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**Corporate
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The Authority believes that good corporate governance will help it fulfill its functions and pursue its objectives that are in the interest of the organisation and the public, lead to better corporate performance and reputation, and attain long-term, sustainable growth.

Declaration of Interest

Board and committee members shall disclose any registrable interest as detailed in the Standing Orders upon their first appointment and at the beginning of each calendar year after their appointment. They shall also declare interest on becoming aware of the existence of one not previously disclosed, or after the occurrence of any change to an interest previously disclosed. Board and committee members declared interest in early 2010. The updated register relating to disclosure of interest is made available for inspection by the public at the office of the Authority. To further enhance the transparency of disclosure of interest, the updated register has also been uploaded to the Authority's website (www.wkcda.hk) for public access.

Transparency Measures

The Authority believes that transparency is an important pillar of good governance. Apart from information on membership and declaration of interest of Board, Committee and Consultation Panel members, information on the Authority's organisational structure, manpower plan and staff contact has been uploaded to the Authority's website for public information.

The Board continued to open meetings that do not involve sensitive and commercial information to the public through live webcast on the Authority's website. It held three open meetings on 25 May, 20 July and 26 November 2009, at which the Board provided the public with a better understanding of the preparation of the Development Plan, the preparatory work for Stage 1 of the PE exercise and the design of the West Kowloon Terminus of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, a portion of which will be located below ground within the WKCD. The agenda, minutes and papers of the open sessions of the meetings have been uploaded to the Authority's website for public access.

The Authority has also adhered to the principle of maintaining transparency throughout Stage 1 of the PE exercise. The calendar of events, consultation leaflet, questionnaire, list of stakeholders and questions for discussion for focus group meetings are available on the Authority's website, together with audio recordings and transcripts of all the public forums and focus group meetings. The Report on the Analysis of Views for the Stage 1 Public Engagement Exercise, with the Executive Summary and Compendium, which contained all the views received during the exercise, have also been uploaded to the Authority's website.



West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade

