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### **Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project**

### **Background brief prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat for the meeting on 9 June 2014**

### **Consultation Panel of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority**

#### **Purpose**

This paper provides information on the Consultation Panel ("CP") of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("WKCDA") and summarizes the relevant views and concerns of the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project ("the Joint Subcommittee").

#### **Background**

##### Functions

2. CP was established by WKCDA in January 2009 in accordance with section 20 of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority Ordinance (Cap. 601) ("WKCDAO") to "gather public views on matters relevant to the functions of WKCDA". Pursuant to section 20(5) of WKCDAO, WKCDA shall from time to time issue guidelines in relation to the functions of CP. According to the latest Guidelines for CP issued by WKCDA in September 2013<sup>1</sup>, the functions of CP are to -

- (a) play the role of a bridge between WKCDA and the public;
- (b) promote the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD") with a view to enhancing public's understanding of the project;
- (c) reflect public expectations/views to WKCDA; and
- (d) ensure that consultations are conducted in an open and transparent manner.

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<sup>1</sup> The Guidelines for CP is available on WKCDA's website (<http://www.westkowloon.hk/en/the-authority/consultation-panel>).

## Membership

3. Under sections 20(2) to (4) of WKCDAO, CP consists of a chairman and such number of other members as WKCD may determine. The Chairman and members of CP are appointed by WKCD. In appointing any member of CP, WKCD is required to have regard to the purpose for which CP is established. In March 2013, WKCD announced the appointment of Professor John LEONG Chi-yan as the new CP Chairman, following the retirement of Professor Stephen CHEUNG Yan-leung who had led CP since 2009. The current membership of CP is in **Appendix I**.

## Meetings

4. Under section 20(8) of WKCDAO, CP is required to hold at least one meeting each year and any such meeting shall be open to the public. As at end of May 2014, CP has held a total of 12 meetings. WKCD has made available the agendas, papers and minutes of CP's meetings on its website.

## **Members' concerns**

5. The role of CP was discussed by the former Joint Subcommittee formed by the Fourth Legislative Council ("LegCo") at its meeting on 13 February 2012. Views on the work of CP were also expressed at various meetings of the former Joint Subcommittee and Joint Subcommittee formed by the Fifth LegCo when the subjects of the public engagement ("PE") exercise for the WKCD project, WKCD's communication and cooperation with the arts community, and the progress of the WKCD development were discussed. Members' major views and concerns are summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

## Roles and functions of CP

6. Members of the former Joint Subcommittee were advised that as the first major task of WKCD was to prepare the Development Plan ("DP") for the WKCD, CP had been tasked during the period from 2009 to 2011 to plan the PE exercise for the preparation of DP, review and report to the Board of WKCD on the progress of the exercise, and ensure that the consultation was conducted in an open and transparent manner.

7. Hon Alan LEONG pointed out that during the deliberations of the Bills Committee on the WKCD Bill, CP had been generally expected to perform a role similar to that of Metropolis 30 of the Abandoibarra project in Bilbao of Spain as mentioned in the Report on Phase II Study of the Subcommittee of WKCD Development formed by the Third LegCo<sup>2</sup>. He expressed disappointment that instead of performing such a role, CP had been mainly

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<sup>2</sup> The Report was circulated to members for reference vide LC Paper No. CB(2)510/13-14 by email on 12 December 2013. Members may wish to refer to paragraphs 5.17-5.37 and 6.31 which are particularly relevant to Metropoli-30.

involved in advising how public consultation should be conducted since its establishment. In his view, CP should be tasked to provide a forum for the public to express their views non-prescriptively and invoke extensive bottom-up discussions, rather than just acting as an advisor and coordinator in PE-related matters. He also considered that having held meetings only once or twice a year, CP had clearly failed to serve as an open platform for consulting regularly and building consensus among stakeholders and the general public on major matters relating to the work of WKCDA. The Administration and WKCDA were urged to strengthen the work of CP, so as to ensure that CP would discharge the roles and functions expected of it more effectively.

8. According to the Administration, the views of CP were highly regarded by the Board of WKCDA and it could always advise WKCDA on issues relating to the WKCD development. WKCDA would ensure that the meetings of CP would be so arranged to enable CP members to express their views on WKCD and various cultural issues freely. Members were also advised by WKCDA that following the approval of DP, the focus of the work of WKCDA would change and the role of CP would be refined accordingly. In consultation with CP members, it was generally agreed that CP should play the role of a bridge between WKCDA and the public. Under the leadership of the new CP Chairman, CP was critically reviewing its roles and functions and a task force led by the CP Chairman had been formed to devise an engagement plan for gauging public views on the use and management of the Park in WKCD. WKCDA would continue to communicate with CP members on the progress of the WKCD project and solicit their views through both formal and informal channels as appropriate.

### **Latest development**

9. Upon the recommendation of CP, WKCDA launched a public survey on the management approach of the Park in WKCD on 9 May 2014. According to the information available on WKCDA's website, the survey will comprise an online questionnaire (running from 9 May to 29 June 2014) and a series of focus group discussions. The results of the survey would be used as references for drafting the bylaws for the Park, which is scheduled to open in stages starting from 2015.

10. The Administration and WKCDA will brief the Joint Subcommittee on the current roles and functions of CP at the meeting on 9 June 2014.

### **Relevant papers**

11. A list of the relevant papers on the LegCo Website is in **Appendix II**.

**Consultation Panel of  
the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("WKCDA")**

**Membership List  
(1 March 2014 - 28 February 2015)**

1. Prof John LEONG Chi-yan, SBS, OBE, JP (Chairman)
2. Hon Ronald ARCULLI, GBM, GBS, JP\*
3. Dr Hon Allan ZEMAN, GBM, GBS, JP\*
4. Mr CHENG Chi-ming
5. Mr HUNG Chiu-wah
6. Dr HUNG Keung
7. Ms KO Po-ling, BBS, MH, JP
8. Mr Bankee KWAN Pak-hoo
9. Ms Ida LAM Choi-chu
10. Mr LAM Ying-kit
11. Mr William LEUNG Wing-cheung, BBS, JP
12. Dr MAN Ying-ling
13. Hon Charles Peter MOK
14. Mr TAI Hay-lap, BBS, JP
15. Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
16. Dr John TSE Wing-ling, MH
17. Mr Coleman WAI Ching
18. Ms Ada WONG Ying-kay, JP
19. Dr YAU Wing-kwong, JP

\*also members of the Board of WKCDA

Source: WKCDA's website (<http://www.westkowloon.hk>)

**Relevant papers on  
Consultation Panel of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Paper</b>
Former Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project formed in the Fourth Legislative Council ("LegCo")	27.2.2009 (Item II(b))	<a href="#">Agenda</a> <a href="#">Minutes</a>
	14.4.2009 (Item II(a))	<a href="#">Agenda</a> <a href="#">Minutes</a>
	13.2.2012 (Item III)	<a href="#">Agenda</a> <a href="#">Minutes</a>
Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project formed in the Fifth LegCo	10.6.2013 (Item IV)	<a href="#">Agenda</a> <a href="#">Minutes</a>
	29.11.2013 (Item III)	<a href="#">Agenda</a> <a href="#">Minutes</a>

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