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Ms Doris LO

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the West Kowloon Cultural District Project

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Dear Ms LO,

**Request for Special Meeting to Discuss**

**Flooding of West Kowloon Cultural District Integrated Basement Site**

In response to the letter dated 30 July 2019 to the Chairman of the Legislative Council Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project (Joint Subcommittee) by Hon Helena WONG, member of the Joint Subcommittee, requesting for special meeting to discuss the flooding of West Kowloon Cultural District Integrated Basement site, responses from the Government and the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (the Authority) are as follows:

Regarding the flooding and sinkhole incident that occurred on 25 July 2019 in the construction site of L1 Works Contract for Lyric Theatre Complex and the Extended Basement in the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD), the primary importance is to secure the safety of the public, site workers and the surroundings. Having conducted a preliminary inspection, the Authority on the day of incident issued a press release to assure members of the public about the safety of the site and that there were no injuries resulting from the incident nor impacts on neighbourhood. Inspection by authorities concerned on the same day also confirmed that the nearby buildings structures were not affected. In the afternoon of 26 July 2019, the

Authority arranged a media tour and briefing to provide an incident update to the public. A number of site strengthening measures have also been employed by the Authority.

The Government has instructed the Authority and their Authorised Person (AP), Registered Structural Engineer, Registered Geotechnical Engineer to closely follow up the incident, including the submission of a detailed investigation report, remedial measures and work resumption proposals. In this regard the AP on 5 August 2019 submitted the preliminary report and remedial measures which are now being reviewed by Buildings Department, while the full investigation of the incident is still ongoing.

The Government and the Authority will continue to follow up on this incident closely. A full account of the incident and the update of the development of Lyric Theatre Complex and Integrated Basement in WKCD Zone 3B will be reported to the Joint Subcommittee in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Home Affairs

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