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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**

**Minutes of meeting  
held on Monday, 14 December 2015, at 10:45 am  
in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP  
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung  
Hon Claudia MO  
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS  
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, JP  
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS  
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP  
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan  
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP  
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
- Member attending** : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
- Members absent** : Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP  
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP

**Public Officers** : Items I to II  
**attending**

Home Affairs Bureau

Mrs Betty FUNG CHING Suk-ye, JP  
Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Ms Angela LEE Chung-yan  
Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (3)

Mr Eric CHENG Siu-fun  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (West  
Kowloon Cultural District)

West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

Mr Duncan PESCOD, GBS, JP  
Chief Executive Officer

Item I

Home Affairs Bureau

Mrs Sorais LEE KWAN Siu-kuen, JP  
Project Manager (Home Affairs Bureau)

West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

Mr Y C NG  
Head, Technical Services

Item II

West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

Mr Louis YU  
Executive Director, Performing Arts

Mr Doryun CHONG  
Chief Curator, M+

**Clerk in** : Ms Alice LEUNG  
**attendance** : Chief Council Secretary (2)6

**Staff in attendance** : Ms Jasmine TAM  
Senior Council Secretary (2)8  
  
Miss Meisy KWOK  
Legislative Assistant (2)6

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**I. Further discussion on the integration and connectivity of the West Kowloon Cultural District with its neighbouring districts**  
(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)440/15-16(01)-(02))

The Joint Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings at **Annex**).

2. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Administration said that the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("WKCDA") had provided a paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)440/15-16(01)) setting out (a) its initial response to members' comments on the interim recommendations of the Traffic Operation Plan study commissioned by WKCDA and issues relating to the connectivity of the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD") with its neighbouring districts discussed at the Joint Subcommittee meeting on 24 November 2015; and (b) the proposal to extend the scope of works for the integrated basement entrusted to WKCDA to cover the design of Zone 2 of the integrated basement. The Administration referred members to WKCDA's paper for relevant details.

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3. The Administration/WKCDA were requested to provide the following information -

- (a) the provisions included in the agreement(s) entered into between the Administration and WKCDA in relation to the works entrusted to WKCDA which sought to safeguard the Government's as well as public interests in the event of any cost overrun of the entrusted works; and
- (b) the pedestrian links being/planned to be provided to connect WKCD with its adjoining developments (e.g. Austin Station, the West Kowloon Terminus and Kowloon Station/The Elements shopping mall) and the provision of barrier-free facilities at such developments.

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4. The Administration was also urged to advise the Joint Subcommittee as early as practicable when the outcome of its discussion with the relevant stakeholders on the provision of marine transport service for WKCD would be available.

## **II. Cultural software development for the West Kowloon Cultural District**

(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)440/15-16(03)-(04))

5. At the invitation of the Chairman, WKCD briefed Members on its ongoing work in the area of cultural software development and stakeholder engagement in preparation for the commissioning of the arts and cultural facilities (including Xiqu Centre) and the Park in WKCD, details of which were set out in its paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)440/15-16(03)) and powerpoint presentation materials tabled at the meeting.

*(Post-meeting note: The softcopy of the powerpoint presentation materials provided by WKCD was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)464/15-16(01) on 14 December 2015.)*

WKCD 6. WKCD was requested to provide the following information –

- (a) the arts and cultural programmes and activities that were planned to be held on the WKCD site over the next one or two years; and
- (b) WKCD's roadmap for building the M+ Collection in the run-up to the opening of M+.

## **III. Any other business**

### Future work schedule of the Joint Subcommittee

7. The Chairman invited members to note that pursuant to the decision of the House Committee at its meeting on 9 October 2015, permission was given for the Joint Subcommittee to extend the period of its work for three months in the first instance until end of December 2015, after which it would need to vacate its slot to another subcommittee and be placed on the waiting list pending re-activation of work. The Chairman further said that under the existing broad principles for activation, operation and extension of period of work of subcommittees on policy issues, and subject to no new subcommittees on policy issues being appointed in the coming months, it was likely that the Joint Subcommittee would be able to re-activate its work in early May 2016. Until then, issues relating to the implementation of the WKCD project could be followed up by the Panel on Home Affairs ("HA Panel") where necessary.

