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Clerk to the Panel on Home Affairs
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road, Central, Hong Kong
(Attn: Ms Joanne Mak)

Dear Ms Mak,

Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs Works Quality of the East Kowloon Cultural Centre Response to Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing's letter

In response to the letter from Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing dated 30 April 2019 on the works quality of the East Kowloon Cultural Centre (EKCC), a consolidated reply from the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) and Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is as follows.

The ArchSD is the works department overseeing the construction of the EKCC. All along it attaches great importance to works quality, and commissions tests on building materials delivered to construction sites in accordance with established procedures to ensure that no substandard materials will be used in any construction projects. In the case of the couplers and threaded rebars used in the EKCC project, upon the process of sample-taking from materials delivered to the site by resident site staff of the ArchSD, the samples are then sent immediately to accredited laboratories for testing. Materials delivered can only be used in works after resident site staff of the ArchSD confirm that test results have met the required standards. The above checking procedures adopted in ArchSD projects are well-established and effective.

In response to the test results that some of the couplers and threaded rebar samples failed to meet the required standards, the ArchSD immediately notified the main contractor that the batch of materials in question could not be used and should be removed off site. Therefore, the materials concerned are not used in the project and works quality has not been affected. The ArchSD will continue to closely monitor the quality and progress of the works while the LCSD will liaise closely with it to follow up on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Sandy CHEUNG) for Secretary for Home Affairs

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Director of Architectural Services
Director of Leisure and Cultural Services