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### **Panel on Home Affairs**

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#### **Exhibition on Bruce Lee at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum**

#### **Purpose**

This paper provides background information on the Government's proposed initiative to organize an exhibition on Bruce Lee, the late international film star, at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum ("HKHM"), and highlights the concerns of Legislative Council ("LegCo") Members on the relevant matters.

#### **Background**

2. In his 2011-2012 Policy Address, the Chief Executive stated that in line with the Government's continuous efforts to develop cultural programmes, build audience base, promote art education and nurture talents, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") planned to set up a Bruce Lee Gallery in HKHM. According to the Administration, an exhibition featuring the life and achievements of Bruce Lee from cultural perspectives would be held at HKHM. With exhibits drawn from his family members and friends and collectors, the different roles, icons and identities of Bruce Lee as a Kung-fu master and a film actor as well as his influence on the art of Kung-fu and creative industries would be examined.

#### Other events in commemoration of Bruce Lee

3. The Government has supported a number of events that aimed to

pay tribute to Bruce Lee in recent years. In particular, a Bruce Lee statue was unveiled at the Avenue of Stars along the Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade on 27 November 2005, Bruce Lee's 65<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary. To commemorate his 70<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, a special tribute entitled "Bruce Lee 7010", which included a public seminar on and screening of Mr Lee's films as well as a Bruce Lee exhibition, was launched at the 34<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong International Film Festival from 21 March to 6 April 2010.

### **Members' concerns**

4. The Government's proposed initiative to organize an exhibition on Bruce Lee at HKHM has not been discussed at any committee in LegCo. Nevertheless, the Administration's proposed restoration of Bruce Lee's former residence in Kowloon Tong was discussed at the Panel on Economic Development ("the EDEV Panel") in 2010.

5. At the EDEV Panel meeting on 16 October 2009, members noted the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau's plan to restore Bruce Lee's former residence in Kowloon Tong, with the objectives to develop it into a tourist attraction and to commemorate his contribution to martial arts and the local film industry. A global competition was launched in July 2009 to invite ideas from around the world for the restoration project. At the EDEV Panel meeting on 15 October 2010, concern was raised about the way forward for the restoration project. According to the Administration, it had been pursuing the project in earnest. However, despite its efforts to engage the property owner of Bruce Lee's former residence, no consensus on the way forward could be reached. The property owner would like to proceed with the restoration on a much larger scale than the winning design of the 2009 ideas competition. Since Kowloon Tong had been designated as a low density development area with restriction on building height, any large-scale restoration of Bruce Lee's former residence would require the approval of the Town Planning Board, which would be a protracted process. In the Administration's view, the winning design should be able to house the facilities that the property owner would like to put in place. The Administration indicated that it was willing to continue to discuss with the property owner the restoration project on the basis of the winning design.

6. Members also raised questions about the restoration project at the Council meetings of 14 January 2009 and 20 October 2010. The details of the questions and the Administration's responses at the two meetings are in **Appendices I** and **II** respectively.

## **Relevant papers**

7. A list of the relevant papers with their hyperlinks at LegCo's website is in **Appendix III**.

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**Extract from the Official Record of Proceedings  
of the Council Meeting on 14 January 2009**

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**Building Facilities to Commend Achievements of Hong Kong Celebrities**

3. **MR PAUL TSE** (in Cantonese): *President, some people from the tourism trade have relayed to me that building facilities to commend the achievements of Hong Kong celebrities (for example, a Bruce LEE memorial hall) will be conducive to the development of tourism. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether:*

- (a) *it has conducted any survey to gauge the views of the public and tourists on building a Bruce LEE memorial hall and conserving the residence of Bruce LEE (the residence) in Kowloon Tong; if it has, of the results; if not, whether it will conduct such a survey;*

- (b) *it has studied the feasibility of the proposal put forward by the residence's owner to convert the building into a Bruce LEE memorial hall; if it has, of the details; if not, whether it will conduct the study expeditiously; and*
- (c) *it has any plan to set up facilities and take forward such projects to commend other internationally renowned Hong Kong celebrities; if it has, of the details and the criteria for determining whether it will set up facilities to commend a particular celebrity, so as to develop new tourist attractions; if it has not, the reasons for that?*

**SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (in Cantonese): President, the Government is committed to developing and promoting our various attractions, and exploring new and unique tourism products, so as to enhance Hong Kong's appeal as a premier tourist destination and enrich visitors' experience in Hong Kong.