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8. In response to Ms Emily LAU, the Administration confirmed that during the period of suspension of work of the Joint Subcommittee, the Administration and WKCD would consult/report to the HA Panel on issues relating to the WKCD development where necessary and appropriate.
9. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:45 pm.

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**Proceedings of meeting of the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor  
the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project  
held on Monday, 14 December 2015, at 10:45 am  
in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex**

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000606 - 000645	Chairman	Opening remarks	
<i>Agenda Item I - Further discussion on the integration and connectivity of the West Kowloon Cultural District with its neighbouring districts</i>			
000646 - 000933	Chairman Admin	Briefing by the Administration on (a) the initial response of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("WKCD") to members' comments on the interim recommendations of the Traffic Operation Plan ("TOP") study commissioned by WKCD and issues relating to the connectivity of the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD") with its neighbouring districts discussed at the Joint Subcommittee meeting on 24 November 2015; and (b) the proposal to extend the scope of works entrusted to WKCD to cover the design of Zone 2 of the integrated basement (LC Paper No. CB(2)440/15-16(01)).	
000934 - 001414	Miss CHAN Yuen-han Chairman	Miss CHAN Yuen-han expressed the following views –  (a) while noting that the planned provision of car parking spaces in WKCD had been reduced from around 3 000 to around 2 200, she considered that the Administration/WKCD should seek to further reduce the car parking provision having regard to the vehicle-free design of WKCD;  (b) consideration should be given to constructing a new link road to connect WKCD direct to the Western Harbour Crossing ("WHC"), so as to minimize the need for vehicles accessing/leaving WKCD to pass through the busy roads outside WKCD; and  (c) the Administration and WKCD should capitalize on the harbourfront location of WKCD and follow up actively the provision of water taxi service and piers in WKCD, which would enhance the accessibility as well as the tourism appeal of WKCD.	
001415 - 001932	Ms Emily LAU Admin WKCD	Pointing out that the cost overrun of the project to construct the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link ("XRL") had revealed various problems associated with the Administration's arrangement for entrusting the relevant works to the MTR	

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		<p>Corporation Limited, Ms Emily LAU expressed concern about the agreement(s) entered into between the Administration and WKCDA in relation to the works entrusted to the latter. She enquired whether the Administration had set out clearly in the entrustment agreement(s) the requirement for WKCDA to exercise stringent cost control and ensure proper use of public funds in carrying out the entrusted works, and whether there were any provisions in the agreement(s) to safeguard the public interests in the event of any cost overrun of the works entrusted to WKCDA.</p> <p>The Administration advised that it had earlier entered into an entrustment agreement with WKCDA in relation to the design and advance works for Zones 3A and 3B of the integrated basement, and there were provisions in the agreement governing the implementation of the entrusted works by WKCDA. Subject to Members' views on the proposal to extend the scope of the entrusted works to cover the design work for Zone 2 (i.e. Zones 2A, 2B and 2C) of the integrated basement, the Administration would entrust such work to WKCDA and incorporate similar provisions in any further agreement to be signed with WKCDA to safeguard the Government's as well as public interests.</p> <p>WKCDA supplemented that it had been working closely with the relevant government departments in carrying out the entrusted works, and had so far been able to bring the costs of the works to a level lower than the budget set by the Government.</p> <p>At Ms LAU's request, the Administration agreed to provide information on the provisions included in the entrustment agreement entered into between the Administration and WKCDA which sought to safeguard the Government's and public interests.</p>	<p><b>Admin</b></p>
<p>001933 - 002402</p>	<p>Mr YIU Si-wing WKCDA</p>	<p>Noting that WKCDA would take up the management responsibility of the existing landing steps in WKCD to facilitate the provision of water transport and water tour services to be operated by third party providers, Mr YIU Si-wing enquired whether WKCDA had taken account of the need to provide sufficient pick-up/drop-off points and parking spaces near the landing steps for coaches carrying users of the water transport/water tour services to/from the landing steps.</p> <p>WKCDA advised that –</p> <p>(a) under the current design of WKCD, coaches would not be able to access the landing steps</p>	

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		<p>directly. Should water transport and water tour services be available in WKCD, it was envisaged that visitors using such services would mainly access and leave WKCD via the landing steps, and not access WKCD by sea and leave by coach; and</p> <p>(b) although the latest assessment was that 22 to 25 coach parking spaces would be required in WKCD, about 40 coach parking spaces had been planned to address the long-term demand. It was anticipated that coaches accessing WKCD would mainly need spaces/areas for short-term parking only.</p> <p>On Miss CHAN Yuen-han's earlier views on the car parking provision in WKCD, WKCDCA responded that it was obliged to conform to the requirements set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines ("HKPSG") in planning the provision of car parking spaces in WKCD. In doing so, however, it had adopted the minimum standards in order to minimize the traffic impact on the West Kowloon area taking into account, among others, the current/planned provision of public transport facilities in the vicinity of WKCD. Furthermore, with the introduction of car park sharing mechanism, the planned provision of car parking spaces in WKCD had been further reduced from around 3 000 to around 2 200.</p>	
002403 - 002915	Dr Helena WONG WKCDCA	<p>In response to Dr Helena WONG's enquiry about the progress of WKCDCA's work in exploring the provision of marine transport service to connect WKCD with other parts of Hong Kong, WKCDCA advised that it had been in discussion with the existing and potential operators of different means of marine transport on related issues. There was indication of interest in exploring the viability of providing hop-on/hop-off tour service around the Victoria Harbour, and WKCDCA would encourage the operator(s) to consider including WKCD as one of the destinations of such tour service. Given that the ferry service provided during the Freespace Fest held in November 2014 had worked well, WKCDCA was also liaising with the ferry companies on the provision of marine transport service for WKCDCA's major events in future.</p> <p>Dr WONG considered that while it was desirable to put in place ferry service for major events held on the WKCD site, WKCDCA should endeavour to make available also regular ferry service to enhance the overall accessibility of WKCD, given in particular the existing road congestion problem in the West Kowloon area.</p>	



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		<p>Dr WONG also enquired about the following –</p> <p>(a) whether the Administration would follow up the issue of inadequate provision of barrier-free facilities (e.g. lifts) in The Elements shopping mall, so as to address the needs of local residents and visitors to the shopping mall as well as to meet the demand for such facilities arising from the commissioning of the West Kowloon Terminus ("WKT") of XRL and the proposed Artist Square Bridge connecting The Elements shopping mall and WKCD; and</p> <p>(b) whether the design of the existing pedestrian subway across Canton Road, which would be the main pedestrian link connecting Xiqu Centre to the Jordan areas, would be improved/enhanced to echo with the cultural ambience of WKCD.</p>	
002916 - 003521	Chairman WKCDA Admin	<p>The Chairman raised the following views and enquiry –</p> <p>(a) the Administration and WKCDA should make reference to the experience of Venice and actively explore the feasibility of making available marine transport service to connect WKCD with other parts of Hong Kong, which could serve the dual purposes of improving the accessibility of WKCD and relieving the existing congested road traffic in the West Kowloon area on the one hand and enhancing the tourism appeal of WKCD on the other;</p> <p>(b) whether WKCDA would consider offering performance-plus-ferry service packages for major events held on the WKCD site, which would encourage visitors to access and leave WKCD by ferry; and</p> <p>(c) given the green and emission-free design concept for WKCD, the Administration and WKCDA should consider exploring, in the context of its ongoing TOP study, the feasibility of setting up a transport interchange in WKCD where all incoming vehicles should terminate and the passengers be required to access the other parts of WKCD on foot or by using the environmentally friendly transport system ("EFTS") to be provided in WKCD.</p> <p>WKCDA advised that –</p> <p>(a) if public landing steps/ferry piers could be set up in WKCD and water taxi services were in place, it would welcome water taxis to have access to the public landing steps in WKCD;</p>	

