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Dear Mrs LAM,

Panel on Home Affairs and Panel on Development
Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation
of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project

On behalf of the Joint Subcommittee, I write to convey to you the views and concerns raised by members at the meeting on 9 June 2014 about the role and functions of the Consultation Panel ("CP") of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("WKCDA").

Members in general expressed concern that due to the limited functions of CP as prescribed by WKCDA, CP had not been able to perform its intended role since its establishment in 2009. Hon Alan LEONG, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Subcommittee, pointed out that during the deliberations of the former Bills Committee on the WKCDA Bill in 2008, CP was generally expected to perform a role similar to that of Metropoli-30 of the Abandoibarra Project in Bilbao of Spain¹ and provide an open platform for engaging stakeholders and members of the public in an ongoing, systematic and transparent manner with a view to striking a proper balance among various interests and building consensus on major matters relating to the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District

¹ The relevant findings and observations of the former Subcommittee on the West Kowloon Cultural District Development formed by the Third Legislative Council on its duty visit to Bilbao of Spain in September 2005 are set out in its report on Phase II Study (http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr04-05/english/hc/sub_com/hs02/reports/hs02cb1-rpt2-e.pdf).

and the work of WKCDA. With CP generally having held meetings only once or twice a year and given its limited functions, members were of the view that CP had failed to perform the due role and functions expected of it.

As WKCDA is tasked to issue guidelines from time to time in relation to the functions of CP, members considered it incumbent upon WKCDA to critically review the work of CP and seek to enhance its role and functions. Members also considered it important that CP should be able to steer the direction of its work independently. To enable CP to discharge its originally intended functions effectively, consideration should be given to providing CP with additional resources including dedicated secretariat support to facilitate the agenda setting for CP and other matters relating to its operation. Furthermore, some members were of the view that it was necessary and timely for the Administration/WKCDA to revamp CP to ensure that its membership was balanced and more broadly representative of the arts and cultural sectors as well as other relevant stakeholders.

Members also stressed that, while CP was established under WKCDA and its members were appointed by WKCDA, the Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB"), as the housekeeping bureau of WKCDA, had the responsibility to monitor the work of WKCDA. Members urged HAB to assume a more proactive role in ensuring that the work of CP would meet the aspirations of the Legislative Council, stakeholders as well as the general public.

Noting that CP would discuss its role at its next meeting, the Joint Subcommittee called on WKCDA and CP to have due regard to members' views and expectations on CP's role and functions in formulating the way forward for the work of CP. Members also hoped that WKCDA would revert to the Joint Subcommittee on its consideration of their views and the future work plans of CP in due course.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



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