My reply to Mr Paul TSE's question is as follows:

- (a) The Government has not conducted any formal survey to gauge the views of the public and tourists about the development of a Bruce LEE memorial hall and conserving the residence in Kowloon Tong. However, we have been monitoring public views on the establishment of a Bruce LEE memorial hall, in recognition of Mr Bruce LEE's achievements in martial arts and film development. We believe that the community will support the proposal of conserving the residence to commemorate and pay tribute to Mr Bruce LEE. Mr LEE is an international celebrity, and many people in China and abroad are interested in his life. Conserving the residence and opening it to both local and overseas visitors can commemorate Mr LEE and his achievements, and will also bring tourism benefits to Hong Kong.

The Kowloon City District Council discussed and supported the proposal at its meeting in July 2008. A Member pointed out that the proposed development should take account of the quiet and low-density environment of Kowloon Tong, as well as the possible impact on the traffic and surrounding areas.

- (b) On 6 January 2009, I met with Mr YU Pang-lin, owner of Mr Bruce LEE's former residence. We exchanged views and reached a consensus on how to conserve the property in commemoration of Mr Bruce LEE. Both sides have agreed to actively explore specific management and operation options under the broad principle of preserving and restoring the original appearance of the residence. This includes seeking the assistance of Mr Bruce LEE's family and identifying suitable partners. We will then consult Mr YU on concrete proposals.
- (c) When we consider whether a new public museum for commemorating a particular historical or renowned figure should be provided, we will have to take into account the concerned historical figure's association with local historical and cultural development, and his or her importance and influence on the development of Hong Kong. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) under Home Affairs Bureau manages 14 public museums, two heritage centres and the Hong Kong Film Archive. At present, the Dr SUN Yat-sen Museum is the only public museum commemorating a historical figure.

**MR PAUL TSE** (in Cantonese): *President, thanks to the Bureau for actively following up the matter concerning the Bruce LEE memorial hall. Although the matter has subsided for some time, the Government's enthusiasm in handling this matter is commendable and encouraging, whether such enthusiasm is a mere coincidence or a result of my intention to put a question on this topic. However, there is no detailed announcement on the timeframe of the development proposal concerned. I hope the Government can make the announcement as soon as possible.*

*However, my greater concern is that the Secretary did not mention any policy that the Administration has in place, apart from the Bruce LEE memorial hall mentioned in part (c) of the main reply. Many Hong Kong celebrities, such as Jacky CHAN of the performing arts sector, film director John WOO and WONG Kar-wai, as well as TAN Dun of the music profession, are internationally renowned. Their achievements can be utilized to promote Hong Kong tourism. In countries abroad, an example is that commemorative events are held this year*

*to mark the 500th anniversary of Henry VIII; and many other historical figures are used to promote tourism. In this regard, I hope the Secretary can further explain why we cannot take forward the promotion of celebrities in various sectors more actively? It seems to be a little shamefaced that there is only the Dr SUN Yat-sen Museum on the record. Secretary, how can the situation be improved?*

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Which Secretaries will reply? Secretary for Home Affairs.

**SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS** (in Cantonese): President, at present, the Dr SUN Yat-sen Museum is the only museum under the management of LCSD which commemorates a renowned figure. Apart from this Museum, the Home Affairs Bureau has no plan to provide any other public museums on renowned figures. The establishment of such museums require more than consideration of the relevant cultural and historical significance of the renowned figures. The availability of sufficient information on heritage and collections as well as the priorities of deployable resources are also paramount considerations. The Home Affairs Bureau will fully consider public aspirations. This actually involves two issues. First, the figure. If he or she is a historical figure, do we have sufficient information and artefacts to establish a museum? Second, concerning the ecology of the museum, apart from museums run by the Government, we very much hope to encourage more non-government organizations (NGOs) to operate museums on commercial principles. For instance, we will be pleased to see initiatives taken by NGOs in respect of those figures of the performing arts or cultural sectors mentioned by Mr TSE.

**PROF PATRICK LAU** (in Cantonese): *President, I wish to declare that Mr Bruce LEE was an elder schoolmate of mine. When I was in Primary five at La Salle Primary School, he was in Primary six. He also taught me how to fight.*

*As Members may well know, setting up a museum on a renowned figure requires the assemblage of a lot of information, as clearly pointed out by the Secretary just now. In fact, many of our schoolmates are still in Hong Kong. Is it possible that we allocate a place in other museums to exhibit his biographic*

*information first and then pursue further development in future? In fact, he did not only live in that residence. Is it possible to collect information from his family first and exhibit part of it in the existing museum, and then send it to the dedicated museum in future? I know this is not an easy task and it will take a lot of time, but can we collect the information in this way first?*

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Which Secretaries will reply?

**SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (in Cantonese): President, if I have not misunderstood Prof LAU, he was referring to Mr Bruce LEE, was he not? Our plan now is to preserve his residence in Kowloon Tong and then contact his family members to collect information and restore the original appearance of the residence. The Hong Kong Film Archive also maintains the information on films starring Mr Bruce LEE. Hence, in terms of collection of information, we will proceed in this direction. To make the memorial hall meaningful, I think before discussing with the owner in the next stage of work, we must first obtain information on the layout of the residence from his family and carry out the proposal in steps.

**PROF PATRICK LAU** (in Cantonese): *President, the Secretary did not answer whether she will now make active efforts to collect information. For instance, many of my schoolmates have photographs of him taken in primary school. May I know whether she will start doing this now?*

**SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (in Cantonese): President, the answer is yes, and work is in progress.

**MS AUDREY EU** (in Cantonese): *President, Mr Paul TSE's question has taken a tourism perspective, indicating that this is one way to commend Hong Kong celebrities. May I ask the Secretaries whether they have considered adopting a historical perspective to introduce figures who have made contribution to Hong Kong to the public? In countries abroad, we often find different buildings on the street which have a plaque indicating who once lived there. This can also*



*arouse interest of the public in the place. This can hardly be done in Hong Kong as old buildings are often demolished. As there are actually many comm memorable figures in Hong Kong, has the Government or the Secretaries considered at least placing a plaque at their residence where possible, to explain their contributions to Hong Kong as well as their deeds and biography?*

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Which Secretaries will reply? Secretary for Home Affairs.

**SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS** (in Cantonese): President, the Government is glad to listen to views in this regard. If there are any comm memorable figures, we will place signs or markings in places where they had lived or worked. If Members take the escalator to the Mid-levels, you may notice a certain building along the way in which a Philipino celebrity José RIZAL once resided. In response to requests from the Consulate General of the Philippines and the Philipinos, the LCSD placed a plaque at the building, indicating that it was once the residence of Mr José RIZAL. If Members have time, you can make a visit to the building. Wreaths can often be found there, which are probably placed by the Philipinos to pay tribute to Mr RIZAL. The Government is glad to accede to such requests from the community as long as the requests are considered as feasible and worthwhile after studies conducted by the Government.

**MS AUDREY EU** (in Cantonese): *President, the Secretary did not answer my question. I asked whether the Government will consider doing so. I was not asking whether the public can make such requests. I think this is a very good way to commemorate renowned figures. The Secretary said just now that she did not know what celebrities there are. There are indeed many renowned figures, for instance, among the vocalists and in other professions. President, I asked whether the Government will consider establishing this mechanism. The decision indeed has to be made by a committee, but a plaque should at least be placed at the residence of these celebrities or other related places, as these celebrities are comm memorable not only to tourists, but also to the people of Hong Kong.*

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): I believe you have made your supplementary question clear. Secretary, please reply.

**SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS** (in Cantonese): President, we will do so.

**DR LAM TAI-FAI** (in Cantonese): *Secretary, although I do not live in Kowloon Tong, I am familiar with the area. As far as I know, many celebrities, as well as many patriots and people who are considered important by Beijing, live in the area around Kowloon Tong, particularly in the vicinity of the future Bruce LEE memorial hall. I am very concerned about, firstly, whether the establishment of the memorial hall will affect the environment of this high-class residential area? And secondly, whether the development proposal will alter the land use and relax the ratio of the area, and thus become a precedent? Many problems may then stem from it.*

**SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (in Cantonese): President, I have emphasized again in the main reply that work is carried out on the broad principle of restoring the original appearance of the residence, and so, in our discussion with the owner, our direction is that we will not increase the floor area or the number of storey so as not to enlarge the area of the residence. We are aware of the concerns of the Kowloon City District Council about the impact on the surrounding environment and landscape. Hence, President, we now plan to preserve the original building, which is the target of this commemorative project.

