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**Panel on Development and Panel on Home Affairs**

**Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of  
the West Kowloon Cultural District Project**

**Minutes of meeting held on  
Monday, 1 April 2019, at 8:30 am  
in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Claudia MO  
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS  
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP  
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS  
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP  
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen  
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan  
Hon CHU Hoi-dick  
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding  
Hon Tanya CHAN  
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH  
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
- Members absent** : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP  
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP  
Hon KWONG Chun-yu

**Public officers  
attending**

**: Agenda item III**

Mrs Cherry TSE LING Kit-ching, JP  
Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Mrs Angelina CHEUNG FUNG Wing-ping, JP  
Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (2)

**Agenda item IV**

Mrs Cherry TSE LING Kit-ching, JP  
Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Ms Alice PANG, JP  
Project Manager (South)  
Civil Engineering and Development Department

**Attendance by  
invitation**

**: Agenda items III and IV**

Mr Duncan PESCOD, GBS, JP  
Chief Executive Officer  
West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

Mr Jeremy STOWE  
Chief Projects Officer  
West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

**Agenda item III**

Mr Louis YU  
Executive Director, Performing Arts  
West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

Ms Alison FRIEDMAN  
Artistic Director, Performing Arts  
West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

Mr Jason TEO  
Senior Manager, Landscape and Urban Design  
West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

**Agenda item IV**

Mr NG Ying-chuen  
General Manager, Engineering Services  
West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

**Clerk in attendance** : Ms Doris LO  
Chief Council Secretary (1)2

**Staff in attendance** : Mr Raymond CHOW  
Senior Council Secretary (1)10

Ms Christina SHIU  
Legislative Assistant (1)2

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**I Confirmation of minutes**

(LC Paper No. CB(1)765/18-19(01) — Minutes of meeting on  
6 November 2018)

The minutes of the meeting on 6 November 2018 were confirmed.

**II Information paper(s) issued since the last meeting**

(LC Paper No. CB(1)486/18-19(01) — Letter dated 17 January  
2019 from Hon Tanya  
CHAN on the financial  
situation of the West  
Kowloon Cultural District  
project

LC Paper No. CB(1)781/18-19(01) — West Kowloon Cultural  
District Authority's response  
to the letter dated  
17 January 2019 from  
Hon Tanya CHAN on the  
financial situation of the  
West Kowloon Cultural  
District project [LC Paper  
No. CB(1)486/18-19(01)]

LC Paper No. CB(1)821/18-19(01) — Letter dated 29 March 2019  
from Hon Tanya CHAN on  
matters relating to the  
construction works of the

Hong Kong Palace  
Museum)

2. Members noted that the above information papers had been issued since the last meeting on 14 January 2019.

3. At the request of Ms Tanya CHAN, the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("WKCDA") would provide a written response to her letter dated 29 March 2019 on matters relating to the construction works of the Hong Kong Palace Museum (LC Paper No. CB(1)821/18-19(01)) and her enquiry raised at the meeting about the arrangement for posting tender notices on the webpage of the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD").

*(Post-meeting note: A written response from WKCDA was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)906/18-19(01) on 16 April 2019.)*

### **III Update on the development of the Art Park and Freespace**

(LC Paper No. CB(1)764/18-19(01) — West Kowloon Cultural District Authority's paper on update on the development of the Art Park and Freespace

LC Paper No. CB(1)764/18-19(02) — Paper on the development of the Art Park and Freespace prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat (Updated background brief))

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

5. WKCDA was requested to provide the following information:

- (a) the criteria for the selection of suitable tree species for and planting locations in the Art Park, including whether due regard had been given to its windy and exposed location and the impact of strong typhoons like Typhoon Mangkhut. Please also give an account of the decision to investigate the possibility of installing a waterfront vineyard in WKCD despite Hong Kong's unsuitable climate conditions for grape growing;

- (b) the latest implementation details of SmartBike, including the opening days and hours, the utilization rate and the number of cycling accidents, if any, in WKCD recorded so far; and
- (c) the type (standard, medium or quick) of the 20 electric vehicle charging stations to be provided at the B2 level of WKCD.

