

The members of the Board are pleased to submit the annual report of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("the Authority") together with the audited statement of accounts for the period from 11 July 2008 (date of establishment) to 31 March 2009.

The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority Ordinance ("the WKCDA Ordinance"), Cap. 601, came into operation on 11 July 2008 (date of establishment). The Authority was established to develop the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD") into an integrated arts and cultural district.

Board members

The members of the Board since their appointment on 23 October 2008 and up to the date of this report are set out on page 43.

Principal activities

The functions and objectives of the Authority are stipulated in Sections 4(1) and 4(2) of the WKCDA Ordinance respectively. In brief, the Authority is responsible for the planning, development, operation and maintenance of the arts and cultural facilities, related facilities or ancillary facilities of the WKCD.

Statement of Accounts

The result of the Authority for the period from 11 July 2008 (date of establishment) to 31 March 2009 and the state of affairs of the Authority as of 31 March 2009 are set out in the statement of accounts on pages 69 to 78.

Board members' interests in contracts

No contracts of significance, to which the Authority was a party and in which a member of the Board had a material interest, subsisted at the end of the period or at any time during the period.

Auditor

The statement of accounts has been audited by KPMG, which were first appointed by the Board in accordance with Section 29 of the WKCDA Ordinance in early 2009.

By order of the Board

Henry TANG Ying-yen, GBM, GBS, JP

Chairman of the Board Hong Kong, 20 July 2009