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Chairman and Members
The Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
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Re: Existing Star Ferry Pier and Queen's Pier

Honorable Chair and Members,

Why buy new street art and amenities when we have them already? Why not cherish small tokens of our cultural and economic heritage?

The Tin Hau Temple and the Yacht Club in Oil Street are some of the very few markers which remind residents and visitors of our 'historic' harbour-front.

Likewise, we recommend that the existing Star Ferry Clock Tower and the Queen's Pier building are being kept in situ.

The Queen's Pier structure can be kept without interruption of P2, and can continue its function as a shelter and a point of sale for snacks.

The existing Clock Tower is situated on the pavement of the future P2, and does not create any conflict with planned road or infrastructure works.

Designing Hong Kong promotes a series of gardens at ground level between LegCo and the new Star Ferry, providing uninterrupted visual access for all to the harbour, and the old and the new Star Ferry clock towers, at street level from Des Voeux Road, Chater Road, Connaught Road, P2 and P1.

In the care of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Clock Tower can continue its chime in the same place for the benefit of residents and tourists who make their way between the waterfront and the 'old' Central, and along P2 between the IFC and City Hall/Tamar. (The cost of operations is assumed less than a musical fountain, an outdoor TV screen or an amphitheatre, as proposed for the Central and Wanchai waterfronts.)

Herewith we so submit for your consideration and support.

Yours sincerely

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