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		<p>(b) it was studying the feasibility of introducing EFTS in WKCD. Under the current planning, visitors using different modes of transport to get to WKCD would interchange with the EFTS to be provided in WKCD for their onward journeys to different parts of the site. Furthermore, WKCD would study the feasibility of using marine transport to enhance the east-west connectivity within WKCD pending the delivery of the facilities in the central portion of WKCD; and</p> <p>(c) it was looking at the idea of bundling the sale of event/performance tickets with other terms of offer, such as transport (e.g. railway and ferry services) and dining offers.</p> <p>The Administration supplemented that while WKCD might explore with the existing and potential operators the possibility of making available marine transport service to connect WKCD with other parts of Hong Kong, it would not be financially viable for WKCD to operate such service on a regular basis by itself. Acknowledging that the availability of marine transport service to connect WKCD and the other destinations in the Victoria Harbour would add to the vibrancy of the harbour, the Administration would take the lead in liaising with the stakeholders concerned on possible provision of such service.</p>	
003522 - 004015	Miss CHAN Yuen-han Admin	<p>Miss CHAN Yuen-han urged the Administration to advise the Joint Subcommittee as early as practicable when the outcome of its discussion with the relevant stakeholders on the provision of marine transport service for WKCD would be available.</p> <p>In response to Miss CHAN Yuen-han's earlier suggestion of constructing a new link road to connect WKCD to WHC and enquiry about whether the number of car parking spaces to be provided in WKCD could be further reduced to, say, 2000, the Administration advised that –</p> <p>(a) vehicles departing from the western entrance of WKCD would be able to access WHC directly via a new elevated road connecting the elevated Nga Cheung Road to the toll plaza of WHC, which was being constructed under the Public Works Programme Item 855 TH - Road Improvement Works for West Kowloon Reclamation Development (Phase 1); and</p>	<b>Admin</b>

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		<p>(b) the planning of the car parking provision in WKCD had to conform to the requirements set out in HKPSG. By adopting the minimum standards provided under HKPSG and car park sharing mechanism, a total of around 2 200 car parking spaces had been planned for WKCD, of which around 1 700 would be provided in the early phase of the WKCD development and upon completion of the underground car park in the central portion of WKCD. As for the remaining 500 car parking spaces which were planned for the later phase of the WKCD development, WKCDA could consider whether and when such spaces should be provided having regard to the car parking demand and the operational experience of WKCD following the commissioning of the first batch of facilities starting from 2016-2017.</p>	
004016 - 004440	Ms Emily LAU Admin Chairman	<p>Ms Emily LAU stressed that while it might not be profitable to provide marine transport service to connect WKCD with other destinations around the Victoria Harbour, the Administration and WKCDA should look at the matter from a wider perspective and consider subsidizing third party operator(s) to operate such service having regard to the consideration that it would help promote Hong Kong tourism.</p> <p>Pointing out that the idea of providing marine transport to connect WKCD with other parts of Hong Kong straddled the policy/programme areas of a number of bureaux and departments, such as the Transport and Housing Bureau, Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Marine Department, Ms LAU sought information on how HAB would follow up the matter such that a proposal acceptable to all parties concerned could be worked out as expeditiously as possible.</p> <p>The Administration responded that as the first step, HAB would study in conjunction with the relevant bureaux/departments the technical feasibility of providing, from the perspective of promoting Hong Kong tourism and serving WKCD and other harbourfront destinations, a new ferry route with stops around the Victoria Harbour (as opposed to the existing point-to-point ferry routes). It would also work with WKCDA to approach the potential ferry service operators and identify the possible incentives for them to operate such service.</p> <p>The Chairman opined that as the Chairman of the WKCDA Board was also the Chief Secretary for Administration ("CS"), should CS consider the proposal to provide marine transport service to</p>	

