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Attention: Ms. Anita Sit

Dear Ms. Sit

West Kowloon Cultural District Development

We thank you for your letter of 14 September inviting our views on the Recommendation Report of the Consultative Committee on the Core Arts and Cultural Facilities of the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD").

We are of the view that the WKCD Authority should be limited in its power and not be allowed to grow into a publicly-funded corporation in competition with the private sector. Development rights should not be used to avoid proper accountability of the funding for the WKCD. As such, to ensure clear monitoring of the operation of the WKCD Authority, the Authority should seek funding from LegCo as in the case of any other public works or publicly funded project.

Regarding the development of Retail/Dining/Entertainment ("RDE") space in the WKCD, we believe that it should be genuinely ancillary and be limited to servicing the patrons of the venues within the Cultural District. Any large scale RDE development should be subject to the normal land disposal process and be developed and managed by the private sector.

Please note that we shall not attend the Subcommittee meeting.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary General