## Statement Submitted to Legislative Council Select Committee to Study Mr LEUNG Chun-ying's Involvement as a Member of the Jury in the West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Competition ("the Competition") and Related Issues

## 29 March 2012

- I stand ready to assist the Select Committee in its study of the subject matter and shall be willing to answer, under oath, questions relating to the study of the Select Committee.
- 2. The events under study took place in 2001-02, a period during which, in addition to my duties as President of City University of Hong Kong, I held public appointments as, among others, Chairman of Cultural and Heritage Commission, Member of Advisory Council on Innovation and Technology, and Member of Judicial Officers Recommendation Committee. Thus, my memory of "the Competition" may not be as clear as my memory of some other events which took place during this period.
- 3. Nonetheless, recent press reports and Government disclosures have revived, to some degree, my memory of the events under study as well as enabled my own mindset at the time to re-emerge.
- 4. In broad stroke, among the four "Major areas of study" by the Select Committee, I paid no attention to "I. The Conduct of the West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Competition" except being invited to be a member of the Jury and made aware from time to time of what was going on; knew little about "II. Mechanism and procedure for dealing with conflict of interest" other than making my own declaration as required; participated fully in "III. The adjudication process"; and, regarding "Mr LEUNG Chun-ying's association with the Entry Concerned", was informed, along with the other Jury members, toward the end of the adjudication process, that one of the top-ranked entries ("the Entry Concerned") had listed a member of the Jury as a consultant, leading me to agree to the proposal to disqualify this entry.

- 5. In order to arrive at a correct understanding of the subject matter under study, I believe it is essential that the veritable significance of Mr Leung's actions and/or inactions in "the Competition" in 2001-02 and sentiments arising from the election of the Chief Executive in 2012 be separated and put in their proper contexts.
- 6. It is in this spirit that I shall give testimony to the Select Committee.

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