*(Post-meeting note: Supplementary information from WKCDA was circulated to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)950/18-19(01) and CB(1)1368/18-19(01) on 24 April 2019 and 15 October 2019 respectively.)*

#### **IV Integration and connectivity of the West Kowloon Cultural District with its neighbouring district**

(LC Paper No. CB(1)764/18-19(03) — West Kowloon Cultural District Authority's paper on integration and connectivity of the West Kowloon Cultural District with its neighbouring district

LC Paper No. CB(1)764/18-19(04) — Paper on the integration and connectivity of the West Kowloon Cultural District with its neighbouring districts prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat (Updated background brief))

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

#### **V Any other business**

##### Date of the next meeting and items for discussion

7. Members agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled for Monday, 29 April, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm to discuss the following items proposed by the Administration:

- (a) Update on the financial situation of WKCD; and
- (b) Update on the development of the ACE Development Package.

*(Post-meeting note: Members were informed vide LC Paper No. CB(1)902/18-19 issued on 16 April 2019 that at the request of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, item (b) above would be deferred to the meeting on 10 June 2019 and replaced by the item "Update on the development of Lyric Theatre Complex" originally scheduled for discussion at the meeting on 10 June 2019.)*

- 8. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:25 am.

Council Business Division 1  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
21 October 2019

**Panel on Development and Panel on Home Affairs**

**Proceedings of meeting of the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor  
the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project  
held on Monday, 1 April 2019, at 8:30 am  
in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex**

<b>Time marker</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>	<b>Subject(s)/Discussion</b>	<b>Action required</b>
<b>Agenda Item I – Confirmation of minutes</b>			
000343-000407	Chairman	Confirmation of minutes [LC Paper No. CB(1)765/18-19]	
<b>Agenda Item II – Information paper(s) issued since the last meeting</b>			
000408-000812	Chairman Ms Tanya CHAN	Members noted the information papers issued since the last meeting.  Ms CHAN requested the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("WKCDA") to provide a written reply to her letter dated 29 March 2019 on matters relating to the construction works of the Hong Kong Palace Museum (LC Paper No. CB(1)821/18-19(01)) and her further enquiry about the arrangement for posting tender notices on the webpage of the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD").	WKCDA (paragraph 3 of the minutes refers)
<b>Agenda Item III – Update on the development of the Art Park and Freespace</b>			
000813-001809	Chairman Administration WKCDA	Briefing by the Administration and powerpoint presentation by WKCDA [LC Paper Nos. CB(1)764/18-19(01) and CB(1)825/18-19(01)]	
001810-002350	Chairman Mr Tony TSE WKCDA	Mr TSE asked about:  (a) whether tree specialists' advice was sought in selecting tree species for the Art Park; and  (b) the latest and target number of bike rental points for SmartBike in WKCD, and the completion time of its software enhancement to enable bike reservation via mobile application ("app").  WKCDA responded that:  (a) the planting scheme was designed by park consultants and tree specialists, while 2 000 trees of which about 50% were native species were selected to be planted in the Art Park taking into account factors such as planting locations; and	

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		<p>(b) there was currently one bike rental point for SmartBike in WKCD while the other two were closed following the gradual development of WKCD facilities; WKCDA planned to add another bike rental point in the Art Park, and would aim at developing progressively a network of bike rental points throughout WKCD. Software enhancement of SmarkBike was expected to be completed by end 2019.</p> <p>The Chairman and Mr TSE requested WKCDA to provide supplementary information regarding the criteria for the selection of suitable tree species for and planting locations in the Art Park, including whether due regard had been given to its windy and exposed location and the impact of strong typhoons like Typhoon Mangkhut.</p>	<p>WKCDA (paragraph 5(a) of the minutes refers)</p>
002351-002838	<p>Chairman Mr CHAN Chi-chuen WKCDA</p>	<p>Mr CHAN enquired about:</p> <p>(a) the opening date of the facilities (i.e. the Box, the Room, the Studio and the Livehouse) in Freespace in mid-2019; and</p> <p>(b) the booking arrangements for such facilities, including when they were open for booking, priority booking terms and hire charges.</p> <p>WKCDA advised that:</p> <p>(a) a soft opening of Freespace was planned to allow sufficient time to complete system testing before its formal opening in 2019, the exact date of which would be announced in due course. Meanwhile, venue bookings were open, and WKCDA was processing the booking applications received. Programmes would start from June 2019 and the tickets had been available for sale; and</p> <p>(b) WKCDA adopted an artistically-driven performing arts venue hiring policy to accord priority in recognition of the artistic considerations of the programmes. Hiring information of the facilities in Freespace including hire charges would be posted on WKCD's webpage once available.</p>	



