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**Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the
West Kowloon Cultural District Project**

**Summary of past deliberations on public engagement exercise
for the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Project**

Members' views and suggestions	Administration's responses/follow up actions
(1) Former Subcommittee on WKCD Development	
<p>(a) There is a need to make a fundamental overhaul of the mode of “public engagement” (PE) for the subsequent stages of the development of WKCD, with a view to fostering a sense of ownership among the public, building up consensus, and developing a healthy and organic cultural ecology for WKCD.</p> <p>(b) Future public engagement should strive to allow the public to participate right at the beginning and adopt a non-prescriptive, empowering and participatory approach.</p> <p>(c) An institutionalized mechanism should be established to allow stakeholders and the general public to put forward their views in a structured and systematic manner, and ongoing dialogues between the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCDA) and the stakeholders/general public.</p>	<p>The Administration has provided in section 20 of the WKCDA Ordinance (Cap.601) for the establishment of a consultation panel (CP) to gather public views on matters relevant to the functions of the Authority. The Ordinance has also provided that -</p> <p>(i) the members of CP will be appointed by WKCDA and the Authority shall have regard to the purpose for which the panel is established when appointing the members;</p> <p>(ii) the Authority shall, from time to time, issue guidelines on the functions, administration, proceedings and business and any other matters in relation to the panel, as the Authority considers appropriate, and the guidelines shall be made public; and</p> <p>(iii) CP is required to hold at least one meeting each year and its meetings are to be open to the public.</p>

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(2) Bills Committee on WKCDA Bill	
<p>(a) The provisions on public consultation in the WKCDA Bill are too loosely constructed. In effect, WKCDA is almost entirely free to decide when and how to consult.</p> <p>(b) The Administration should provide in the Bill for the establishment of a standing CP so that the stakeholders and the general public will be engaged in an ongoing and systematic manner throughout the development and operation of the WKCD project. It should also be specified in the Bill that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the function of CP is to provide a platform for soliciting views and building consensus among experts, stakeholders and the general public on major matters relating to the work of WKCDA;(ii) in appointing the members of CP, WKCDA shall have regard to the function of the panel, and that the appointments should be consistent with the principles of transparency and equal opportunity;(iii) WKCDA shall consult CP on the guidelines in relation to the functions and other matters of the panel; and(iv) WKCDA shall give reasons for not adopting any recommendations supported by a majority of the members of CP.	

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(3) Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the WKCD Project	
<p>(a) to realize the vision of a people-oriented and community-oriented WKCD, it is of paramount importance that the public is fully engaged in the development of the project;</p> <p>(b) all meetings of CP should be open to the public;</p> <p>(c) stage one of the PE exercise should be extended to allow more extensive and in-depth discussions on the community's aspirations and expectations on WKCD;</p> <p>(d) the public should have access to the audio/video records of the PE process through the website; and</p> <p>(e) the result of the PE exercise should be summed up in a comprehensive manner for future monitoring by members of the public.</p>	<p>(a) CP has started operating with effect from 1 March 2009 and will hold its first meeting no later than May 2009 to plan for the specifics of stage one PE exercise scheduled for mid 2009;</p> <p>(b) while CP is required by section 20(8) of the WKCDA Ordinance to hold at least one meeting each year and to open that meeting to the public, it is anticipated that it will exceed the prescribed requirement and organise not just one but more meetings each year for public participation;</p> <p>(c) WKCDA will adopt an open attitude regarding the timeframe for the respective stages of PE exercise while bearing in mind the need to expedite the project and provide job opportunity through its implementation;</p> <p>(d) CP will help in the planning of the PE exercise in preparing the Development Plan and ensure that the consultation is conducted in an open and transparent manner; and</p> <p>(e) arrangement will be made to explain to the public as to how the three conceptual plans have incorporated their visions and aspirations on the WKCD project.</p>

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