

Public Art Think Tank (PATT)
公共藝術智庫

Position Statement

Who we are?

Public Art Think Tank (PATT) is an organization dedicated to research and advocacy of policies and strategies for the development of public art in Hong Kong.

Our Stand

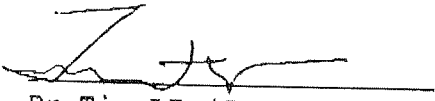
PATT supports the establishment of a Culture Bureau led by a Secretary for Culture who should have visions, knowledge, ability, experience, respect in arts and culture and is accepted by the arts and culture field.

The functions of the Culture Bureau should include:

1. Policy making;
2. Monitoring and reviewing the existing system;
3. Acting as an incubator for new ideas;
4. Facilitating collaborations among the arts and cultural sectors and other sectors;
5. Coordinating the arts and cultural sectors, various government bureaus and departments, as well as the public;
6. Upholding artistic freedom and diversity;
7. Defending the cultural rights of artists and the public;
8. Empowering the public to lead the development of arts and culture;
9. Educating the public and government officials of the importance of arts and culture.

Specifically for the development of public art, PATT recommends that the Government make reference to the experience of other cities, such as Taiwan, and set up a separate branch dedicated to public art. We recommend the following:

1. Set up a Public Art Branch under the Secretary for Culture;
2. Set up an independent Commission for Public Art;
3. Set up a Public Art Fund;
4. Implement a Percent for Art programme with public capital projects;
5. Develop incentives for the private sector to adopt Percent for Art strategies;
6. Develop a database of public art initiatives;
7. Integrate public art into education and research;
8. Incorporate public art into cultural and creative industries and tourism policies;
9. Promote and encourage public art projects with festivals and awards;
10. Develop public art for city marketing with international exchange and attraction.


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