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Panel on Home Affairs and Panel on Development

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

**Minutes of meeting
held on Monday, 8 April 2013, at 10:45 am
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** :
- Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP (Chairman)
 - Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC (Deputy Chairman)
 - Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
 - Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
 - Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
 - Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
 - Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP
 - Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP
 - Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, JP
 - Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
 - Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
 - Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming
 - Hon YIU Si-wing
 - Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
 - Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
 - Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
 - Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP
 - Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
 - Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, JP
 - Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
 - Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen
- Members attending** :
- Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
 - Hon WU Chi-wai, MH

Members absent : Hon Claudia MO
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin
Hon CHAN Han-pan
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Public Officers attending : Items II and III

Home Affairs Bureau

Mr TSANG Tak-sing, GBS, JP
Secretary for Home Affairs

Mr WAN Man-leung
Project Manager (Home Affairs Bureau)

Ms Elizabeth TAI
Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (3) (Acting)

Planning Department

Mr Michael CHAN
Assistant Director of Planning/Metro

West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

Mr Michael LYNCH
Chief Executive Officer

Dr CHAN Man-wai
Executive Director, Project Delivery

Mr Louis YU
Executive Director, Performing Arts

Ms Bonny WONG
Director, Chief Executive Officer's Office

Clerk in attendance : Ms Alice LEUNG
Chief Council Secretary (2) 2

Staff in attendance : Miss Jasmine TAM
Council Secretary (2) 2

Miss Emma CHEUNG
Legislative Assistant (2) 2

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I. Confirmation of minutes

(LC Paper No. CB(2)895/12-13)

The Joint Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at Annex).

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2013 were confirmed.

II. Follow up on issues relating to the Xiqu Centre

(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)889/12-13(01) and (02), CB(2)658/12-13(03) and (04))

3. The Joint Subcommittee requested the Administration/the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("WKCD") to -

- (a) advise on the international practices to which WKCD had made reference in setting the adjudication criteria for the Xiqu Centre design competition and their respective weightings, in particular the weighting of the criterion on "cost aspects/value for money";
- (b) provide details of the newly added features/facilities of the Xiqu Centre which were not accounted for in the original project estimate of \$1.3 billion in 2006, including the estimated construction costs of the respective features/facilities and the reasons for inclusion of them;
- (c) provide the latest timetable for completion of the key facilities and venues in the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD"); and
- (d) include the following information in its paper on the subject of the financial situation of and arrangements for the WKCD project which had been scheduled for discussion by the Joint Subcommittee in July 2013 -
 - (i) measures taken/to be taken by the Government to ensure

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that WKCDA would exercise stringent cost control and prudent financial management in taking forward the WKCD project;

- (ii) of the \$21.6 billion upfront endowment for the WKCD project, the amount of funding allocated for the respective development of hardware and cultural software;
- (iii) of the \$21.6 billion upfront endowment, the amount of funding reserved for the maintenance works for various facilities in WKCD; and
- (iv) a table setting out the facilities which were accounted for in the estimate for the upfront endowment of \$21.6 billion for the WKCD project approved by the Legislative Council ("LegCo") in 2008 and those provided in the latest scope of the project, with details on the original cost estimates of individual facilities in 2008 and their respective latest cost estimates, and, where applicable, the rate of change of the respective cost estimates.

III. Further discussion on the approved Development Plan of the West Kowloon Cultural District

(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)889/12-13(01) and (02), CB(2)658/12-13(01) and (02))

4. The Joint Subcommittee requested the Administration/WKCDA to -
- (a) provide a written response on whether and how it would engage LegCo Members and the public in its next steps to take forward the WKCD project following the approval of the Development Plan by the Chief-Executive-in Council in January 2013;
 - (b) provide a copy of the relevant documents (e.g. discussion/information papers, minutes of meetings) in relation to consultation with the Yau Tsim Mong District Council on the accessibility and connectivity of WKCD with its neighbouring areas;
 - (c) advise on the funding arrangements for the infrastructure works (e.g. construction of roads and pedestrian connections) which serve to support the respective development of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail

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Link and WKCD; and

- (d) provide details, including the construction costs, of the communal/government facilities and related engineering works for supporting the WKCD development which were to be funded and undertaken by the Government.

(Members agreed to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.)