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002839-003423	Chairman Ms Tanya CHAN WKCDA	<p>Ms CHAN enquired about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the reasons for the deferral of the target date of obtaining the Occupation Permit ("OP") for Freespace from early January 2019 to end of March 2019, and its latest opening date;</li> <li>(b) whether the Livehouse was an indoor or outdoor venue;</li> <li>(c) the reasons why there were currently only 124 valid Street Performance ("SP") Permits, and whether WKCDA would strengthen its promotion and grant longer validity to encourage more street performers to apply for SP Permits; and</li> <li>(d) whether WKCDA would consider reusing the abandoned bicycles of other bicycle-sharing schemes for SmartBike.</li> </ul> <p>WKCDA responded that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) OP would be obtained for Freespace after achieving substantial completion; thereafter, there were quite some remaining works (e.g. installation and testing of sound and lighting systems) to be completed before it could be formally opened;</li> <li>(b) the Livehouse was an indoor venue with some outdoor surrounding spaces;</li> <li>(c) an SP Permit was valid for one year at a fee of \$100 and it was for the street performers concerned to decide whether to renew their Permits. Since the establishment of the SP Scheme in 2015, over 500 SP Permits had been issued of which 124 were currently valid. More applications for SP Permits were expected following the phased opening of the Art Park; and</li> <li>(d) WKCDA would relay Ms CHAN's suggestion of reusing the abandoned bicycles of other bicycle-sharing schemes for SmartBike to its operator, i.e. TWGHs BiciLine Cycling Eco-Tourism Social Enterprise.</li> </ul>	
003424-003512	Chairman WKCDA	The Chairman suggested that WKCDA should make the information about the programmes to be held at the Art Park easily accessible by the public.	

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		<p>WKCD A advised that the public could subscribe to WKCD A's e-newsletters to receive programme information on a regular basis.</p>	
003513-004115	<p>Chairman Mr MA Fung-kwok WKCD A</p>	<p>Mr MA asked whether WKCD A would consider providing more music and outdoor performance venues like the Livehouse in WKCD (e.g. by converting some dining facilities along the waterfront) with a view to creating a clustering effect, adding vibrancy and diversity to WKCD as well as enriching audience experience.</p> <p>WKCD A indicated that it had been making use of the mix of cultural, commercial and outdoor spaces in WKCD to make the district more lively and attractive to the public, and would continue developing WKCD along this direction. For instances, the Hellodog Fest recently held at Nursery Park was well received by the participants, and an agreement had been reached with a developer on organizing entertainment activities at the commercial developments in WKCD.</p>	
004116-004701	<p>Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing WKCD A</p>	<p>Mr YIU asked about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) whether the opening of the Box could help relieve the shortage of exhibition space;</li> <li>(b) whether non-artistic hirers could book the facilities of Freespace under the priority booking arrangements, and the processing time of booking applications;</li> <li>(c) the current/anticipated utilization rates of the Art Park and Freespace; and</li> <li>(d) the difference between the originally anticipated and actual responses towards the SP Scheme so far, and any expected changes in the future number of SP Permits to be issued.</li> </ul> <p>WKCD A replied that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) exhibition facilities in WKCD included M+ Pavilion and the proposed Exhibition Centre under the Art, Commerce and Exhibitions ("ACE") development package. M+ Pavilion, currently used mainly for M+ exhibitions, would eventually be used also for general exhibitions. An expression of interest exercise would be conducted shortly for the ACE development package;</li> </ul>	

