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The Honorable Lau Kwok-fan, MH
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Legislative Council Building
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Dear Chairman Lau

CRITICAL EXISTENTIALISM
SUBMISSION TO LEGCO ON M+ COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT
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As a new world-class cultural institution, the development of M+ should be vision-driven and forward-looking. The concept of M+ should build a collection of today's World Art, rather than addressing the historic imbalances of Chinese contemporary art.

Critical Existentialism is the first-ever art movement driven by artists in Hong Kong, or even in China, in the global turn of art scene after postmodernism.

The nine local artists of Critical Existentialism launched the first inaugural exhibit at the Hong Kong Visual Arts Center in September, 2015, in front of the artistic innovations by the group.

Critical Existentialism turns Hong Kong into a creator, instead of an importer of culture.

By building a collection of art beyond postmodernism led by Critical Existentialism, this would give M+ a unique stature among the world's art museums, none of which have a theory of contemporary art. M+ will establish itself as a leader in contemporary art, for now M+ is merely a follower.

True leaders are very rare in this field. It's not a question of being against the institution.

We are the institution.

It's a question of what kind of institution M+ is.

1. 香港藝術發展遲緩

例：三十年前韓國政府開始派員往歐美學習藝術，繼而開始連帶發展電影、韓國流行文化、電子產業，至今成績有目共睹。

2. M+收藏藝術品策略

以香港為中心，延展至世界

指標：藏品須展現香港至全球之當代性。

現況：M+藏品及展覽以後現代藝術為主打的藝術方向，惟後現代主義在十多年前被西方宣告結束。如M+在數年後開幕仍只以後現代作品為展示重點，實難以顯示香港藝術之當代性，亦無法涵接當今藝術最新的發展浪潮。更缺乏國際視野、前瞻性，以及香港在國際上的帶領地位。

當代性：後後現代是現今世界最具前瞻性的藝術運動必須收藏及展示相關作品，以展示香港藝術家帶領全球藝術運動的洞察力。

3. 提高透明度，防止小圈子貪腐、利益輸送

公開：- 收藏作品標準

- 涵蓋藝術家之範圍
- 涵蓋藝術品媒介
- 藏品價錢

4. 評選委員會成員缺乏藝術見識，主觀性過強個人決擇引致香港藏品素質整體敗北，花費無數。

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- 3.Ku Mun Chiu, Christopher
- 4.Francis Lau
- 5.Leung Wing Hong
- 6.Sum Kwan Hon, Stanley
- 7.So Mei Lee, Sylvia
- 8.Tang Wing Yin, Amy
- 9.Floria Tong