IV. Any other business

Date of next meeting and items for discussion

5. Members noted that the next meeting of the Joint Subcommittee would be held on 23 April 2013, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, to discuss three items including the planning and development of M+, the park development in WKCD, and the management and utilization of the WKCD site prior to commencement of the construction works for the WKCD project.

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:55 pm.

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**Proceedings of meeting of the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor
the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project
held on Monday, 8 April 2013, at 10:45 am
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

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<i>Agenda item I - Confirmation of minutes</i>			
000548 - 000617	Chairman	Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2013.	
<i>Agenda item II - Follow up on issues relating to the Xiqu Centre</i>			
000618 - 001127	Chairman Admin Mr MA Fung-kwok	<p>Mr MA Fung-kwok's declaration of interest that he was a member of the Board of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("WKCD").</p> <p>Mr MA's enquiry about the relaxation of the maximum gross floor area as prescribed in the approved Development Plan ("DP") of the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD").</p> <p>The Chairman's advice that issues relating to the approved DP would be discussed under the next agenda item.</p>	
001128 - 001740	Chairman Admin WKCD	<p>The Chairman's enquiry about whether the Administration/WKCD had set a ceiling on the budget for the Xiqu Centre project and requested the design teams participating in the Xiqu Centre design competition to adhere to the budget ceiling when preparing the design submissions for the competition.</p> <p>The Administration's response that the Xiqu Centre had been viewed as one of the iconic facilities in WKCD that warranted the involvement of international architectural talents. The idea of conducting design competition for the Xiqu Centre had received clear support from members of the public as well as the Fourth Legislative Council ("LegCo"), and the Xiqu Centre design competition had been conducted in an open, transparent and fair manner according to international practices.</p> <p>WKCD's advice that -</p> <p>(a) according to the recommendations of the Consultative Committee on the Core Arts and Cultural Facilities of WKCD ("CC Case"), an indicative cost estimate for the construction of the Xiqu Centre was about \$1.3 billion in 2008 prices (Net Present Value), which excluded the costs for other ancillary facilities such as car parks, retail, dining and entertainment ("RDE") facilities and open space;</p>	

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		<p>(b) while the above cost information had been provided to all design teams participating in the Xiqu Centre design competition for reference, each design team was requested to prepare its own cost estimate for the Xiqu Centre based on its proposed design and the estimates submitted by individual design teams had been evaluated by WKCDA's consultant Quantity Surveyor;</p> <p>(c) as reflected by the Government's Building Works Tender Price Index which had almost doubled from 2006 to 2012, construction cost escalation was the major factor leading to a substantial increase in the estimated cost of the Xiqu Centre;</p> <p>(d) comparing with the originally planned facilities for the Xiqu Centre in the CC Case, additional accommodation such as arts education facilities had been included in the current scope of the Xiqu Centre (Phase I) in response to public views; and</p> <p>(e) the building tender for the Xiqu Centre had yet to be issued.</p>	
001741 - 002519	Chairman Mr MA Fung-kwok Admin WKCDA	<p>Mr MA Fung-kwok's view that members of the Board of WKCDA, including himself, had been deeply concerned about the rising costs in recent years and hence the adequacy of the approved upfront endowment of \$21.6 billion for completing the entire WKCD project. His request for the Administration to advise on its view on the impact of cost escalation on the implementation of the project, and whether it had formulated a comprehensive plan and appropriate measures to deal with any over-budget situation.</p> <p>The Administration's advice that WKCDA would endeavour to exercise stringent cost control in taking forward the WKCD project. Given that only the design of the Xiqu Centre had been selected and the designs of other facilities had yet to be available, there was insufficient information at the current stage to make realistic estimations on the overall cost of the WKCD project. The Administration and WKCDA would update LegCo on the financial situation of and funding arrangements for the WKCD project at a suitable juncture. The Administration was committed to supporting the implementation of the project, and was confident that WKCDA would be able to complete the Xiqu Centre project with its upfront endowment.</p>	