**MR WONG KWOK-HING** (in Cantonese): *President, I love martial arts since I was small and have practised martial arts for decades. I have also organized fund-raising charity events on martial arts. I can be said as the only Member in this term of the Legislative Council who come from the martial arts sector. In this capacity, I have this question for the Secretaries. In taking forward the project of Bruce LEE memorial hall, for which we are certainly grateful to Mr YU Pang-lin for his donation, whether the Government has seriously discussed*

*the project with representatives of the Hong Kong martial arts sector, particularly a group of organizations or persons relating to Bruce LEE (their names have slipped my mind)? President, as early as a decade ago when the Urban Council was not yet abolished, they already made such a proposal to the Urban Council. In that year, I was a member of the Urban Council, while Mrs Rita LAU was the last Director of Urban Services, if my memory does not fail me, and the Secretary may well remember this. Can the Government discuss the proposal with them, so that the preparation work can be done properly? Since Bruce LEE's martial arts teacher YIP Man is a Foshanese, some people in Foshan are planning to establish a Bruce LEE memorial hall in Foshan. I think it is not so desirable if our Bruce LEE memorial hall in Hong Kong becomes neither fish nor fowl. I thus hope that the Secretary can closely collaborate with them in the preparation work and also liaise closely with the memorial hall in Foshan. Can the Secretary answer this question of mine?*

**SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (in Cantonese): President, our primary task now is to restore the original appearance of the residence first, such as locating the original building plan and internal layout plan. As this is the residence of a celebrity, the memorial hall will only be meaningful if the residence is restored to its original appearance. However, the owner Mr YU has proposed that under this premise, Mr Bruce LEE's achievements in respect of films and martial arts should also be demonstrated in the residence. It requires further studies to decide on the approach which can best demonstrate his life story or achievements which merit respect from the public. I thus have indicated in my main reply the need to identify suitable partners to take forward this project together. Work has been initiated and negotiation with them is now in progress. At this stage, it is inappropriate to disclose their identity and degree of involvement, but President, I can assure Members that in taking forward this project, we will respect the wishes of the owner while arriving at an approach most agreeable to all parties in consultation with Mr Bruce LEE's family.

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Mr WONG, which part of your supplementary question has not been answered?

**MR WONG KWOK-HING** (in Cantonese): *President, the Secretary did not answer whether she will liaise with representatives of the Hong Kong martial arts sector, particularly those persons who can reflect Bruce LEE's school of martial arts. After all, Bruce LEE is a martial arts master of the generation.*

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): You have made your supplementary clear. Secretary, please reply.

**SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (in Cantonese): President, we will do so.

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): This Council has spent almost 19 minutes on this question. Fourth question.

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of the Council Meeting on 20 October 2010**

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**Tourism Development Projects and Conservation of Rural Areas with  
Tourism Value**

2. **MR PAUL TSE** (in Cantonese): *President, regarding the progress of tourism development projects and conservation of rural areas with tourism value, will the Government inform this Council:*

- (a) *given the Government's decision to incorporate some areas of the Clear Water Bay Country Park into the proposed extension of South East New Territories Landfill and the press reports about the damage caused by property developers in rural areas such as Sai Wan and Pak Lap in Sai Kung have aroused grave public concern, whether the Government has considered formulating mandatory measures to conserve rural areas with tourism value; of the Government's specific plans for tourism development sites at present in addition to the tourism attractions and facilities already planned for construction or under construction;*
- (b) *given that the Panel on Economic Development of this Council passed a motion at its meeting on 27 April 2009 requesting the Government to review afresh the decision to abandon the "Fisherman's Wharf" project and reconsider whether this project*

*should continue to be implemented, of the Government's present stance, as well as the specific development plans; and*

- (c) *of the latest progress of the development of the Bruce Lee memorial hall project; when the hall is expected to be open to the public; whether the authorities will start afresh the selection of a building cluster with cultural traditions which awaits revitalization to be the site for "the Jao Tsung-I Academy/Hong Kong Cultural Heritage" project, with a view to developing the Academy into a tourism attraction which suits both refined and popular tastes?*

**SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (in Cantonese): President, tourism development and conservation of the natural environment do not run counter to each other and are not mutually exclusive. My reply to various parts of the main question is as follows:

- (a) At present, almost 40% of the land area in Hong Kong is designated as country parks, special areas, marine parks and marine reserve, and thereby protected by law. Many of these areas possess tourism value and are especially attractive for nature-lovers. Over the years, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been working with the Tourism Commission and the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) in promoting nature-based tourism in country parks, marine parks and the Geopark, with a view to strengthening public awareness in nature conservation.

The recent Tai Long Sai Wan incident has highlighted the need to expedite action to regulate land use in the vicinity of country parks for better protection of these sites. The Government has prepared draft Development Permission Area plans for Sai Wan, Hoi Ha, Pak Lap and So Lo Pun. For the remaining 50 sites adjacent to country parks but not yet covered by statutory plans, the Chief Executive has indicated in the Policy Address that we would either include them into country parks, or determine their proper uses through statutory planning, to enhance the protection of these sites against incompatible developments.

In respect of land use planning, other than planned and committed tourist spots and facilities, the planning work and studies in relation to tourism development currently conducted or to be conducted by the Planning Department (PD) include:

- (i) amendment to the Ping Shan Outline Zoning Plan: Two areas of about 0.5 hectare in Yuen Long Ping Shan adjacent to the Tsui Sing Lau Pagoda and Tat Tak Communal Hall will be rezoned to "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Heritage and Cultural Tourism Related" zone to facilitate tourism development;
  - (ii) "The Study on the Enhancement of the Sha Tau Kok Rural Township and Surrounding Areas" and "The Study on the Enhancement of the Lau Fau Shan Rural Township and Surrounding Areas": Both studies aim to formulate an Integrated Area Improvement Plan to enhance the local environment. The former will also assess the tourism potential of Sha Tau Kok Town as a Frontier Closed Area, and examine the possibility of enhancing the connection of Sha Tau Kok Town with other tourist attractions in the North East New Territories. The latter will assess the tourism and recreational potential of Lau Fau Shan and its surrounding areas; and
  - (iii) according to the "Revised Concept Plan for Lantau" published in 2007, part of the area in Tung Chung East would be assessed and reserved for a theme park or major recreational uses in the long term. The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and the PD are working to commission early the feasibility study for the overall planning and engineering of the remaining development in Tung Chung.
- (b) The Administration has never given up the plan to develop Aberdeen into a popular tourist attraction. To showcase the ambience of Aberdeen as a fishing village and enhance its tourism appeal, we have discussed with the Southern District Council (DC) the

construction of a promenade on both sides of the Aberdeen Harbour and beautifying Ap Lei Chau Main Street and adjacent streets with the theme of a fishermen's village. These improvement works will be carried out by the CEDD.

The design of the beautification works is expected to be completed by the end of this month. We plan to consult the Southern DC on the design and the works schedule in November. Upon finalization of the design, we anticipate to seek funding approval from the Legislative Council Finance Committee within the current Legislative Session, so as to commence the improvement works quickly for estimated completion in phases from 2012-2013 onwards.

- (c) In respect of restoring Mr Bruce LEE's former residence, as I said in response to a Member's question during the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Economic Development last week, over the past year we maintained close contact and held a number of meetings with Mr YU Panglin, the property owner of the residence, with a view to working out the restoration arrangements as soon as possible. However, until now we are still unable to reach a consensus with Mr YU over the scope of the restoration.

At the same time, the Tourism Commission has gathered over 100 artifacts related to Mr Bruce LEE and produced a TV documentary on his life. To avoid disappointing the public, we plan to co-operate with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in organizing a themed exhibition at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum in Sha Tin to showcase Mr LEE's life and his contributions to the development of film and Kung Fu culture. The Museum is now conducting detailed preparatory work.

Jao Tsung-I Academy is located at the former Lai Chi Kok Hospital, a Grade 3 historic building selected for adaptive re-use under Batch I of the "Revitalizing Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme" (the Revitalization Scheme) of the Development Bureau.



Under the Revitalization Scheme, the Government invites eligible non-profit-making organizations to submit proposals to revitalize selected government-owned historic buildings in the form of social enterprise. The Government received 10 proposals of different nature for revitalizing the former Lai Chi Kok Hospital. Following detailed assessment by the Advisory Committee on Revitalization of Historic Buildings, the Government finally selected the Hong Kong Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture to revitalize the site as the Hong Kong Cultural Heritage Centre, for promotion of Chinese arts and culture.

This revitalization project aims to provide an environment that blends natural landscape with an urban setting for visitors to learn about Chinese culture and history through participation in courses, workshops, cultural exchange activities, and so on, as well as tours of the Centre. Members of the public and tourists may also learn more about the history of the cluster of historic buildings through open days, guided tours and visits to the heritage interpretation centre.

In recognition of the outstanding achievements of the renowned Chinese scholar Prof JAO Tsung-I, the Government announced the naming of the Hong Kong Cultural Heritage Centre as the Jao Tsung-I Academy in December 2009. The naming of the Centre after Prof JAO commends Prof JAO's education work over the years in the academic and art realms and, at the same time, highlights Hong Kong people's admiration for him and our commitment to preserving and revitalizing historic buildings.

**MR PAUL TSE** (in Cantonese): *President, the development of Sentosa in Singapore in recent years is evident to all. Although the size of this small island is only about one fourth of that of Lantau in Hong Kong, its tourism appeal has increased enormously in recent years.*

*In this respect, although the Secretary stated at the outset in the main reply that tourism development and conservation of the natural environment do not run counter to each other and are not mutually exclusive, it appears to us, insofar as balancing the developments on Lantau is concerned, that there is a need for a*

*more pragmatic fresh assessment. This is because, in a community-initiated forum organized by some organizations and people in charge of tourism facilities on Lantau, there were views that the developments carried out on Lantau were too individualized, making synergy impossible. In this respect, I am very pleased to see that three Bureau Directors are in this Chamber this morning. Actually, when we discuss tourism projects, many areas, including transport, warrant our attention. I would like to listen to the views of the Bureau Directors on this. Regarding the conservation and tourism development of Lantau, is there a need for a fresh assessment and a proper balance?*

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Which Secretary will reply? Secretary for Development, please.

**SECRETARY FOR DEVELOPMENT** (in Cantonese): Consideration was already given to the construction of the relevant tourism facilities on Lantau Island in the "Revised Concept Plan for Lantau" published in 2007. Since the publication of this Plan, the follow-up work currently undertaken by the Development Bureau, including the provision of additional facilities in Tai O and Mui Wo, has already proceeded to the planning stage according to the original plan, with construction works already commenced in some areas. In respect of Tai O, for instance, funding approval was granted by Members earlier to allow us to proceed with phase I of the revitalization and improvement of the tourism facilities in Tai O by, first of all, improving the conditions at Yat Chung, providing more public space in front of Kwan Tai Temple, and upgrading some tourist facilities. In respect of the plan of Mui Wo, we are now in the last phase of planning. A funding application will be submitted to the Council later.

As regards the use of land, we are currently examining a 40-hectare waterfront site in Tung Chung East and have set it aside for use as a theme park or a major recreational centre in the long run. Hence, we have considered the use of Lantau for tourism development purposes in terms of planning.

**MS LI FUNG-YING** (in Cantonese): *Before all else, President, I would like to declare an interest because I am an indigenous inhabitant of the New Territories.*

*President, in part (b) of the main reply, the Secretary quoted the reference in the Chief Executive's Policy Address to 50 sites adjacent to country parks and the plans to carry out tourism or conservation projects in some of the areas in the New Territories. Although it is just a study for the time being, these development projects will involve the use of land in the New Territories and the issue of private ownership and interests. May I ask the Secretary, in carrying out such studies and re-designating the land use, whether she has shown respect for the rights and interests of the owners, held discussion with them, and studied the offer of reasonable compensation to them when it is really necessary to use the land possessed by these owners?*

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Which Secretary will give an answer? Secretary for Development, please.

