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Personal and Confidential



Dear [REDACTED]

West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Competition

Further to my letters of 29 January and 7 February 2002, I attach the proposed programme for the week of the Jury meeting. The programme has the general approval of the Chairman of the Jury and the Secretary for Planning and Lands.

There are a number of points that I should like to highlight, as follows –

Viewing of presentation boards

Sunday 24 February is devoted to the viewing of presentation boards at the Jury meeting venue, which is on the first floor of the City Hall, Low Block, so that all jurors may have a good sight of all of the boards in an informal atmosphere before adjudication begins on 25 February. Individual jurors are free to attend at times of their choosing during morning and afternoon sessions.

After consultation with Lord Rothschild, we are setting up the presentation boards for viewing according to the category into which the corresponding entries were placed by the Technical Panel. A layout plan will be available for you on arrival at City Hall.

Preliminaries

The morning of 25 February will be devoted mainly to consideration of the report of the Technical Panel and adopting a strategy for the adjudication process. As required by the Competition Document, the Chairman of the Technical Panel, Mr Bosco Fung, will attend the meetings of the Jury to present the Panel's assessments.

Lunch on 25 February will be hosted by the Secretary for Planning and Lands, Mr John Tsang. If you have any special dietary requirements, please let me or [REDACTED] know beforehand.

In the afternoon, jurors will be taken to view the West Kowloon Reclamation area from one or two suitable vantage points. Afterwards, there will be a further opportunity for viewing of the presentation boards.

Adjudication sessions

The 26, 27 and the morning of 28 February will be devoted to adjudication of the entries.

Media conference on 28 February

Lord Rothschild has consented to chair a media conference in the afternoon of 28 February to announce the winning entries. The event will be broadcast live on the Government's internet home page. We hope that all jurors will be available to attend the media conference to assist Lord Rothschild in answering questions from the floor and make themselves available for post-conference interviews with the media. The Secretary for Planning and Lands and the Director of Planning will also be attending.

Cocktail reception on 28 February

The Secretary for Planning and Lands will hold a cocktail reception at Government House in honour of the Jury. We have invited members of the Technical Panel and a wide variety of people in the community, including representatives of the professional organizations and advisory bodies with an interest in the project. We anticipate an attendance of about 140 people.

Kindly note that there will be no need for formal attire at any of the functions in the programme for the Jury.

In addition -

Conflict of interest declarations

Before the Technical Panel met, I sought the Professional Advisor's advice on whether the competition requirements concerning ineligibility of certain persons and on maintaining anonymity throughout the assessment process should be supplemented with declarations of interest by Panel members. He advised as follows -

"I think it is not an imposition on Technical Panel members, Jury members, or anyone officially connected with the competition to declare whether or not their association with a contestant or a business represents a conflict of interest, either real or implied. I would be happy to review such cases on an individual basis if your group feels it would be helpful. Normally, all Jurors and Technical Panel members are expected to sign a binding agreement of confidentiality and conflict of interest notification, such as the one you have developed."

The declaration form used on that occasion was completed by all members of the Technical Panel and Mr Lacy. Lord Rothschild is content that a similar form should be completed by jurors.

----- I attach the declaration form and should be grateful if you would complete it and return it to me by fax by 23 February.

Please note the following points before completing the form -

- (i) paragraph 16 of the General Conditions in the Competition Document provides among other things that the members of the Jury, their immediate family members, their employees, their close professional associates and any company of which they are a director or major shareholder are ineligible to enter the competition;
- (ii) as regards immediate family members, employees and close professional associates, the onus is on the prospective participant to check whether he has such a relationship with any member of the Jury, so that he does not enter the competition when ineligible. Hence it is sufficient in the declaration form for the juror to declare to the best of his knowledge (in item (a)) or belief (in item (b));
- (iii) it is not incumbent upon jurors to make enquiries of any close associate or contact to ascertain whether or not they have entered the competition;

- (iv) where item (b) applies, perhaps because the juror has been told by someone that he has entered the competition, this will not necessarily be a problem, as the likelihood is that no conflict of interest will arise if the juror has not participated in the entrant's project and does not know which of the entries is from that entrant;
- (v) as regards directorships and majority shareholdings, the juror is assumed to be aware of the activities of his companies, if any, and the onus is therefore on him to ensure that none enters the competition. Hence the declaration here - with a choice between items (c), (d) and (e) in the form - assumes full knowledge on the part of the declarant; and
- (vi) the completed declarations will be reviewed initially by the organizer and Lord Rothschild on 24 February and be discussed at the first Jury meeting on 25 February. It is therefore essential that you return the completed form to me by 23 February.

Policy appraisal of entries

The Competition Brief states that the submitted proposals should be in compliance with the policy objectives of the Government in promoting arts and culture. Briefly, these are to support and promote the development of the arts and culture in Hong Kong and the preservation of the community's cultural heritage. The Government promotes the pluralistic development of the cultural scene in Hong Kong and aims to make available to the community a wide choice of arts and cultural facilities.

The Home Affairs Bureau, which is responsible for arts and cultural policy, has assessed the individual entries, in strict confidence, as to their broad consistency with the Government's policy objectives in promoting the arts and culture.