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002520 - 003315	Chairman Ms Emily LAU Admin	<p>Ms Emily LAU's views that -</p> <p>(a) while the public generally urged early implementation of the long-delayed WKCD project, there was wide concern in the community over the possible cost overrun of the project;</p> <p>(b) the Administration and WKCDA should delineate clearly their respective roles and responsibilities in implementing the WKCD project and jointly formulate a more effective cost-control mechanism; and</p> <p>(c) WKCDA should consider increasing the weighting of the adjudication criterion on "cost aspect/value for money" when launching design competitions for other facilities in WKCD in future.</p> <p>The Administration's responses that -</p> <p>(a) WKCDA was aware of the importance of and committed to adopting prudent financial management and ensuring effective cost-control in taking forward the WKCD project;</p> <p>(b) WKCDA was a statutory body established under, and operating in accordance with, the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority Ordinance (Cap. 601) ("WKCDAO") enacted by LegCo in 2008. The Board of WKCDA was vested with the authority under WKCDAO to, among others, approve the budgets put forth by the management of WKCDA and monitor its work; and</p> <p>(c) WKCDA had engaged an independent professional advisor to advise on, among others, the weightings of the adjudication criteria for the Xiqu Centre design competition with reference to international practices. This was endorsed by the WKCDA Design Competition Steering Committee (with membership from the professional institutions as well as the performing arts sector) and Development Committee and approved by the Board. WKCDA would consider members' suggestions to revisit the weightings of the adjudication criteria in future competitions.</p> <p>The Administration/WKCDA was requested to provide information on the international practices to which WKCDA had made reference in setting</p>	<p>Admin/WKCDA to provide information</p>

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		the adjudication criteria for the Xiqu Centre design competition and their respective weightings.	(paragraph 3(a) of the minutes)
003316 - 003913	Chairman Deputy Chairman Admin	<p>The Deputy Chairman's request for the Administration/WKCDA to advise on -</p> <p>(a) whether all the planned facilities could be completed within the approved upfront endowment of \$21.6 billion for the WKCD project, as undertaken by the then Chief Secretary for Administration ("CS") when seeking LegCo's approval for the endowment fund in 2008; and</p> <p>(b) the future mode of governance of the Xiqu Centre, including whether an artistic accountability system would be implemented.</p> <p>The Administration's advice that as the design and cost estimate of only one facility, i.e. the Xiqu Centre, was in place, and the WKCD project spanned over a long period of time during which the project costs would be subject to fluctuations owing to various factors, WKCDA considered it more appropriate to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the financial situation of the project only after having a better grasp of the costs of more facilities and other relevant information.</p>	
003914 - 004910	Chairman Ms Cyd HO Admin WKCDA	<p>Ms Cyd HO's view that while the need for additional funding for the WKCD project could not be ruled out, the Administration and WKCDA should provide detailed information to LegCo on such need, if any, including what facilities and features would require new funding, the amount of funding required, and the justifications.</p> <p>Ms HO's request for information to be included in the Administration's paper on the subject of the financial situation of and arrangements for the WKCD project which had been scheduled for discussion by the Joint Subcommittee in July 2013.</p> <p>The Chairman's request for WKCDA to provide details of the newly added features/facilities of the Xiqu Centre which were not accounted for in the original project estimate of \$1.3 billion in 2006.</p>	<p>Admin/WKCDA to follow up (paragraph 3(d)(ii) and (iv) of the minutes)</p> <p>WKCDA to provide information (paragraph 3(b) of the minutes)</p>
004911 - 005424	Mr MA Fung-kwok Chairman Mr WU Chi-wai WKCDA	Mr MA Fung-kwok's clarification of his earlier view that given the cost escalation in recent years, an increase in the overall costs of the WKCD project had become inevitable even the Board of WKCDA had exercised proper monitoring over the project in accordance with its established	

