

WEST KOWLOON CULTURAL DISTRICT

Calendar of Events

05.2009

- The Board sets forth seven Planning Design Principles to shape the Development Plan of the WKCD on 25 May.
- The Consultation Panel holds the First Meeting on 27 May.
- The Board endorses the recommendations of the consultant undertaking the consultancy study on the organisational structure of the Authority for the planning stage of the WKCD project on 25 May.

07.2009

- The Board announces on 20 July the appointment of three Conceptual Plan Consultants, namely Fosters + Partners, Rocco Design Architects Limited and Office for Metropolitan Architecture, who will each prepare a Conceptual Plan Option for the WKCD, and a Project Consultant, Mott McDonald Hong Kong Limited, who will help prepare the WKCD Development Plan.

08.2009

- The Authority starts open recruitment for eight senior management positions – the Chief Executive Officer, six Executive Directors and the General Counsel.
- Consultancy studies on mode of governance for arts and cultural venues start.
- Consultancy studies on market analysis for arts and cultural venues kick off.



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1+2 Activities of the Stage 1
Public Engagement Exercise for the WKCD

3 Consultation Panel Meetings

09.2009

- The Authority announces on 21 September the commencement date of Stage 1 of the PE exercise for the WKCD (i.e. 8 October 2009), to last for three months. The exercise aims to gauge the public's expectations for the planning of the WKCD and the views of various stakeholder groups on their requirements for the facilities in the WKCD's arts and cultural venues, as well as their aspirations for the WKCD's cultural software development, including the provision of programmes and education-related activities.
- The WKCDA e-newsletter is launched.

10.2009 – 12.2009

- The Opening Forum of the Stage 1 PE exercise, officiated by the Chairman of the Board, is held on 8 October at Y-Square, Chai Wan. It is participated in by over 300 students and teachers from secondary schools, universities and art institutions.
- Throughout the three-month consultation period, 61 focus group meetings for over 1,700 stakeholder organisations are held.
- Three public forums take place in the Hong Kong Science Museum, the Hong Kong Arts Centre and the Tai Po Civic Centre on 25 October, 8 November and 6 December respectively.
- The Board decides on 26 November 2009 to extend the tenure of the non-Board members of the six Committees to 31 December 2010.
- A Youth Forum is organised on 20 December at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

01.2010

- Stage 1 of the PE exercise ends on 7 January. Over 7,000 completed questionnaires and written submissions have been received.
- The Authority appoints Hewitt Associates L.L.C. as the investment consultant on 13 January to advise on investment strategy.
- The Authority places HK\$6.5 billion with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority on 14 January for a period of six years.

02.2010

- The Authority organises guided tours for secondary school students to visit the 2009 Hong Kong and Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism and Architecture, which is held at the West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade.

03.2010

- The Authority appoints Mr Graham Sheffield as its Chief Executive Officer on 24 March 2010.
- The Authority releases the findings of Stage 1 of the PE exercise on 31 March and publishes a compendium of all the views received during the exercise.
- The tenure of the Chairman and members of the Consultation Panel is extended for one year to 28 February 2011.