The Bureau finds that 131 of the entries are broadly consistent with the policy objectives, whereas 18 entries are either broadly inconsistent with them (7 entries) or fail to provide sufficient information to allow proper assessment (11 entries). The 7 entries broadly inconsistent with the policy objectives either fail to provide sufficient cultural facilities or put far too much emphasis on sports and/or entertainment facilities. These entries carry the serial numbers 014, 031, 055, 075, 113, 120 and 140. The 11 entries failing to provide sufficient information to allow proper assessment carry the serial numbers 003, 021, 029, 076, 078, 079, 085, 117, 122, 123 and 139.

All of the 18 entries whose serial numbers are quoted above are in the Technical Panel's Category 2 (entries which fail to meet the technical requirements of the competition brief in important respects).

The remaining 12 entries - out of the grand total of 161 - were not assessed by the Home Affairs Bureau, as the Technical Panel has recommended their disqualification. (The Panel decided that its findings should be made known to the Bureau to assist it in its task.)

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Eric Johnson

(Eric Johnson)
Competition Co-ordinator

Source : Mr Raymond YOUNG, witness appearing before the Select Committee

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PROGRAMME FOR THE JURY

21 February to 2 March 2002

(As at 21 February)

Date/ time	Event
	Arrival of overseas jurors
10.00 am – 1.00 pm	Viewing of entry presentation boards at City Hall by individual jurors at times convenient to them (morning session)
2.30 pm – 6.00 pm	Viewing of entry presentation boards at City Hall by individual jurors at times convenient to them (afternoon session)
3.00 pm	Preparatory meeting at City Hall attended by the Chairman of the Jury, the Professional Advisor, the Chairman of the Technical Panel and the Competition Co-ordinator, to discuss the Jury's work programme and related activities
10.00 am – 12.30 pm	Jury meeting at City Hall <u>Agenda items</u> <i>Chairman's opening remarks</i> <i>Conflict of interest declarations</i> <i>Report by the Chairman of the Technical Panel</i> <i>Consideration of the Report of the Technical Panel</i> <i>Consideration of adjudication process</i>
Lunch (12.45 pm)	Hosted by Mr. John Tsang, Secretary for Planning and Lands, at Victoria Seafood Restaurant, CITE Tower and [redacted] also attending
2.15 pm	Jury to view the West Kowloon Reclamation area from suitable vantage points
4.15 pm – 6.00 pm	Viewing of entry presentation boards at City Hall by individual jurors
Evening	Free
9.30 am	Jury meeting at City Hall <u>Agenda</u>

	Adjudication of entries (until 12.30 pm)
Lunch	Subject to individual commitments, with other members of the Jury
2.30 pm	Jury meeting at City Hall <u>Agenda</u> Adjudication of entries (until 5.30 pm)
Evening	Free
9.30 am	Jury meeting at City Hall <u>Agenda</u> Adjudication of entries (until 12.30 pm)
Lunch	Subject to individual commitments, with other members of the Jury
2.30 pm	Jury meeting at City Hall. <u>Agenda</u> Adjudication of entries (until 5.30 pm)
Evening	Free
9.30 am	Jury meeting at City Hall <u>Agenda</u> Adjudication of entries (continued, if necessary) Jury's views on winning entries (for publication) Identity of winners Form and content of the Jury Report Arrangements for the rest of the day
Lunch	Subject to individual commitments, with other members of the Jury
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Media conference chaired by Lord Rothschild, accompanied by the Secretary for Planning and Lands, at Central Government Offices New Annexe, Lower Albert Road, to announce and display the winning entries; other Jury members, Professional Advisor and Director of Planning to attend
4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	Opportunity for one-on-one interviews by the media with members of the Jury and senior officials
Evening 6.15 pm – 7.30 pm	Cocktail reception for the Jury hosted by the Secretary for Planning and Lands, at Government House, Upper Albert Road, to be attended by Lord Rothschild, other members of the Professional Advisor, members of the Technical Panel, Members of the Legislative Council

	and representatives of professional organizations, advisory bodies and government departments concerned
	Departure of overseas jurors

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DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF THE JURY

I, being a member of the Jury for the West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Competition, declare that I have read paragraph 16 of the General Conditions of the Competition Document, reproduced below:

16. All those likely to be in conflict of interest are excluded from the Competition including but not necessarily limited to the following:

- (i) Persons closely associated with the Competition and their immediate family members;
- (ii) Members of the Jury and the Technical Panel, and the Professional Advisor and their immediate family members;
- (iii) An employee, any person having an employment-type contract or at continuous and close professional association or partnership with a member in category (i) and (ii) above; or
- (iv) A company of which a member in category (i) and (ii) above is a director or major shareholder.

and that, in relation to paragraph 16 (ii), (iii) and (iv) above –

*(a) to the best of my knowledge, none of my immediate family members or employees and no-one who has an employment-type contract or close professional association or partnership with me, has entered the competition;

*(b) I believe that the following, among my immediate family members or employees and those who have an employment-type contract or close professional association or partnership with me, have entered the competition;

Name of entrant	Relationship with entrant

#(c) I am not a director or major shareholder of any company;

#(d) no company of which I am a director or major shareholder has entered the competition;

#(e) a company of which I am a director or major shareholder has entered the competition. The company's name is:

I understand that the entries to the competition are issued to me for my personal and confidential assessment and that the adjudication of entries is to be carried out in strict confidence.

* delete (a) or (b); if you delete (a), complete (b)

Signed : _____

Name : _____

delete/complete as appropriate; whichever one applies, delete the other two

Date : _____