

## **Letterhead of The Hong Kong Institute of Architects**

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### **HKIA Submission LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs EIA-Construction of the International Theme Park in Penny's Bay, North Lantau**

We refer to your letter ref. CB2/PL/EA dated 30 March 2000 regarding the discussion on the EIA findings of the captioned project to be held at the meeting on 7 April 2000. As per your request, we write to express our major viewpoints as below:

- In view of the project scale and the site nature, we support that a full EIA must be carried out and such is potentially a showcase for other development projects in the territory on demonstrating the commitment of our society to the issues of environmental conservation and sustainable development.
- While we are supportive of the proposals such as using electric passenger trains to minimize local air emissions (Final Executive Summary: Section 3.2.3) and recommending a source separation programme on both recyclable and compostable wastes (Final Executive Summary: Section 3.5.5), the project should be committed to a more comprehensive environmentally friendly approach with respect to the planning, construction, building design and operation aspects. Given its development size as well as international exposure, it should be an innovative demonstration project on environmentally responsive designs in Hong Kong.