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		<p>procedures.</p> <p>At the request of Mr WU Chi-wai, WKCDA undertook to provide the latest timetable for completion of the key facilities and venues in WKCD.</p>	<p>WKCDA to provide information (paragraph 3(c) of the minutes)</p>
005425 - 010025	<p>Chairman Mr IP Kwok-him Admin</p>	<p>Mr IP Kwok-him's views that -</p> <p>(a) WKCDA had to manage the upfront endowment prudently and exercise stringent cost control to avoid giving the public an impression of being a spendthrift;</p> <p>(b) the Administration should enhance its role in monitoring the expenditure of the WKCD project; and</p> <p>(c) given the Administration's previous undertaking that the one-off upfront endowment of \$21.6 billion should be sufficient for financing the entire WKCD project, the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong would not support the Administration's proposal, if any, for additional funding for the project lightly unless full justifications were provided.</p> <p>The Administration's response that it was fully aware of its monitoring role and would request WKCDA to make every effort to adhere to the target budget of \$2.7 billion for the Xiqu Centre (Phase I) and, where practicable, seek to further reduce the project cost. WKCDA would rigorously control its expenditure through its financial control and monitoring system. CS being the Board Chairman of WKCDA would also continue to monitor the operation of WKCDA.</p>	
010026 - 010700	<p>Chairman Miss Alice MAK Admin WKCDA</p>	<p>The Chairman's request for the Administration to provide a written response to Miss Alice MAK's concern about the measures taken/to be taken by the Government to ensure that WKCDA would exercise stringent cost control and prudent financial management in taking forward the WKCD project.</p> <p>On Miss MAK's enquiry about whether and how the Administration/WKCDA had gauged and paid heed to the views of stakeholders in deciding on the design of the Xiqu Centre, the Administration advised that the Xiqu Centre design competition was launched in response to the views of the Members of the Fourth LegCo with the aim to select the best design. The winning design was</p>	<p>Admin to provide a response (paragraph 3(d)(i) of the minutes)</p>

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		<p>selected by an independent Jury Panel comprising representatives from the relevant professions.</p>	
<p>010701 - 011341</p>	<p>Chairman Mr Tony TSE Admin WKCDA</p>	<p>Mr Tony TSE's views that -</p> <p>(a) while it was understandable that the construction cost escalation in recent years would inevitably lead to an increase in the estimated cost for building the Xiqu Centre, WKCDA should strive to contain the project cost through, among others, ensuring and enhancing cost-effectiveness in the design process of the Xiqu Centre;</p> <p>(b) given the need for stringent cost control, the Administration/WKCDA should carefully review whether it was reasonable and appropriate to accord only 10% weighting to the adjudication criterion on "cost aspect/value for money" for future design competitions; and</p> <p>(c) the Administration/WKCDA should also attach importance to and earmark sufficient funding for the future maintenance of the facilities in WKCD.</p> <p>The Chairman's request for the Administration /WKCDA to provide information on the amount of funding reserved for the maintenance works of various facilities in WKCD.</p>	<p>Admin/WKCDA to provide information (paragraph 3(d)(iii) of the minutes)</p>
<p>011342 - 011917</p>	<p>Chairman Miss CHAN Yuen-han Admin</p>	<p>Miss CHAN Yuen-han's query about the effectiveness of the Government's communication with the Board of WKCDA and its consultation with the arts and cultural community as well as LegCo on the WKCD development, given the various concerns raised over the project. Her urge for the Administration to review and enhance its communication, consultation and cooperation with all relevant parties to ensure smooth implementation of the project.</p> <p>The Administration's response that extensive consultation on the WKCD project had been conducted through numerous public engagement exercises and the Consultation Panel under WKCDA. The approved DP of WKCD had been formulated having regard to the views and preferences of the general public and the stakeholders. Additional accommodation had also been included in the current scope of the Xiqu Centre in response to public views.</p>	

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011918 - 012100	Chairman Mr Frankie YICK	Mr Frankie YICK's view that while the Administration and WKCD should take into account public views and users' needs in drawing up the design of the facilities in WKCD including the Xiqu Centre, they should also adopt a prudent financial approach in implementing the WKCD development and strive to keep the projects costs as low as reasonably practicable. The Administration/WKCD should review the weightings of the adjudication criteria to be adopted for the forthcoming design competitions for WKCD.	
012101 - 012312	Chairman Mr MA Fung-kwok	Mr MA Fung-kwok's views and suggestions that - (a) although the Board and the management of WKCD had exercised stringent cost control in the implementation of the WKCD project, there were issues that were beyond the purview of WKCD and the consideration of and decision on such issues should rest with the Government; (b) the Government should take a more proactive role in addressing the issue of the escalating costs of the WKCD project; and (c) the Government should, on the premise of maintaining the functions and quality of the planned facilities in WKCD and obviating the need for seeking substantial amount of additional public funding for the WKCD project, explore other revenue sources for the project through, for instance, reviewing the plot ratio for the WKCD site.	
012313 - 012706	Chairman Deputy Chairman Admin WKCD	On the Deputy Chairman's enquiry about whether an artistic accountability system would be implemented at the Xiqu Centre, WKCD advised that the Performing Arts Committee of WKCD would discuss the issues of the mode of governance, management and artistic direction of the Xiqu Centre at its next meeting. WKCD aimed to put in place the relevant direction/arrangements within 2013, and would update LegCo on the subject in due course.	
012707 - 012919	Chairman Ms Cyd HO Admin	Ms Cyd HO's requests for the Administration to contain the costs of the WKCD project, as well as to enhance the transparency of the financial situation of the project and disclose the relevant information as soon as possible to facilitate public discussion on the way forward.	

