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Panel on Home Affairs and Panel on Development

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

Proposed work plan

Purpose

This paper seeks members' views on the proposed work plan of the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project ("the Joint Subcommittee") in the 2014-2015 legislative session.

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2. At the meeting of the Joint Subcommittee on 23 July 2014, members agreed that the Joint Subcommittee should seek approval for extension of its work in the 2014-2015 legislative session. The proposal of the Joint Subcommittee to extend the period of its work until 30 September 2015 was approved by the House Committee at its meeting on 31 October 2014.
3. At its meeting on 24 November 2014, the Joint Subcommittee received an update from the Administration and the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("WKCDA") on the progress of the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD") development, including hardware and software development of the project. At the meeting scheduled for 12 January 2015, the Joint Subcommittee will discuss issues relating to the integration and connectivity of WKCD with its neighbouring districts and receive a progress update on the implementation of the WKCD integrated basement from the Administration and WKCDA.
4. The proposed work plan of the Joint Subcommittee in the remaining months of the 2014-2015 legislative session is set out below for members' consideration -

	Subject	Proposed timing for discussion (tentative)
1.	<p>Update on the Park development</p> <p>The Joint Subcommittee was last briefed at its meeting on 23 July 2014 on the concept design for WKCD Park as well as the use and management of the Park in preparation of the relevant bylaws.</p> <p>The Administration and WKCDA plan to brief members on the progress of the Park design, Arts Pavilion and Freespace (blackbox and outdoor stage) as well as development of the temporary tree nursery park.</p>	March 2015
2.	<p>Bylaws of the West Kowloon Cultural District</p> <p>At the meeting of the Joint Subcommittee on 23 July 2014, members noted that the Consultation Panel ("CP") of WKCDA launched a public engagement exercise between May and June 2014 to collect public views on the future use and management of the Park, the results of which would be used as references for drafting the bylaws for the management of the Park. Noting WKCDA's plan to introduce the bylaws into the Legislative Council ("LegCo") in 2015, members requested the Administration and WKCDA to consult the Joint Subcommittee before the bylaws were submitted to LegCo.</p> <p>The Administration and WKCDA plan to consult members on the draft bylaws covering not just the Park but all public open space in WKCD.</p>	March 2015
3.	<p>Update on the development of Lyric Theatre and Artist Square Development Area</p> <p>At the meeting of the Joint Subcommittee on 24 November 2014, members were advised that the design of the Lyric Theatre, the second major performing arts venue to be provided in WKCD after Xiqu Centre with a focus on dance as its</p>	March 2015

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	<p>artistic positioning, had commenced in May 2014 and the venue was planned for completion by around 2020. Members also noted WKCDA's plan to develop the area around the Artist Square into a mini-WKCD, which was targeted for completion by around 2020, to facilitate "destination building" in the early phased development of WKCD and to expedite the provision of retail, dining and entertainment facilities to generate income for WKCDA.</p> <p>The Administration and WKCDA plan to brief members on the design and progress of the building project of Lyric Theatre, and to provide updates on the development of the Artist Square Development Area.</p>	
4.	<p>Update on the financial situation of and arrangements for the West Kowloon Cultural District project</p> <p>The Joint Subcommittee was last briefed on the financial situation of the WKCD project at its meeting on 28 May 2014. In response to members' concern about the significant cost escalation of the WKCD project, WKCDA assured members that WKCDA would continue its efforts on rigorous cost containment and would also proactively explore alternative funding sources. The Administration and WKCDA also undertook to present annual updates to members on the project's financial situation.</p> <p>The Administration and WKCDA plan to update members on the latest financial position of the WKCD project.</p>	May 2015

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5.	<p>Implementation of the integrated basement and infrastructure works for the West Kowloon Cultural District</p> <p>At the meeting of the Joint Subcommittee on 28 May 2014, members were advised that given the phased implementation arrangement for the WKCD integrated basement, the Government would seek funding from LegCo in phases for the construction of the basement. Members also noted that the public infrastructure works designed to support the whole WKCD would be undertaken by the Government and funding for such works would be sought separately by the Government in accordance with the development programme of WKCD.</p> <p>The Administration and WKCDA plan to consult members on the funding applications for (i) design and site investigation for Zone 2A, 2B and 2C, main works for Zone 3A and advance works for Zone 3B of the integrated basement; and (ii) construction of supporting infrastructure to tie in with the commissioning of the early batch of WKCD facilities.</p>	May 2015
6.	<p>Relocation of supporting operational facilities of Tsim Sha Tsui Fire Station Complex</p> <p>The Administration and WKCDA plan to consult members on the funding application for relocation of supporting operational facilities of Tsim Sha Tsui Fire Station Complex to make way for the development of WKCD.</p>	May 2015
7.	<p>Update on the development of Xiqu Centre</p> <p>The Joint Subcommittee was last briefed on the progress of the development of Xiqu Centre at its meeting on 28 March 2014.</p>	July 2015

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	The Administration and WKCDA plan to brief members on the progress of the building project as well as the mode of operation, etc. of Xiqu Centre.	
8.	<p>Update on the development of M+</p> <p>The Joint Subcommittee was last briefed on the progress of the development of M+ at its meeting on 23 July 2014.</p> <p>The Administration and WKCDA plan to brief members on the latest development of M+ in the areas of building design and progress, governance, collection and acquisition, etc..</p>	July 2015
9.	<p>Work of the Consultation Panel of West Kowloon Cultural District Authority</p> <p>At the meeting of the Joint Subcommittee on 9 June 2014, members 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. Members called upon 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. They also urged the Administration to assume a more proactive role in ensuring that the work of CP would meet the aspirations of LegCo, stakeholders as well as the general public. After the meeting, the Chairman, on behalf of the Joint Subcommittee, had written to the Chief Secretary for Administration cum Chairman of the Board of WKCDA to convey members' views and concerns (LC Paper No. CB(2)2031/13-14(01)). WKCDA had undertaken to convey the Joint Subcommittee's views to members of CP and to report to the Joint Subcommittee in due course.</p>	July 2015

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	The Administration and WKCDA plan to update members on the work of CP.	

5. The number of meetings and the timing for discussion of each subject can be adjusted in the light of the progress of discussion. Where necessary, the Joint Subcommittee may invite interested parties to give views on specific subject(s).

Advice sought

6. Members are invited to endorse the proposed work plan.

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