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(Attn: Mr WONG Siu Yee)

Dear Mr Wong,

**LegCo Bills Committee on West Kowloon Cultural District Authority Bill
Views on the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority Bill**

Thank you for your letter of 7 March 2008 inviting the Institution to put forth our views on the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Authority Bill.

The HKIE understands the Government's intention of not specifying the precise composition of the WKCD Authority Board in the Bill so as to tie in with the needs of the different stages of the development and operation of the WKCD facilities. With the adoption of the Public Private Partnership arrangement for the development of the WKCD, construction oversight is essential over the entire spectrum of the development project from design, construction, operation and maintenance. Given the functions of the WKCD Authority as set out in the Bill and with reference to the principles of "Partnership", "Community-driven" and "People-oriented" underlying the Government existing cultural policy, we are therefore of the view that it would be beneficial to include an engineering professional in the Authority, who possesses the necessary expert knowledge and know how for the development.

We hope that our suggestion could be earnestly considered by the Administration and we strongly believe that a professional engineer's inputs on WKCD development with his/her engineering and construction expertise would be crucial to the success of the WKCD project in both short and long run.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Ir Dr LO Wai Kwok MH JP
President