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Clerk to Panel on Development
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn. : Ms. Sharon CHUNG)

Dear Ms. CHUNG,

**Panel on Development
Follow-up Action to Meeting on 7 January 2013
Progress Report of Energizing Kowloon East Office
and its Continuing Operation**

When the “Progress Report of Energizing Kowloon East Office and its Continuing Operation” (Item No. CB(1)287/12-13(03)) was discussed at the Panel meeting on 7 January 2013, Members requested the Administration to provide information on (a) the floor area occupied by operations of cultural & creative workshops in the industrial buildings in Kowloon East, and (b) in what ways the Administration would offer assistance to them to continue their operations in Kowloon East.

The Administration is pleased to provide the requested information as follows –

- (a) According to the Survey on Business Establishments in Kowloon East (May 2011) by the Planning Department, about 2.6% of the business establishments (i.e. 504) operating in Kowloon East now are mainly cultural & creative workshop. Of these establishments, about 37% (185 establishments) has a floor area of 500 to 999 square feet and 36% (178 establishments) a floor area of 1000 to 2999 square feet.
- (b) One of the Energizing Kowloon East strategies is to promote diversity. To sustain the role of Kowloon East (KE) as incubator for art, cultural and creative industries, we seize every opportunity to engage the stakeholders in the transformation process.

We have partnered artists and designers in the place-making functions such as the inauguration ceremony of EKEO and the 12-week Playful Thursday at Tsun Yip Street. Besides, the Fly the Flyover Operation has converted the enclosed area underneath the Kwun Tong Bypass into an informal art and cultural venue that is opened for public use.

To support the development of art and creative industries so that KE will be transformed into a business area with special character, the Administration will explore opportunities to provide suitable space for artists, art groups and creative designers in this area, including the remaining plots of flyover sites for diversified activities and the possibility of incorporating space for art and culture uses in old and new premises of KE.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raymond Lee', is written over the typed name.

(Raymond LEE)
for Secretary for Development