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		<p>(b) under the hiring policy of WKCDA, artistic hirers were given priority over non-artistic hirers in the booking of the arts and cultural venues. For example, artistic hirers (in art forms of theatre, dance and music) and non-artistic hirers could reserve Freespace up to 16 months and nine months in advance respectively;</p> <p>(c) the visitor number was expected to increase upon the phased opening of the Art Park in 2019; and</p> <p>(d) notwithstanding the on-going construction works around the Art Park, the responses towards the SP Scheme so far were better than expected. More applications for SP Permits were expected following the phased opening of the Art Park.</p>	
004702-005046	Chairman WKCDA	<p>The Chairman expressed concerns about (a) the selection of suitable tree species for the Art Park; (b) measures taken by WKCDA to prevent cycling accidents and cope with the problem of insufficient parking spaces in WKCD (e.g. provision of clearer directional signage and more information); and (c) the provision of marine access for WKCD.</p> <p>WKCDA advised that:</p> <p>(a) WKCDA had taken into account the planting locations when selecting suitable tree species for the Art Park. Remedial works had been carried out to save or replace trees affected by Typhoon Mangkhut, and advice was sought on better protecting the trees;</p> <p>(b) road network surrounding WKCD was substantially completed. More signages would be erected progressively. A new car park with 200 parking spaces was opened; and</p> <p>(c) WKCDA was proceeding with a feasibility study on a new marine landing facility at the southern waterfront of WKCD to be provided in addition to the existing landing steps at Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter ("YMTTS").</p>	

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005047-005400	Chairman Mr Tony TSE WKCD	<p>Mr TSE expressed appreciation towards WKCD's effort in nurturing local young talents by organizing a design competition of the Temporary Pavilion in WKCD, and called on WKCD to organize similar design competitions in future. He also asked about:</p> <p>(a) whether the winning team of the design competition would have the chance to take part in the development of the Temporary Pavilion;</p> <p>(b) the latest implementation details of SmartBike, including the opening days and hours, the utilization rate and the number of cycling accidents, if any, in WKCD recorded so far; and</p> <p>(c) the type (standard, medium or quick) of the 20 electric vehicle charging stations to be provided at the B2 level of WKCD.</p> <p>WKCD advised that its engineering team had actively engaged the winning team of the design competition in the development of the Temporary Pavilion, which had been completed. WKCD intended to organize a similar design competition in around end-2019 or 2020.</p>	WKCD (paragraph 5(b) and (c) of the minutes refers)
005401-005710	Chairman Ms Tanya CHAN WKCD	<p>Ms CHAN expressed concern on the insufficient venue hiring information of the Box on WKCD's webpage, and enquired about:</p> <p>(a) details of the hiring arrangements of the Box, including the hire charges, facilities for hire, and any arrangements to cater for the needs of small arts groups; and</p> <p>(b) whether WKCD would invite the street performers to renew their expired SP Permits.</p> <p>WKCD responded that:</p> <p>(a) Freespace would soon obtain OP, and the application for the Places of Public Entertainment ("PPE") Licence was in progress. As the opening of the Box was subject to the conditions (e.g. seating capacity) set out under the OP/PPE Licence, WKCD would provide its hiring details on WKCD's webpage and contact intended hirers after obtaining the OP/PPE Licence; and</p>	

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		(b) it would consider inviting the street performers to renew their expired SP Permits.	
005711-010100	Chairman Mr CHAN Chi-chuen WKCDA	<p>Mr CHAN asked about:</p> <p>(a) the layout plan of Freespace, and whether the hire charges of its facilities in Freespace were set at an affordable level; and</p> <p>(b) whether the performances programmed in the Box so far were initiated by WKCDA or the arts groups, such as Edward Lam Dance Theatre, Le French May and Hong Kong Repertory Theatre.</p> <p>The Chairman also considered it necessary for WKCDA to announce the hire charges of facilities in Freespace as early as possible.</p> <p>WKCDA stated that:</p> <p>(a) the construction works of Freespace had been completed and members were welcomed to visit the site; and</p> <p>(b) information about the hire charges of facilities in Freespace would be available on WKCD website once finalized.</p>	
010101-010527	Chairman Mr MA Fung-kwok WKCDA	<p>Mr MA asked about:</p> <p>(a) the support from WKCDA for arts groups to stage longer-running productions in the Box, and whether WKCDA would consider providing additional venues for staging longer-running productions and inviting resident performing arts companies to manage these venues; and</p> <p>(b) whether SP Permit holders had continued to renew their Permits every year.</p> <p>WKCDA responded that:</p> <p>(a) it would partner with arts groups to stage longer-running productions in the Box (e.g. a six-week run of <i>A Dream Like a Dream</i> produced by Hong Kong Repertory Theatre). A number of new theatre facilities in WKCD, including the Lyric Theatre Complex, would come on stream in the next few years;</p>	

