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**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 Matters**

**Witness Statement of Mr Raymond YOUNG Lap-moon**

I, Raymond YOUNG Lap-moon, serve as the Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs. The West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) project, previously handled by the then Planning and Lands Bureau, is now under the portfolio of the Home Affairs Bureau. My Bureau has hence been handling media enquiries and providing information to the Legislative Council in respect of the West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Competition (the Competition).

The then Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) only played a supporting role in the Competition in terms of providing input on cultural policy and arts and cultural facilities for inclusion in the Competition Document. It also assessed the entries as to their broad consistency with the government's policy objectives in promoting the arts and culture. The Jury was informed of the findings. The then Home Affairs Bureau was not involved in the meetings of the Technical Panel or the Jury and did not have first-hand knowledge of Mr LEUNG Chun-ying's involvement as a member of the Jury in the Competition.

In February 2012, after the Government received media enquiries, colleagues in Home Affairs Bureau examined files of the past decade, and replied to media enquiries as far as possible according to the records available. As the team in HAB who look after matters of WKCD now were not involved in the Competition, we can only reconstruct the picture by collating information from the records and from colleagues' recollection.

In keeping with international practice, it is incumbent upon the organizer to maintain confidentiality of the sensitive commercial information of the design competition. According to paragraph 33 of the General Conditions of the Competition Document, the assessment process would be carried out in strict confidence; and the organizer should not disclose the details of the assessments.

In striking a balance between considerations of confidentiality and public interest when addressing the issue of disclosure of information, we take the view that any disclosure of information should be relevant and proportionate to the subject of public interest.



Raymond YOUNG Lap-moon  
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