立法會議員與黃大仙區議會議員 於2002年1月10日及10月31日舉行的會議

於上述的2002年1月10日舉行的會議席上,黃大仙區議會議員 在討論"將東頭邨23座及沙埔道兩個臨時停車場改建為九龍歷史公園" 項目時指出,有關文化及保存古蹟的政策,應由政府在高層全力統籌 推動,才會有成效。葉國謙議員及馬逢國議員皆認為,政府如何整體 推動文化政策的課題應由民政事務委員會跟進討論。

2. 於上述的2002年10月31日舉行的會議席上,黃大仙區議會議員指出,他們雖曾多番向政府表明希望保留大磡村內3座歷史建築物,即影星喬宏故居,舊飛機庫和地下碉堡,但政府卻只是表示,正與各部門研究。議員認為很多有關保存歷史文物的事例,例如保存衙前圍村、甘棠第等古蹟,都在社會上引起了迴響。但種種事例都令人覺得,政府對保護歷史文物既無決心亦無承諾。立法會議員建議把有關保存 古蹟文物的議題轉交民政事務委員會作出跟進。

(上述的兩次會議的紀要分別載於**附錄I及II**,以供參閱。)

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II. Conversion of Block 23 of Tung Tau Estate and two temporary car parks in Sa Po Road into a "Kowloon Historical Site"

Mr LAM Man-fai recalled that during a discussion with the 2. Administration last October on the conversion of Block 23 of Tung Tau Estate and two temporary car parks in Sa Po Road into a "Kowloon Historical Site", the WTSDC was informed that the Government had intended to build some 40storey public housing blocks on the site under the redevelopment plan. The District Council considered the proposal of the Housing Department ("HD") inappropriate and voiced its objection to the HD. The District Council maintained that the views to the ridgeline of the Lion Rock would be ruined if buildings of 40-storey were built there. Moreover, as the site was in the middle of two monuments namely, the Kowloon Walled City and Nga Tsin Wai Village, and would be adjacent to the entrance to the proposed Green City, the Government should take the opportunity to resume the land after demolishing Block 23 and use the site for development of local tourism. By doing so, the site would match the nearby monuments where cultural facilities such as the Kowloon Museum of History, an art fair and a flea market, and a shopping centre for books and cultural goods would be provided after conversion. Mr LAM tabled a draft design of the "Kowloon Historical Site" at the meeting and brief LegCo Members about the plan in detail. As the land use was about to be changed and the land would be auctioned soon, Mr LAM hoped that LegCo Members would convey the views of WTSDC members and follow up the issue concerning conversion of the car parks in Sa Po Road with the Government.

3. <u>Mr WU Chi-wai</u> agreed with Mr LAM and recapitulated the discussion of the District Council for the HD to take into account three basic principles when considering the conversion plan: the preservation of the views to the ridgeline of the Lion Rock, consideration of the in situ rehousing requests of residents living in the adjacent Block 22, and the examination of the adequacy of local recreational facilities. That said, <u>Mr WU</u> pointed out that the District Council still held diverse views on how to restore the monuments already buried in oblivion among the buildings. On recreational facilities, <u>Mr LEE Tat-yan</u> considered that the community facilities were in dire shortage in Wong Tai Sin district, especially in San Po Kong, Tong Tau Estate and Wang Tau Hom.

4. <u>Miss CHAN Yuen-han</u> said that although the Government had promoted a programme on preservation of monuments and antiques in various districts last year, and there were indeed a considerable number of monuments and antiques worth preserving in Wong Tai Sin district, it was a pity that the Government had failed to assign a dedicated department for coordination and follow-up actions.

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<u>Miss CHAN</u> considered that the Government's pace in handling the issue lagged behind the progress in the district.

5. <u>The Convenor</u> said that the subject might be brought up at different levels such as the Tourism Commission and the Culture and Heritage Commission (CHC) for follow-up actions. Mr MA Fung-kwok, who was a member of the CHC, said that the CHC was aware of similar requests from a number of district Since last October, the CHC had been inviting requests and views councils. from district councils on the protection of antiques and monuments, and expected As the promotion of the to issue another consultation paper this April. preservation programme would be one of the major concerns, it was hoped that all district councils would express their views actively by then. Mr MA pointed out that the Government should adopt a holistic approach by enlisting the participation of all departments in promoting its cultural policy, instead of launching the programme in fragments. Mr MA would also move a motion debate on the overall policy on culture in due course.