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		<p>(b) WKCDA was expected to occupy around 10% of the available booking time in WKCD performance venues and would hire out the vast majority of the time for arts, cultural and other uses; and</p> <p>(c) about 100-odd SP Permit holders had continued to renew their Permits every year.</p>	
010528-010613	Chairman Ms Tanya CHAN	Ms CHAN requested WKCDA to give an account of its decision to investigate the possibility of installing a waterfront vineyard in WKCD despite Hong Kong's unsuitable climate conditions for grape growing.	WKCDA (paragraph 5(a) of the minutes refers)
<b>Agenda Item IV – Integration and connectivity of the West Kowloon Cultural District with its neighbouring district</b>			
010614-011602	Chairman Administration WKCDA	Briefing by the Administration and powerpoint presentation by WKCDA [LC Paper Nos. CB(1)764/18-19(03) and CB(1)825/18-19(02)]	
011603-012122	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing WKCDA	<p>Mr YIU enquired about:</p> <p>(a) parking fees of the 43 coach parking spaces in WKCD and whether the fees would be set at a low level to attract drivers to park their coaches there;</p> <p>(b) measures of WKCDA to cope with a surge in parking demand during mega events; and</p> <p>(c) the opening hours and the provision of facilities, such as a cover, public toilets and lighting, of the new southern marine landing facility targeted to be opened in around 2022/2023.</p> <p>WKCDA advised that:</p> <p>(a) 26 and 17 coach parking spaces would be provided at Zone 2B of the integrated basement ("IB") and the proposed Exhibition Centre respectively. WKCDA would consider temporary measures (e.g. converting the underground pick-up/drop-off spaces for coaches beneath M+ to temporary parking spaces) to provide more parking spaces to meet the actual demand during mega events;</p> <p>(b) it had yet to formulate a policy on parking fees, and would liaise with the Transport Department ("TD") on the charging arrangements; and</p>	

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		<p>(c) the new southern marine landing facility to be managed by WKCDA would be a public pier that would be opened for use most of the time. To minimize impact on the waterways towards China Ferry Terminal, WKCDA might require ferries to make advance bookings.</p>	
012123-012600	Chairman Ms Claudia MO WKCDA	<p>Ms MO called on WKCDA to consider providing coach parking spaces for free. The Chairman expressed similar views. Ms MO also suggested building more footbridges and subways connecting to WKCD to enhance walkability of the district. She then asked about:</p> <p>(a) why WKCDA would only provide 43 coach parking spaces vis-à-vis about 2 300 car parking spaces in WKCD; and</p> <p>(b) implementation timetable of the medium- and long-term transport infrastructure projects to enhance the connectivity of WKCD with its neighbouring district.</p> <p>WKCDA responded that:</p> <p>(a) the number of car and coach parking spaces in WKCD, which had been approved by TD, was based on the results of a detailed study and the relevant town planning requirements. Depending on the availability of space in WKCD, temporary parking spaces could be provided; and</p> <p>(b) it would work with the Police and TD to formulate plans to divert people flow during mega events.</p>	
012601-013256	Chairman Mr Tony TSE Administration WKCDA	<p>Mr TSE referred to the Administration's reply on 26 March 2019 (LC Paper No. CB(1)800/18-19(01)) to his letter dated 25 May 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1043/17-18(01)) concerning the construction cost of Artist Square Bridge ("ASB") and expressed the views that:</p> <p>(a) the cost reduction by over \$100 million under ASB's new design involved a number of changes, such as shortening of ASB, hence it was not fair to the original designer to simply attribute the high costs to the original artistic design; and</p>	

