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Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Chairman of the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of
the West Kowloon Cultural District Project
Legislative Council Complex
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Dear Mr Lau,

I refer to Hon Tanya Chan's letter to you dated 11 April 2018.

In April 2017, the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCDA) agreed to the disclosure of four consultancy reports related to the review of the development of the Mega Performance Venue (MPV) and Exhibition Centre. The reports, which are commercially sensitive, were released to supplement the explanation on the timing and process of the review undertaken by WKCDA. The information contained therein clearly confirmed that the review predated the decision relating to the selection of the site for the Hong Kong Palace Museum Project. The disclosure arrangement made it clear that the information would only be made available for a specified period for the above purpose. WKCDA has no plans to release the reports further.

Separately, WKCDA has also explained clearly to the public the key considerations leading to the Board's decision to proceed with the development of the proposed multi-purpose Exhibition Centre with facilities fit for exhibition, convention as well as performances.

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Members of the Legislative Council have been kept being updated on latest developments. Specifically, in February 2018 WKCDA briefed the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project (Joint Subcommittee) regarding the commencement and planning of the development of the Exhibition Hub Development Area (now known as ACE). Further to that, WKCDA embarked on a public engagement exercise to update the general public and stakeholder groups on the planning of the ACE and solicit views on how the ACE should be taken forward. WKCDA plans to report to the Joint Subcommittee in June 2018 of further details of the ACE development.

Yours sincerely,



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