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

Follow-up to meeting on 14 December 2015

<u>Cultural software development for the West Kowloon Cultural</u> <u>District (WKCD)</u>

West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCDA/Authority) 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

The M+ Team will focus on organising exhibitions and events at the M+ Pavilion scheduled for opening in July 2016. The ground floor lobby of the Pavilion will feature a dynamic display of the history of the M+ Mobile exhibition series as well as the evolution of M+ from 2011 to 2016. Thereafter, M+ will present Hong Kong artist Tsang Kin-Wah's Venice Biennale return exhibition. Two more exhibitions focusing on design objects in the M+ Collection, and on Hong Kong's Popular Culture, are under planning.

The Performing Arts Team of WKCDA will continue to organise "Freespace Happening"- a series of outdoor events featuring music, handicraft markets, street performances and a selection of special attractions - in the Nursery Park. "Freespace Happening" will be presented one or two days in a month and tentatively run from September 2016 to March 2017. The aim is to continue to test different types of performing arts programmes to see what works and what does not in public open space, ahead of the opening of the Park. This will also help us build and reinforce relationships with our audience, introduce new artistic forms and encourage new styles of performances. In addition to the Authority's programmed activities, WKCDA has received considerable interest from external event organisers to host a wide range of cultural, community and commercial events at the outdoor spaces. Events being planned on the site include a number of music festivals showcasing local bands and specific music genres. Other third party events planned to be held in the Nursery Park include sport and fitness activities, as well as cultural and entertainment attractions.

(b) WKCDA's roadmap for building the M+ Collection in the run-up to the opening of M+.

In the last four years, M+ has built up its collection to include over 5,026 works and objects (including the M+ Sigg Collection of 1,510 works). A large percentage of the collection is devoted to the works of Hong Kong artists, designers, architects, and moving image makers. The M+ curatorial team has also acquired works from Asia as well as the West, which establish art historical, cultural, and conceptual connections between Hong Kong and other Chinese works and international works. Acquisition of works and objects will continue in the run up to the opening of M+ and beyond.

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