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		<p>(b) while not opposing to adopting a simplistic design for ASB, it was incumbent upon the Administration to ensure that the design for ASB, as well as other pedestrian link systems in WKCD, could duly reflect the unique characteristics of WKCD without substantially increasing the cost.</p> <p>On the use of smart technology, Mr TSE sought details on:</p> <p>(a) the proposed option for the Environmentally Friendly Transport System ("EFTS") in WKCD;</p> <p>(b) when WKCDA would decide on the adoption of electric autonomous vehicles within WKCD; and</p> <p>(c) online payment methods accepted for car parking via WKCDA's mobile app.</p> <p>WKCDA advised that:</p> <p>(a) electric bus was being considered as an EFTS option and the operating details such as bus routing, etc. would be devised in due course;</p> <p>(b) the autonomous vehicle trial in the Art Park and the Nursery Park had received good public responses. WKCDA would extend the trial route to public roads, subject to approval by relevant government department. WKCDA would review and further decide on the adoption or form of adoption of this technology; and</p> <p>(c) real-time parking vacancy information of WKCD was currently shared to the public through TD's mobile app "HKeMobility". Only octopus card and credit card were accepted for the payment of parking fees now, but WKCDA would consider introducing other electronic payment methods.</p> <p>The Administration added that:</p> <p>(a) it had worked with WKCDA to improve the new simplified design of ASB, such as installation of decorative lighting system and ancillary provisions for art installations, to add an artistic touch to the footbridge; and</p> <p>(b) after completion of the overall design of the footbridge, an itemized cost comparison of the original design and new design of ASB was</p>	



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		provided in LC Paper No. CB(1)800/18-19(01) based on the updated cost estimate.	
013257-013709	Chairman Mr MA Fung-kwok Administration WKCDA	<p>Mr MA enquired about:</p> <p>(a) with the gradual commissioning of WKCD facilities in view, how the Administration and WKCDA cope with the increasing traffic flow to/from WKCD, especially during rush hours; and</p> <p>(b) the rationale for providing as many as about 2 300 car parking spaces in WKCD if the public were encouraged to use public transport.</p> <p>WKCDA replied that:</p> <p>(a) it had maintained close contact with the Police and TD on the traffic arrangements in and around WKCD;</p> <p>(b) various measures had been undertaken to improve the traffic in WKCD, such as constructing IB to provide an underground road and more parking spaces, introducing new bus routes and enhancing linkages with MTR stations; and</p> <p>(c) it had to follow all the relevant town planning requirements by providing the required number of parking spaces in WKCD for use by occupants of commercial developments during the day and users of cultural facilities during the evening.</p> <p>The Administration added that as road traffic around WKCD was very heavy during rush hours, the public were encouraged to use public transport or marine transport services in future to visit the district.</p>	
013710-014204	Chairman Ms Tanya CHAN Administration	<p>Ms CHAN considered it necessary for WKCDA to spend time to thoroughly test the electric autonomous vehicles to ensure safety. She then asked about :</p> <p>(a) the number of electric vehicle charging stations provided/to be provided in WKCD;</p> <p>(b) whether WKCDA would study the provision of ferry connections to WKCD, such as one connecting the proposed Exhibition Centre in WKCD and the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wan Chai;</p>	

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		<p>(c) whether the development of the proposed southern and/or northern marine landing facilities would tie in with the commissioning of the major WKCD facilities, and in case not, whether improvement works of the existing landing steps at YMTTS would be carried out;</p> <p>(d) whether the area between the breakwaters outside the proposed northern marine landing facility would be too narrow for vessels to pass through;</p> <p>(e) given that the \$21.6 billion upfront endowment provided to WKCDA did not cover the cost of developing public piers, whether the construction cost of the proposed marine landing facilities would be borne by the Administration; and</p> <p>(f) water quality of Victoria Harbour near WKCD.</p> <p>The Administration advised that:</p> <p>(a) the study on the development of the marine landing facilities would commence this year and members' views on the matter would be considered during the study. The two marine landing facilities in WKCD might be developed in phases as the northern marine landing facility might involve construction works of relatively small scale of which details would be worked out with WKCDA. The southern marine landing facility was expected to be opened by 2022/2023 taking into account the time required for the gazettal procedure; and</p> <p>(b) in principle, the Administration would bear the construction cost of public infrastructure works.</p>	
014205-014827	Chairman Dr Helena WONG The Administration WKCDA	<p>Dr WONG asked whether:</p> <p>(a) the marine landing facilities/landing steps in WKCD would be opened for use by ferries and water taxis;</p> <p>(b) there was a need for upgrading the existing landing steps in WKCD; and</p> <p>(c) a covered walkway, an autonomous vehicle service or a driverless monorail system, either at-grade or underground, would be provided to connect M+ and the Xiqu Centre.</p>	

