put forward to the House Committee for consideration on a case-by-case basis. Should the House Committee accede to such a request, the debate slot shall not be counted as the mover's own slot.

8. Pursuant to HR 14A(h), the Select Committee seeks the agreement of the House Committee for priority allocation of a debate slot to its Chairman, Hon IP Kwok-him, for moving a motion for debate on its Report at the Council meeting of 11 July 2012. The wording of the motion is in the **Appendix**.

Advice sought

9. Members are invited to consider the request of the Select Committee in paragraph 8 above.

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Motion on
“Report of the Select Committee to Study Mr LEUNG Chun-ying's
Involvement as a Member of the Jury in the West Kowloon
Reclamation Concept Plan Competition and Related Issues”
to be moved by Hon IP Kwok-him
at the Council meeting of 11 July 2012

Wording of the Motion

That this Council notes the Report of the Select Committee to Study Mr LEUNG Chun-ying's Involvement as a Member of the Jury in the West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Competition and Related Issues.