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<i>Agenda Item III - Further discussion on the approved Development Plan of the West Kowloon Cultural District</i>			
012920 - 013350	Chairman Mr MA Fung-kwok Admin	<p>Mr MA Fung-kwok's reiteration of his suggestion that the Administration should consider reviewing the plot ratio for WKCD as a possible solution for addressing the challenge presented by project cost escalation.</p> <p>The Administration's response that the development density and approach for WKCD, including a plot ratio of 1.81, were the outcome of consultations over a long period of time and stipulated in the WKCD DP, which had undergone the statutory planning process. Any proposal for substantial amendments to DP, such as a major increase in the development parameters, would require the support of LegCo and the community. A general consensus had to be reached on the proposal for a major increase of the plot ratio for WKCD before such an amendment to the DP would be considered.</p>	
013351 - 014128	Chairman Deputy Chairman Clerk Admin WKCDA	<p>The Deputy Chairman's concern about the way forward for the WKCD project following the approval of the WKCD DP by the Chief Executive-in-Council ("CE-in-Council") in January 2013, in particular whether and how LegCo Members and the public would be engaged in the subsequent process of implementation of the project.</p> <p>The Administration's advice that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the statutory planning process for the WKCD DP had been completed following the approval given by the CE-in-Council for the draft DP prepared by WKCDA in accordance with WKCDAO; (b) any subsequent amendments to WKCD DP would be governed by and processed in accordance with the Town Planning Ordinance (Cap. 131); and (c) WKCDA was formulating an Outline Development Plan for WKCD which was a non-statutory plan and would include information on, among others, detailed land uses in WKCD. <p>WKCDA was requested to provide a written response on whether and how it would engage LegCo Members and the public in its next steps to take forward the WKCD project.</p>	<p>WKCDA to provide a response (paragraph 4(a) of the minutes)</p>

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014129 - 014556	Chairman Miss CHAN Yuen-han Admin	<p>Miss CHAN Yuen-han's view and suggestion that -</p> <p>(a) WKCDA should collaborate closely with the Yau Tsim Mong District Council ("YTMDC") in the planning and implementation of the WKCD project, especially on issues relating to the accessibility of WKCD and the connectivity between WKCD and its neighbouring areas; and</p> <p>(b) YTMDC should consider forming a dedicated committee to study and follow up issues relating to the implementation of the WKCD project.</p> <p>The Administration' advice that YTMDC was represented on the Board of WKCDA.</p> <p>The Administration/WKCDA was requested to provide a copy of the relevant documents in relation to consultation with YTMDC on the issues raised in item (a) above by Miss CHAN.</p>	<p>Admin/WKCDA to provide information (paragraph 4(b) of the minutes)</p>
014557 - 015021	Chairman Ms Cyd HO Admin	<p>Ms Cyd HO's view that the plot ratio of 1.81 for WKCD should be maintained, as it was the outcome of extensive public consultations and thorough discussions.</p> <p>Ms HO's request for the Administration/WKCDA to provide information in relation to the infrastructure works and communal facilities for the WKCD development.</p>	<p>Admin/WKCDA to provide information (paragraph 4(c) and (d) of the minutes)</p>
015022 - 015536	Chairman Mr Tony TSE Admin WKCDA	<p>Mr Tony TSE's concurrence with the view of Ms Cyd HO on maintaining the plot ratio of 1.81 for WKCD.</p> <p>Ms TSE's concern about the coordination among relevant government departments and WKCDA to ensure a coherent design of the pedestrian connections (e.g. subways and footbridges) linking WKCD with its neighbouring areas and his view that the design of these facilities should match with the artistic and cultural ambience of WKCD.</p> <p>The Administration's advice that there were three major groups of transport infrastructure facilities in the West Kowloon area, including the public infrastructure projects relating to the WKCD development, public infrastructure works relating to the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail</p>	