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		<p>The Administration responded that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) during the study on the development of the marine landing facilities in WKCD, the Civil Engineering and Development Department ("CEDD") would liaise with the Marine Department for allowing more vessels to use the marine landing facilities taking into account a host of factors, such as the geographical setting, water depth for berthing, heavy marine traffic in the vicinity and sizes of vessels; and</li> <li>(b) the study on the development of the marine landing facilities in WKCD would also explore, among others, the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of the options of developing the marine access point with a pontoon or a standard pier.</li> </ul> <p>WKCDA indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an autonomous vehicle trial in the western section of WKCD was underway. Upon the completion of IB and developments atop in the central section, WKCDA might consider providing autonomous vehicle service making use of the underground road to enhance east-west connection within WKCD; and</li> <li>(b) according to the design of WKCD, its ground level would be pedestrianized. The public could visit different parts of the district via the ground level pedestrian links or underground passageways. The north-south pedestrian links would be completely covered whereas other areas in WKCD would be partially open and partially covered.</li> </ul>	
014828-015452	Chairman Mr Frankie YICK The Administration WKCDA	<p>Mr YICK enquired about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) how the Administration would improve the connectivity of WKCD with its neighbouring district to better deal with peak traffic flow;</li> <li>(b) given that the proposed northern marine landing facility would be located inside breakwaters and the proposed southern one would be close to China Ferry Terminal, whether the Administration would consider alternative plans for providing the marine landing facilities, such as developing</li> </ul>	

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		<p>pontoon/temporary pier or relocating the northern one away from breakwaters;</p> <p>(c) the feasibility of using the slip road near the Western Harbour Crossing to provide temporary coach parking spaces where necessary;</p> <p>(d) the maximum carrying capacity of the autonomous vehicle under trial and whether WKCDA had any plan to increase the carrying capacity; and</p> <p>(e) whether the Administration would abandon the use of monorail as the transport mode of the Environmentally Friendly Linkage System for Kowloon East as monorail had become obsolete.</p> <p>The Administration responded that:</p> <p>(a) TD had previously conducted a detailed traffic study for the West Kowloon Reclamation Development. As regards the traffic within WKCD, an underground road with multiple entrances/exits would be developed for WKCD to ease traffic congestion. Moreover, the Highways Department was carrying out road improvement projects in the West Kowloon Reclamation Development area for completion by 2019. Mr YICK's views would be relayed to TD for consideration of measures to further improve the traffic conditions of WKCD;</p> <p>(b) as China Ferry Terminal was used by high-speed vessels, there was concern about the frequency and operating hour for vessels using the southern marine landing facility. The operation of this marine landing facility might need to be coordinated with management measures to ensure the safety of fairways; and</p> <p>(c) it was considered unsuitable to locate the northern marine landing facility near the Art Park due to rougher sea conditions. CEDD would liaise with other relevant government departments during the study on the development of the marine landing facilities to ensure that it would comply with the relevant statutory requirements.</p> <p>WKCDA indicated that the maximum carrying capacity of the autonomous vehicle under trial was 11 persons. Depending on technology advancement,</p>	

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		<p>WKCD might consider procuring autonomous vehicles with larger carrying capacity. Subject to TD's approval, further testing of the interaction of autonomous vehicles with normal vehicular traffic would be required in the longer run.</p>	
015453-015825	Chairman Administration WKCD	<p>The Chairman called on the Administration and WKCD to closely monitor the traffic conditions of WKCD to ensure smooth traffic flow and consider extending the route of the autonomous vehicle trial to the Xiqu Centre. He also expressed concern on the connectivity of WKCD and the location of the southern marine landing facility in WKCD having regard to its proximity to China Ferry Terminal.</p> <p>WKCD stressed that while autonomous vehicle service could provide an east-west connection, the development of an underground road was the key to the enhancement of connectivity of WKCD.</p> <p>The Administration added that:</p> <p>(a) the funding proposal on the remaining works of IB, covering the construction of an underground road in WKCD, had been submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee for endorsement; and</p> <p>(b) TD had completed a detailed study on the traffic conditions between WKCD and its neighbouring district in 2009 and the study suggested the implementation of seven road improvement projects. Upon completion of the said projects, the road network concerned would be able to cope with the traffic flow up to 2031, thereby significantly improving the external traffic connection of WKCD.</p>	
<b>Agenda Item V – Any other business</b>			
015826-015857	Chairman	Date of the next meeting and items for discussion	