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Miss Odelia LEUNG  
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Legislative Council Secretariat  
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8 Jackson Road  
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Miss LEUNG,

**Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development  
Meeting on 3 February 2006**

Thank you for your letter of 16 January inviting the Chief Secretary for Administration to attend the Subcommittee's meeting on 3 February to respond to the Subcommittee's Study Reports and to explain the way forward for the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) development.

In the course of the Subcommittee's study on the WKCD project, we have attended meetings of the Subcommittee to explain the Government's position on various aspects of the project and exchanged views with Members. In particular, we have provided detailed views to the Subcommittee and cooperated fully with the Subcommittee in preparing its Phase I and Phase II Study Reports. We are aware of the Subcommittee's views on the WKCD project, and wrote to the Subcommittee on 6 January providing our response to the Phase II Report. The Chief Secretary for Administration therefore does not see the need for him or the Administration to meet with the Subcommittee at this stage.

As regards the proposed way forward which we announced at the House Committee meeting on 7 October 2005, we will take into account the views of various sectors of the community, including the Legislative Council, the Town Planning Board, as well as the screened-in Proponents before formulating the next steps for the project. As indicated in our letter of 10 October 2005 to you, after formulating more detailed proposals on the establishment of an independent statutory body to take forward the WKCD development, the Chief Secretary for Administration will be pleased to meet with the Subcommittee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danny Lau', written in a cursive style.

( Danny Lau )  
for Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands