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Clerk to the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Complex  
1, Legislative Council Road  
Central  
Hong Kong  
(Attn: Mr Thomas Wong)

Dear Mr Wong,

**Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs**

**Expansion and improvement of Wanchai Campus of  
the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA)**

Further to the discussion on the captioned subject at the meeting on 20 April 2012, we write to provide the information requested by Members as set out below.

(a) Open Space in the Wanchai District

According to the Planning Department, the existing and planned open spaces (including the open space to be provided upon completion of Central and Wanchai harbourfront development) in the Wanchai District are as follows:

	Area (hectares)
Existing open space	28.7
Open space to be provided upon the completion of Central and Wanchai harbourfront development	5.3
Total	34.0

(b) Extension and Continuing Education for Life (EXCEL) Programme

EXCEL provides part-time personal enrichment courses on performing and related arts to the general public and training programmes for corporate bodies. Through these programmes, EXCEL aims to develop a performing arts culture in the community by promoting performing arts to the general public, nurturing arts talents and building audiences.

Most of the EXCEL courses offer performance opportunities. EXCEL also arranges and organizes performance opportunities for its students to enrich their experiences where possible.

Facilities of the HKAPA such as classrooms, dance studios and seminar rooms are rented out to EXCEL when they are not in use by the HKAPA programmes, mainly during weekday evenings, weekends and during summer holidays. For the 12-month period from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012, the total venue hours hired by EXCEL was about 1% of HKAPA's total available venue hours.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Home Affairs

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