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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 Gordon SIU Kwing-chue

I, Gordon SIU Kwing-chue, started my service as the Secretary for Planning, Environment and Lands on 21 January 1999. Work for the Bureau was reorganised, and on 1 January 2000, my post was re-titled as the Secretary for Planning and Lands. During the period from 2000 to 30 June 2001, my portfolio covered town planning, land administration, building safety and urban renewal, etc. The West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Competition (the Competition), was one aspect of my work on the town planning front. I proceeded on pre-retirement leave on 1 July 2001.

Over ten years have passed since I left my post as the Secretary for Planning and Lands. My memory of the events which took place between March 2000 and July 2001 is somewhat sketchy, but I shall, to the best of my ability, assist the Select Committee in understanding the relevant issues pertaining to the Competition during my tenure in the Planning and Lands Bureau.

The Competition

To follow up on the initiative announced by the Chief Executive in his 1999 Policy Address to develop a major world-class Performance Venue on the West Kowloon Reclamation (WKR) and to hold an Open Competition, a competition team was set up in the then Planning and Lands Bureau in March 2000 to organise the Competition. As no competition of a similar nature or scale had been held in Hong Kong before, we sought advice from local and overseas experts and made reference to international architectural and town planning competitions.

One of the major tasks of the competition team was to prepare the Competition Document. To ensure that the arrangements and rules of the Competition were in line with international practices, we appointed an experienced Professional Advisor to advise on the organisation and

management of the Competition. Detailed arrangements for the Competition were made by the competition team, which reported progress to me from time to time.

In order to attract entries from world-class professionals within and outside Hong Kong, we put together a panel of Jurors made up of overseas and local persons from various fields. A Technical Panel chaired by the Director of Planning was also appointed to provide advice to the Jury on the technical assessment of individual entries.

To avoid conflict of interest, conditions were included in the Competition Document to define who can and cannot take part in the Competition, with reference to international practices. The detailed mechanism and procedures for dealing with conflict of interest were formulated after I have left the Bureau.



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