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Dear Miss LEUNG,

Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development

Thank you for your letter of 10 June, requesting us to provide further information on the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District.

Our responses are at the Annex for your reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arsene YIU'.

(Arsene YIU)

for Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development

Responses to Clerk to Subcommittee's Letter of 10 June 2005

- (a) Under the Town Planning Ordinance (Chapter 131) (TPO), the Town Planning Board (TPB) may, under section 7(1), at any time after exhibition of a draft plan under section 5 and before approval by the Chief Executive in Council (CE in C) under section 9, make amendments to a draft plan. If the TPB makes amendments to the draft plan under section 7, then a submission of the draft plan, together with a schedule of objections not withdrawn, shall be made to the CE in C before the expiration of a period of nine months after the expiration both of the exhibition period under sections 5 and 7, as stipulated in section 8(2)(b).

The TPB exhibited the amendments to the draft South West Kowloon Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) on 11 July 2003 under section 7. Thereafter, the TPB made further amendments to the OZP under section 7, respectively on 26 March 2004 and 14 January 2005. In accordance with section 8(2)(b), the TPB will submit the draft OZP, together with the objections not withdrawn, to CE in C before the expiration of a period of nine months after the expiration of the last exhibition period (i.e. three weeks after 14 January 2005 in this case), if the TPB makes no further amendments to the draft OZP under section 7.

As the plan-making process for the OZP has not yet been completed, the TPB has not yet submitted it to the CE in C for approval.

- (b) An OZP is accompanied by a set of Explanatory Statement (ES), which reflects the planning intentions and objectives of the TPB for various land use zonings. While an ES does not constitute a part of an OZP under the TPO, it will be published together with the new or amended OZP for public inspection.

The ES per se is not subject to objections provided for under the TPO. The public may, nevertheless, comment on the ES and the TPB may also amend the ES to address the concern of the public. In the case of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD), the TPB agreed to revise the ES of the OZP to reflect clearly its intention to adopt a two-stage approach for the planning of the WKCD on 2 January 2004. The revised ES, together with amendments to the OZP, were exhibited under section 7 for public inspection on 26 March 2004.

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