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		<p>Link project which were entrusted to the MTR Corporation Limited by the Highways Department, and other road and pedestrian facility improvement works which were proposed by the Transport Department and implemented by the Highways Department. Some of the infrastructure /improvement works were in progress while the remaining were expected to commence in 2014 for completion in end-2015.</p>	
015537 - 020134	<p>Chairman Dr Priscilla LEUNG WKCDA</p>	<p>Dr Priscilla LEUNG's views and suggestions that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) more opportunities should be provided for local professionals and workers to participate in the WKCD project, such that the Hong Kong economy as a whole could really benefit from the WKCD development; (b) consideration should be given to making available water taxi or ferry service in WKCD to enhance its marine accessibility for both tourists and locals, and providing a direct access connecting the Austin Station and WKCD to improve pedestrian accessibility; and (c) efforts should be made to improve the water quality in the vicinity of WKCD. <p>WKCDA's responses that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) WKCDA's aim was to try to recruit locally and to bring in talents from other places only when it had difficulty finding the right expertise in Hong Kong. Around 135 out of the 150 serving staff were Hong Kong people; and (b) sustainability, connectivity and accessibility were among the key planning and design principles underpinning the whole WKCD development, and WKCDA was committed to adhering to these principles in implementing the WKCD project; and (c) WKCDA was in discussion with the Harbourfront Commission on the issue of marine access to WKCD. 	
020135 - 020317	<p>Chairman</p>	<p>The Chairman's views that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in determining the RDE uses at the facilities in WKCD, WKCDA should seek to provide more opportunities and give priority to local small business operators, in particular those engaging in relevant arts and cultural industries, thereby 	

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		<p>facilitating the development of these industries/trades; and</p> <p>(b) WKCDA should capitalize on the harbourfront location of WKCD and make good use of the waterfront areas to enhance the accessibility and tourism appeal of WKCD.</p>	
020318 - 020508	Chairman Dr CHIANG Lai-wan	<p>Dr CHIANG Lai-wan's suggestions that -</p> <p>(a) WKCDA should liaise and coordinate with the relevant government departments to explore the feasibility of constructing a continuous waterfront promenade linking up WKCD and the waterfront areas of the New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter located to the north of WKCD; and</p> <p>(b) the period of closure of the sites required for the construction works in WKCD should be shortened as far as practicable so as to facilitate public enjoyment of the open spaces in WKCD.</p>	
020509 - 020835	Chairman Dr Priscilla LEUNG WKCDA	<p>In response to Dr Priscilla LEUNG's concerns about the pedestrian accessibility within WKCD and the provision of a tree-lined walking path connecting WKCD and the Austin Station, WKCDA advised that it was looking at the issue of providing a direct access to WKCD from the Austin Station and studying the feasibility of the provision of travellers and e-buses to enhance the connectivity of the sites within WKCD.</p>	
020836 - 021109	Chairman Mr Abraham SHEK	<p>Mr Abraham SHEK's expression of appreciation for the winning design of the Xiqu Centre design competition which was iconic and had included ample open space for public enjoyment.</p> <p>Mr SHEK's view that given the changing social, political and economic conditions in Hong Kong, consideration might be given to increasing the plot ratio for WKCD to meet the current needs of the society, to provide a revenue source for meeting the rising capital costs of the WKCD project, and to facilitate better utilization of the WKCD site.</p>	
021110 - 021145	Chairman Mr Frankie YICK	<p>On the suggestion of making good use of the waterfront promenade of WKCD and connecting it with the waterfront areas of the New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter, Mr Frankie YICK cautioned the Administration to duly consider the impact of the proposal on the operation of the Yau Ma Tei Public Cargo Working Area in the vicinity.</p>	

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021146 - 021238	Chairman	Date of next meeting and items for discussion.	

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