

Dear Sirs / Madams,

Re: Strongly Objection to Relocation of the Hong Kong Maritime Museum to the Central Star Ferry Pier

[反對 香港海事博物館 在天星碼頭8號碼頭 設置永久館址]

I am writing to object the relocation of the Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) to the Central Star Ferry Pier No. 8.

Instead, I suggest to move it and to be absorbed / combined with the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence (HKMCD) located at Sau Kei Wan seashore.

My points and advantages are:

1. HKMCD has much larger area and better facility than HKMM, the former would have NO problem to absorb all exhibits from the latter;
2. Both exhibits and theme are of similar nature and both museums are located near seashore;
3. The cost of combination of both Museum is merely neglectable than rebuild a new museum in Central, only limited transportation and redecoration fee would be required;
4. There are already well-trained museum specialist in HKMCD;
5. It is not wise and much higher opportunity cost to relocate the HKMM to Central where rent and cost / expenses are much expensive;
6. Like most famous museum all over the World, the exhibits donation from HKMM to HKMCD would be gathered and demonstrated at individual exhibition hall in HKMCD titled with the donors' name;
7. The present financial status of HKMCD is NOT cost effective.

As seen from the Financial Figures for 2006/2007 of HKMCD, the attendance was only 161,507 visitors last year.

The deficit:

Expenditure 13,983,000 - Revenue 690,000 = HK\$13,293,000.

The cost of each visitor:

HK\$13293000 / 161507 = HK\$82.3

8. Combination of both Museum would save manpower cost and make rich the collection of exhibits. HKMCD has urgent need to attract more visitors;
9. The combined museum name would be suggested to be amended to as "The Hong Kong Museum of Maritime & Coastal Defence" [香港海防海事博物館].

Wish the above suggestion would be benefit to the heritage of HK culture. Should my proposal would be accepted later, I won't hesistate and will be proud of receiving a Good Citizen Certificate.

Sincerely from,

LCSD Museum Pass No.
Friends of Heritage / AMO 011-08

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16-02-2008

Reference:

香港海事博物館
Hong Kong Maritime Museum
<http://www.hkmaritimemuseum.org/>

香港海事博物館 意見書 提交 香港特別行政區立法會 民政事務委員會 (PDF)
<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/chinese/panels/ha/papers/ha0111cb2-737-1-c.pdf>

香港海防博物館
Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence
2006/2007年度財務數據
<http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/Museum/Coastal/b5/section1-6.php>

- I. 支出 (以港幣計)
 1. 薪酬 1,787,000
 2. 運作經費 4,468,000
 3. 電費, 清潔及保安 6,147,000

4. 宣傳 867,000
5. 藏品及展覽 714,000
總計 13,983,000

II. 收入 (以港幣計)
1. 入場費及租用費 479,000
2. 其他收入 211,000
總計 690,000

III. 入場人次 161,507

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