**SECRETARY FOR DEVELOPMENT** (in Cantonese): I would like to thank Ms LI for her question. All planning is carried out by the Government in accordance with the Town Planning Ordinance. Insofar as land in the New Territories is concerned, we will, in general, first prepare Development Permission Area Plans before proceeding to Outline Zoning Plans (OZPs). The statutory procedure of OZPs includes public consultation. Therefore, in respect of planning, public consultation must be conducted to collect the views of the owners and residents of the area in question for consideration.

As regards projects, such as tourism facilities projects, that will be carried out after planning, an established procedure must be followed if resumption of private land is involved. Compensation will be made in accordance with the Lands Resumption Ordinance.

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Ms Miriam LAU.

(Ms LI Fung-ying stood up)

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Ms LI, has your supplementary question not been answered?

**MS LI FUNG-YING** (in Cantonese): *President, the Secretary has not given me a satisfactory answer. What is more, her reply is incomplete and inaccurate because many .....*

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Ms LI, the question time is not supposed to be used by Members for conducting a debate.

**MS LI FUNG-YING** (in Cantonese): *..... I hope the Government will not .....*

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): You can only point out which part of the supplementary question you raised just now has not been answered by the Secretary.

**MS LI FUNG-YING** (in Cantonese): *..... I only hope the Secretary can note that generosity should not be effected at the expense of others.*

**MS MIRIAM LAU** (in Cantonese): *President, actually, in Hong Kong we have many beautiful tourism attractions and some nature-based tourism facilities, including marine parks and the Geopark. Moreover, continuous efforts have been made to revitalize building clusters with historical value. However, we have also noticed that the vast majority of tourists have come to Hong Kong because of its reputations as a shoppers' paradise and a cuisine paradise. Has the Government studied or calculated the number of tourists who have come to Hong Kong because of its beautiful tourist attractions and abundant cultural facilities? In this respect, has the Government conducted surveys on, among other things, the number of tourists who have come to Hong Kong for this reason? Furthermore, has the Government adopted some policy initiatives to promote green tourism and cultural tourism?*

**SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (in Cantonese): I would like to thank Ms LAU for the question. Actually, it is necessary to take a multi-pronged approach to promoting tourism. Moreover, a

wide range of services have to be provided to tourists, and for this purpose, rich experience is called for. Shopping is certain a great attraction of Hong Kong. We are also a cuisine paradise. As regards green tourism, Members may actually have noted today that the HKTB and the AFCD are vigorously promoting green tourism. Indeed, the HKTB will conduct frequent surveys on inbound tourists. In respect of developing green tourism, we have learnt from some data previously collected that people from certain places, such as Japan, South Korea, and even the Mainland, are particularly fond of Hong Kong's natural landscape. Hence, we have indeed conducted such surveys and made constant efforts to cope with the needs of the market. Moreover, the Trade Development Council can also provide such information to overseas tourists in its overseas offices. Of course, the HKTB plays the leading role in promoting tourism and launching publicity through different media or channels.

**MS MIRIAM LAU** (in Cantonese): *President .....*

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Has your supplementary question not been answered?

**MS MIRIAM LAU** (in Cantonese): *..... concerning my request ..... the question raised by me just now is: How many overseas tourists have come to Hong Kong for green tourism? Can the Secretary provide the relevant percentages or actual figures?*

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Secretary, can you provide the figures requested by the Member?

**SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (in Cantonese): President, I do not have such data at hand. I can give Ms LAU a reply in writing later. (Appendix I)

**MR FRED LI** (in Cantonese): *President, a lot of tourism hardware has yet been put in place, despite a long delay. For instance, the construction of a ferry concourse in Lei Yue Mun, a place I am most familiar with, has not yet commenced despite years of discussion. I would like to raise a relatively macroscopic question. President, how can co-ordination be achieved among the HKTB, which is responsible for promoting tourism, the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong, which is responsible for monitoring registered travel agencies, the Tourism Commission, which is responsible for developing hardware under your ambit, and the Travel Agents Registry? I note from the answer now that the hardware is scattered here and there. Is there a mechanism or platform for devising the development of tourist attractions in Hong Kong, and whether the role of co-ordination is taken up by the Government or the Secretary? Is such a mechanism actually in place? How can this be done?*

**SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (in Cantonese): Thank you, Mr LI. Although each government department has its own duties, there are frequent liaison and communication among us internally. In respect of land use, the Development Bureau and the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau will deal with matters having regard to current land use or land use planning under the Town Planning Ordinance. Moreover, co-ordination will be effected by committees related to land use with reference to the uses proposed by various departments.

