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**TO : LEGCO - JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE
TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WKCD PROJECT**

**ATTN : CHAIRMAN : HON CHRISTOPHER CHUNG
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : HON ALAN LEONG
AND MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT : WKCD A CHANGING THE CITY PARK TO OPEN SPACE DESIGN
WKCD A AWARDED AN ART PAVILLION TO BE BUILT ON THE CITY PARK SITE**

Dear Mr. Christopher Chung and Members,

We checked the websites of both the WKCD and the LEGCO Sub-Committee on WKCD Development and found the following announcements made in January:

- **WKCD has awarded the design the ART PAVILLION to be built on the CITY PARK SITE near the Kowloon harbourfront area. (Reference : WKCD website on latest news, Jan. 2014).**
- **WKCD presented to the LEGCO Joint SubCommittee on WKCD Development that they planned to turn the fully landscaped park envisaged in the "CITY PARK" Conceptual Plan into quality open space with a simple design, to facilitate early delivery of the Park in a cost-effective manner. (Reference : LEGCO Sub-Com on WKCD Development website, Jan 21. meeting minutes).**

We, **HONG KONG ALTERNATIVES**, find it shocking that this latest WKCD's plan has completely reversed the original FOSTERS' design of a 19-hectares CITY PARK of 5000 trees, overwhelmingly accepted by the WKCD, Government Bureau, Hong Kong media and public since mid-2011.

We are writing to you, as the Legco Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the WKCD Project to look into these changes and to protect the CITY PARK. According to the WKCD's official figures, a budget of HK\$1 billion has been set aside for the CITY PARK development, \$23 million has so far been spent on a nursery of trees envisaged for the eventual planting on the Park (see attached SCMP article, Mid-2013). Unfortunately, as of to-date, the plot is still barren.

We sincerely hope that you will advise the WKCD not to temper with the Fosters' CITY PARK conceptual chosen among the 3 finalists in 2011, we see this as your job to monitor their implementation of the WKCD CITY PARK Project development.

Best regards,

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On behalf of

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