<u>Submission to the Select Committee to Study Mr. Leung Chun-Ying's</u>
<u>Involvement as a Member of the Jury in the West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Competition and Related Issues</u>

I was invited By the Hong Kong Government to sit as a member of the Jury in February 2002 to select the winner from among the competing entries of the Concept Plan Competition for the Development of an Integrated Art, Cultural and entertainment District at the West Kowloon, Hong Kong.

The selection process took place between the 25th and the 28th of February, 2002.

As Chairman of the Tourism Board at the time, I was to consider the entries from the point of view of attractiveness to visitors, in addition to the overall merits of each submission.

As this event took place ten years ago, I cannot recall most of the details of the activity. However my general recollection is that we were diligent and thorough in our examination of all the entries submitted for our attention.

Mr. CY Leung was very much a part of our working team during the time.

I do recall that towards the end of our judging, members of the Jury were informed by Mr. Eric Johnson that a problem had emerged. We were told that Mr. C Y Leung had not declared his interest in a company of which he was a director and shareholder and which was a member of a team in the competition being considered by the Jury.

This last minute information came as a surprise to us all.

During my many years in public service, the responsibility to declare one's interest prior to taking part in any judging panel is a grave one that I have always taken most seriously. I was therefore surprised that such an experienced participant of public service as Mr. Leung would have overlooked such an important duty, especially when he was a professional in the field of Development.

Furthermore the information had come to light at a very late stage of the Jury's deliberation, and the pressure of time did not give us too much room to come up with a solution.

Mr. Leung did explain to the Jury that he did not know and was not aware of his company's involvement in the concerned bid. The Jury then proceeded to look for a way to best handle the problem.

I cannot recall that I was the one who suggested the disqualification of the entry with which Mr. Leung was associated. However I have no reason to doubt Mr. Johnson's record of that discussion, and I must have thought at the time, as I think now, that that is the most sensible solution available. Such a move would

remove any possible doubt or allegation that a conflict of interest existed regarding the Jury's consideration of the entry in question. This was the most practical and fairest way to handle the problem at the time. All members of the Jury, including Mr. Leung agreed to it.

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