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		connect WKCD with other parts of Hong Kong worth pursuing, she could provide the necessary steer for cross-bureaux/departmental efforts in taking forward the proposal. He requested the Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs to relay to CS members' support for the proposal.	<b>Admin</b>
004441 - 004837	Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung	<p>Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung reiterated his following views –</p> <p>(a) WKCD should be planned and developed for the people of Hong Kong, and not as a tourism project. The Administration and WKCDA should endeavour to build the cultural contents and strengthen the public sense of ownership of WKCD, and not to enhance the tourism elements of the WKCD project; and</p> <p>(b) given the already heavy marine traffic in the Victoria Harbour, he considered it inappropriate to provide additional marine transport service to connect WKCD with other parts of Hong Kong.</p>	
004838 - 005243	Mr MA Fung-kwok	<p>Mr MA Fung-kwok said that as a member of the former Consultative Committee on the Core Arts and Cultural Facilities of WKCD and a member of the Board of WKCDA, he had raised with the Administration and WKCDA on numerous occasions the need for planning holistically the provision of marine transport service to connect the various destinations around the Victoria Harbour including WKCD. Citing Venice as an example where marine transport service was provided to meet the transports needs of both tourists and locals, Mr MA stressed that the proposal to provide marine transport service to connect the various tourist destinations on the Kowloon Peninsula and those on the Hong Kong Island would not only be conducive to promoting tourism but also help alleviate the road congestion problem in different districts. He urged the Administration to study the proposal seriously and set up a task force to coordinate the efforts of the relevant bureaux and departments in following up the matter.</p>	
005244 - 005617	Mr YIU Si-wing Admin	<p>Mr YIU Si-wing considered that to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the operation of WKCD, it was necessary for WKCD to be able to attract both local visitors and tourists so as to maintain sufficient visitor flow on both weekdays and weekends. He stressed that incorporating tourist elements into the WKCD project would indeed complement the development of WKCD.</p>	

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		<p>Mr YIU further enquired whether the Administration and WKCD would consider the suggestion of developing and positioning the existing landing steps in WKCD as a facility dedicated for the operation of water tour services, such that the relevant activities being conducted at the Kowloon City Pier could be redirected to WKCD in future. In his view, the suggestion would not only enhance the visitor flow in WKCD but also help alleviate the existing road congestion problem in the Kowloon City district caused by the operation of the Kowloon City Pier.</p> <p>The Administration responded that as Mr YIU's suggestion would require studies by various bureaux/departments and high-level coordination, it would be relayed to CS cum WKCD Board Chairman for consideration as suggested by the Chairman.</p>	
005618 - 005739	Chairman Dr Helena WONG Admin	<p>In response to Dr Helena WONG's earlier enquiry, the Administration advised that the existing pedestrian subway at the junction of Canton Road and Austin Road West would be beautified and upgraded with new stairs and lift to be added to bring people to the ground level footpath adjoining Xiqu Centre.</p> <p>The Administration/WKCD was requested to provide information on the pedestrian links being/planned to be provided to connect WKCD with its adjoining developments (e.g. Austin Station, WKT and Kowloon Station/The Elements shopping mall) and the provision of barrier-free facilities at such developments.</p>	<b>Admin/ WKCD</b>
<i>Agenda Item II - Cultural software development for the West Kowloon Cultural District</i>			
005740 - 012052	Chairman Admin WKCD	Briefing and powerpoint presentation by the Administration/WKCD on WKCD's ongoing work in the area of cultural software development and stakeholder engagement in preparation for the commissioning of the various arts and cultural facilities and the Park in WKCD, in particular Xiqu Centre which would be the first performing arts venue to be opened in 2018 (LC Paper Nos. CB(2)440/15-16(03) and CB(2)464/15-16(01)).	
012053 - 012523	Mr CHAN Chi-chuen WKCD	<p>Mr CHAN Chi-chuen expressed support for positioning Xiqu Centre as a base for promoting the art of Cantonese opera and launching the Rising Stars Scheme to nurture young Cantonese opera performers and build young audience.</p> <p>Referring to an email recently received by Legislative Council Members which alleged that two experienced Cantonese opera trainers from the</p>	