I wonder if Secretary Carrie LAM still needs to add anything in respect of land use planning. I can strike home a very clear message that, although delineation of responsibilities is definitely effected among us, co-operation among us is very close, too.

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Mr LI, is your supplementary question not answered?

**MR FRED LI** (in Cantonese): *President, my question is whether a co-ordination mechanism has been put in place. I did not hear the Secretary answer this part.*

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Secretary, is there anything you can add concerning a co-ordination mechanism?

**SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (in Cantonese): President, in respect of tourism development, of course, the Tourism Commission is responsible for co-ordination and liaison. As regards enforcement of legislation or promotion, we will definitely maintain constant communication with the HKTB and various organizations, or tour reception agencies. In respect of territory-wide planning, the Tourism Commission, as a government department, is certainly involved in the Government's overall planning in promoting tourism. At the same time, the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau will also undertake the work and function of promoting the overall policy and striving for resources for the implementation of the relevant plans.

**MISS TANYA CHAN** (in Cantonese): *President, my supplementary question is very brief. Perhaps the Secretary for Development shall answer it. Regarding the timetable for developing the 50 sites, that is, the sites adjacent to country parks, when will it be finalized? Or should Secretary Edward YAU give a reply instead? When will all these 50 sites be included into country parks, covered by the draft Development Permission Area Plans or fully covered by OZPs?*

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Which Secretary will give an answer? Secretary for the Environment, please.

**SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT** (in Cantonese): President, regarding the question raised by Miss Tanya CHAN, it has actually been mentioned in the Policy Address that we are currently proceeding in two directions. Firstly, if it is feasible to do so, we will bring these 50 sites, which are not yet covered by country parks, into the scope of country parks. Furthermore, if we consider it appropriate to do so — as pointed out in the reply given by the Secretary just now — several sites have already been dealt with through town planning. Of course, consideration has to be given to the uniqueness of each site or whether it has more urgent development requirements.

I think we will deal with this when we discuss with the Development Bureau the most appropriate method in the light of the circumstances of each site. Certainly, consideration must also be given to whether the relevant locations will be affected by developments of great urgency.

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Has your supplementary question not been answered?

**MISS TANYA CHAN** (in Cantonese): *President, my question is about the timetable. President, some sites are bound to be omitted. Of course, I hope the authorities concerned can commence work expeditiously.*

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): Secretary, can you respond to the question concerning the timetable?

**SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT** (in Cantonese): President, it is impossible for us to determine a single timetable for the 50 sites, as the demands on and circumstances of each site are different. For instance, places to be included into country parks may require a longer timetable because, as Members should be aware, the sites may have to go through procedures such as preparation of plans, submission to the Executive Council, and so on. If we find that some places are subject to greater pressure of development, we might discuss with the Development Bureau whether other approaches can be adopted to deal with the matter, such as recourse to the Development Permission Area Plan, as this may expedite the process. However, I can hardly decide on a single timetable for the sites. Insofar as these 50 sites are concerned, we plan to impose proper control in a certain manner.

**PRESIDENT** (in Cantonese): We have spent more than 21 minutes on this question. Third question.

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## Appendix III

### Relevant papers on Exhibition on Bruce Lee at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum

Committee	Date of meeting	Paper
Council	14.1.2009	<u>Official Record of Proceedings</u> <u>Pages 28-36</u>
Panel on Economic Development	16.10.2009 (Item I)	<u>Agenda</u>  <u>LC Paper No. CB(1)18/09-10(01)</u>
Panel on Economic Development	15.10.2010 (Item I)	<u>Agenda</u> <u>Minutes</u>
Council	20.10.2010	<u>Official Record of Proceedings</u> <u>Pages 24-35</u>
Panel on Home Affairs	14.10.2011 (Item III)	<u>Agenda</u>  <u>2011-12 Policy Address</u>

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