6. <u>Mr IP Kwok-him</u> said that the Government should coordinate and promote the policies on culture and preservation of monuments from the high level with dedicated efforts in order to achieve effectiveness. He elucidated his point with the case of the land for redevelopment which WTSDC members' were concerned about. As the land was under the HD, the Department would not release the land if the matter was not brought up to a higher level for coordination. <u>Mr LAM Man-fai</u> agreed with Mr IP for the matter to be handled at a higher level. He informed LegCo Members that given the substantial numbers of existing public housing estates and Home Ownership Scheme estates as well as those to be developed in Wong Tai Sin district, it was imperative for the Government to review whether housing estates should be constructed so densely.

7. <u>Mr IP Kwok-him</u> said that he would bring up the subject of policy on overall promotion of culture for discussion by the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs, and Mr MA Fung-kwok would join him in conveying to the Government the common wish of District Council members and LegCo Members.

8. <u>Mr CHAN Kam-lam</u> was of the view that the Government should not attach importance only to major construction projects such as the Disneyland and neglect the local heritage and cultural relics. <u>Mr CHAN</u> believed that the Government should urge the Planning Department to re-plan the site and refer the issue for re-consideration by the Tourism Commission. Should the Department confirm that the proposal of the District Council was worth introducing for tourism purposes, it must proactively coordinate the matter and discuss with all relevant departments on how to release the land for conversion into a tourist attraction. <u>The Convenor</u> instructed the Secretariat to follow-up the matter in accordance with Mr CHAN's suggestions.

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VII. The development of Tai Hom Village

30. <u>Mr LAM Man-fai</u> said that WTSDC had repeatedly requested the Government to preserve the three historical structures in Tai Hom Village, namely, the house of the late movie star QIAO Hong (喬宏), the former aircraft hangar and the underground military pillbox. WTSDC hoped that the Government would review the development of the area again and consult WTSDC during its review. In view of the recent media coverage that the Government had planned to shelve projects that lacked economic benefits in order to ease the deficit, <u>Mr LAM</u> said that WTSDC was worried and wondered if it would shelve the Hammer Hill Road Park project to be undertaken jointly by the Government and the Chi Lin Nunnery.

The Convenor informed WTSDC members that the Secretariat had made 31. enquiries on their behalf and was informed that the Government intended to apply to the Public Works Subcommittee of LegCo on 27 November for the necessary funding when the project was upgraded to Category A, and would submit the proposal to the Finance Committee for funding approval. Mr Fred LI assured WTSDC members that, to his understanding, the Administration would discuss the allocation of funds for the project with the Subcommittee to follow up the outstanding capital works projects of the former municipal councils on 14 November 2002 before submitting the proposal to the Public Works Dr Raymond HO affirmed that LegCo Subcommittee for consideration. Members were very concerned about projects related to leisure ground, libraries, as well as those related to the enhancement of the quality of life and promotion of tourism, and believed that funds allocation for these projects should be given priority. He had already written to the Financial Secretary (FS) seeking clarification as to whether it was Government's policy for economic benefits to be the prime consideration for construction of projects. Moreover, he would be meeting FS and would bring up the issue of the Hammer Hill Road Park project.

32. <u>The Convenor</u> said that the Secretariat had conveyed the request of WTSDC to the Government for preservation of the three historical structures in Tai Hom Village. Referring to the responses of the departments concerned, she said that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department had replied that it was studying in collaboration with other departments the in-situ preservation of the historical structures as far as possible without compromising the established development principles for the area. <u>The Convenor</u> was worried that it seemed that the Government had not maintained a firm stance and suggested that WTSDC members should pursue the matter.

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33. <u>Mr LAM Man-fai</u> confirmed that WTSDC members made the request on behalf of the residents in Wong Tai Sin area for preservation of the antiquities as far as possible, in particular the aircraft hangar, as these structures had witnessed the historical changes in Hong Kong. <u>Mr LAM</u> said that it was regrettable that no organization was responsible for the supervision of heritage preservation after the dissolution of the municipal councils. He hoped that LegCo Members would monitor the Government's efforts in this regard.

34. The Convenor said that recently there had been many cases relating to heritage preservation, such as the preservation of the Nga Tsin Wai Village, Kom-Tong Hall and so on, which triggered off some concern among the community. <u>The Convenor</u> considered that the Government not only lacked the determination but also had never undertaken to preserve heritage. She. therefore, concurred that LegCo should pay attention to the issue. Regrettably, however, LegCo had still not set up any subcommittee for this purpose. She asked whether the issue of preservation of antiquities and monuments should be referred to the House Committee for consideration of the setting up of a subcommittee to monitor the issue. Mr Fred LI pointed out that the issue fell under the ambit of the Panel on Home Affairs and suggested referring it to the Panel first for consideration of the setting up of a subcommittee to follow up the issue.

35. <u>The Convenor</u> thanked WTSDC members for their views. The meeting ended at 12:45 pm, followed by lunch at the Dining Hall. Concurrently, another group of Members and members of Yuen Long DC joined the lunch at the Dining Hall.

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