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		<p>Mainland had been invited to take part in the "Rising Stars in Cantonese Opera Showcase" organized by WKCDA in 2014, Mr CHAN expressed concern about the criteria adopted by WKCDA for recruiting/selecting the performers for the Showcase and whether a mechanism was in place for monitoring the recruitment/selection of performers and ensuring that it was conducted in a fair manner.</p> <p>WKCDA advised that it had explained on various occasions that the "Rising Stars in Cantonese Opera Showcase" was open to artists aged between 18 and 45 who were Hong Kong residents and had been employed by any professional Cantonese opera troupes in Hong Kong. Such eligibility criteria were generally considered appropriate by the Cantonese opera sector, and the performers for the Showcase were selected through two rounds of audition. WKCDA would continue to gauge the views of the Cantonese opera sector in staging further productions under the Rising Stars Scheme in future.</p>	
012524 - 012959	Ms Emily LAU Admin Chairman WKCDA	<p>Ms Emily LAU considered it important for WKCDA to provide more opportunities for local young talents in Cantonese opera to showcase their artistic performance and potential while ensuring that the selection of performers for WKCDA's productions would be conducted in a fair manner.</p> <p>Ms LAU expressed appreciation of the various youth engagement programmes/activities launched by WKCDA and opined that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") should also organize more similar programmes for the youth community. She urged the Administration to find a suitable opportunity to brief the Panel on Home Affairs on the work undertaken by LCSD to promote youth participation in arts and culture.</p> <p>On Ms LAU's enquiry about whether WKCDA had organized any mentorship programmes for young people, WKCDA advised that mentoring arrangements had already been incorporated in some of its youth engagement and capacity building programmes. For instance, the "WKCDA Xperience Day" was held with WKCDA executives acting as mentors for youth participants who shadowed the WKCDA staff for an entire working day. The interns recruited under WKCDA's internship programme also worked closely with the professional staff of WKCDA throughout the internship period to gain theoretical and practical training through active involvement in the ongoing visual culture or performing arts projects.</p>	<b>Admin</b>

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013000 - 013555	Dr Helena WONG WKCDA Chairman	<p>Dr Helena WONG considered that given the extended development timeframe of WKCD, WKCDA should endeavour to make good use of the land in WKCD pending the completion of the permanent works on the site through organizing more interim programmes and activities to activate and animate the site. She hoped that more arts and cultural activities with different themes, such as multi-media exhibitions/performances and music festivals, would be held in WKCD.</p> <p>WKCDA was requested to advise in writing the arts and cultural programmes and activities that were planned to be held on the WKCD site over the next one or two years.</p>	<b>WKCDA</b>
013556 - 013959	Miss CHAN Yuen-han Admin Chairman	<p>Miss CHAN Yuen-han reiterated her view that to bring people to and build audience for WKCD, it was necessary for the Administration and WKCDA to enhance the connectivity of WKCD with its neighbouring areas/developments including the China Ferry Terminal, and to maximize accessibility to the various facilities to be delivered in WKCD. Expressing concern that the existing footway leading to Xiqu Centre was rather narrow, Miss CHAN enquired about the latest position of the Administration's plan to relocate the existing Tsim Sha Tsui Fire Station Complex adjoining Xiqu Centre on Canton Road.</p> <p>The Administration advised that the supporting operational facilities in the existing Tsim Sha Tsui Fire Station Complex were planned to be relocated to a site at To Wah Road. Given the need to meet the 6-minute Graded Response Time requirement of the Fire Station, a suitable reprovisioning site in the Yau Tsim Mong district had to be identified. The Administration's intention was to relocate the entire Fire Station Complex to enhance the accessibility of Xiqu Centre.</p>	
014000 - 014418	Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung WKCDA Chairman	<p>Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung expressed concern about the small number of participants involved in the youth engagement programmes/activities organized by WKCDA and enquired how the participants were recruited.</p> <p>WKCDA advised that invitations had been issued widely to various schools inviting teachers to identify and encourage students who would be interested in the M+ Summer Camp to apply for joining the event. A total of 200 applications were received and 100 students joined the M+ Summer Camp, of which 25 who came from low-income families were waived the participation fees.</p>	

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014419 - 014823	Mr YIU Si-wing WKCDA	<p>Mr YIU Si-wing raised the following enquiries –</p> <p>(a) whether WKCDA had drawn up quantifiable performance indicators (e.g. target number of audiences attending the performances staged at Xiqu Centre and target number of Xiqu performances to be staged) and a detailed business plan (with information including estimated annual operating costs and revenues to be generated) for Xiqu Centre; and</p> <p>(b) apart from organizing various pre-opening programmes in preparation for the commissioning of Xiqu Centre, whether WKCDA had developed any long-term plans for promoting the development of Xiqu in Hong Kong.</p> <p>WKCDA advised that –</p> <p>(a) issues relating to the costing for Xiqu Centre were being studied and relevant information would be available at a later stage; and</p> <p>(b) the pre-opening programmes and activities held over the last few years sought to, among others, facilitate the development of the long-term programming direction of Xiqu Centre. For instance, the West Kowloon Bamboo Theatre project which was previously staged on the site of Xiqu Centre and suspended in 2015 owing to the commencement of works on the site, would be re-run after the opening of Xiqu Centre. WKCDA also planned to develop the Rising Stars Scheme as a flagship and ongoing project with the aim to groom a new generation of local Cantonese opera performers.</p>	
014824 - 015332	Chairman WKCDA	<p>The Chairman enquired about the following –</p> <p>(a) whether M+ had organized any programmes/activities to engage the local arts community and to facilitate exchange with overseas artists and institutions; and</p> <p>(b) whether WKCDA had further refined the acquisition policy of M+ having regard to the concerns raised over M+'s acquisition criteria and procedures.</p> <p>WKCDA advised that –</p> <p>(a) M+ had all along endeavoured to engage both artists/experts from Hong Kong and those from other parts of the world in organizing its</p>	



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		<p>public programmes. For instance, various public performance arts events and exhibitions had been held under the "Mobile M+" project with the participation of both local and international artists. In addition, both scholars from local universities and experts from other international museums and institutions had been invited to give public talks under the "M+ Matters" project; and</p> <p>(b) M+'s vision was to build a world-class collection representative of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century visual culture from a Hong Kong perspective with a global vision, with the works of Hong Kong visual culture being at the centre of the collection. The M+ Acquisition Policy had defined clearly the disciplinary areas and geographical focus of the M+ collection as well as the acquisition procedures. All acquisition proposals would be thoroughly vetted by the Interim Acquisition Committee taking account of, among others, the relevance and price of the proposed acquisitions.</p> <p>The Chairman urged WKCDA to step up efforts to engage the local arts community in taking forward the WKCD project. Stressing the importance for WKCDA to ensure that the collection of M+ as a world-class museum would comprise sufficient number of important and major works, he requested WKCDA to provide a roadmap for building the M+ Collection in the run-up to the opening of M+.</p>	<p><b>WKCDA</b></p>
015333 - 015725	Ms Emily LAU WKCDA Chairman	<p>Ms Emily LAU considered that WKCDA should seek to ensure that children from different districts and financial backgrounds would be provided with opportunities to take part in WKCDA's programmes and activities. Noting that WKCDA had granted fee exemption to certain participants of its programmes, Ms LAU stressed that WKCDA should be mindful of the need to avoid the attachment of any unnecessary stigma to those participants.</p> <p>WKCDA responded that information on which participant(s) had been provided with fee exemption would not be made known to the participants.</p> <p>The Chairman expressed hope that WKCDA would endeavour to bring arts to the community in collaboration with local artists and arts groups.</p>	

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