

Board of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

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Minutes of the Sixth Board Meeting Held on Monday, 20 July 2009, at 3:00 pm In Government Secretariat Conference Hall, 1/F., New Annex, Main Wing, Central Government Offices, 18 Albert Road, Central, Hong Kong (Open Session)

Members Present :

The Hon Henry TANG Ying-yen, GBM, GBS, JP	Chief Secretary for Administration (Chairman)
Mr Edmond CHUNG Kong-mo, JP	
The Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP	
Mr Andrew LAM Siu-lo, JP	
Professor LEE Chack-fan, SBS, JP	
Mr Victor LO Chung-wing, GBS, JP	
Professor David LUNG Ping-yee, SBS, JP	
Mr SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP	
Professor Jenny SO Fong-suk	
Ms YIP Wing-sie, JP	
Mr Danny YUNG Ning-tsun	
Dr Allan ZEMAN, GBS, JP	
The Hon TSANG Tak-sing, JP	Secretary for Home Affairs
The Hon Mrs Carrie LAM CHENG Yuet-ngor, JP	Secretary for Development
Ms LEUNG Fung Yee, Julia	Under Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

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In Attendance:

Mrs YAU TSANG Ka Lai, Carrie, JP	Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs
Miss Cathy CHU Man-ling, JP	Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (West Kowloon Cultural District) (DSHA(WKCD))
Mr Danny LAU Kam-chuen	Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (West Kowloon Cultural District)
Ms Vivian SUM Fong-kwang	Administrative Assistant to Chief Secretary for Administration
Mr Darryl CHAN Wai-man	Press Secretary to Chief Secretary for Administration
Mr WONG Tin-pui	Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (West Kowloon Cultural District) (Secretary)
Mr Augustine NG Wah-keung	Project Director of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority
Professor Cheung Yan-leung, Stephen, BBS, JP	Chairman of the Consultation Panel
Professor Peter YUEN	PolyU Technology & Consultancy Co. Ltd.
Dr Anthony LOK	PolyU Technology & Consultancy Co. Ltd.
Mr John Morgan	Golin/Harris International Limited
Ms Phoebe Chan	Golin/Harris International Limited

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Mr David MEPHAM	Mott Macdonald
Mr Tateo NAKAJIMA	Mott Macdonald
Mr Philip SODEN	Mott Macdonald
Ms Catherine TANNER	Mott Macdonald
Mr Chuck SUTYLA	Mott Macdonald

Absent with Apologies

The Hon Ronald ARCULLI, GBS, JP
The Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP
Ms Yuko HASEGAWA
Mr MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP

OPEN SESSION

Welcoming Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the sixth Board meeting.

2. The Chairman said that the item on Preparatory Work for the Stage 1 Public Engagement would be open to the public through webcasting at the Authority's website and that the minutes of discussions on this item would be uploaded to the website after they had been endorsed by the Board.

Item 1 Preparatory Work for the Stage 1 Public Engagement (WKCDA Board/27/2009)

3. The Chairman said that the Stage 1 Public Engagement (PE) exercise would commence in late September 2009 for a period of 3 months. The objectives of the Stage 1 PE exercise were to consult

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members of the public and stakeholders on their expectations and aspirations on the WKCD and their views on their requirements for the arts and culture venues in the WKCD. He said that the Authority announced the appointment of the Project Consultant and three Conceptual Plan Consultants today.

4. The Chairman said that the Museum Committee, Performing Arts Committee and Development Committee had been consulted on the draft questions and their views had been incorporated.

5. The Chairman invited the Project Consultant to explain the rationale behind the design of key areas of questions. Mr Tateo NAKAJIMA gave a broad overview of the design of questions, and explained that there would be two sets of questions for the Stage 1 PE exercise, one set being relevant to the overall planning and design of the WKCD, and the other set comprising specific questions for performing arts venues and museums.

6. Mr. SIN Chung-kai said that the Legislative Council Joint Subcommittee had asked how the underprivileged, e.g. people with disabilities, would be engaged in the PE exercise. DSHA(WKCD) said that two dedicated sessions would be scheduled for people with disabilities in Stage 1 PE. She said that, apart from building a barrier-free WKCD, the Authority might consider to plan their programmes to cater for the specific needs of people with disabilities. The Chairman said that conditions to ensure accessibility by the people with disabilities had already been stipulated in the relevant building codes, and the Authority would strictly adhere to such codes in developing the hardware of the WKCD. He invited Professor Stephen Cheung to brief members on the discussions of the Consultation Panel at its 2nd meeting regarding the

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arrangements of Stage 1 PE exercise.

7. Professor Stephen Cheung briefed the Board on the following items which were discussed at the 2nd Consultation Panel meeting –

- i) Members of the Consultation Panel acknowledged the importance of the comprehensiveness of the PE exercise.
- ii) The list of stakeholders for the PE exercise should cover as many people as possible. In particular, the middle-class should be covered.
- iii) Public forums should be covered in the PE exercise.
- iv) More background information on the WKCD project should be presented to the public to facilitate discussions, such as the types of venues in the WKCD, etc. A video showing examples of renowned international arts and cultural districts would also be shown at the beginning of each PE event, including public forums and small group meetings.
- v) Some members suggested that telephone polls might also be considered during the PE exercise.
- vi) Members suggested that the main points of discussions in the PE events should be consolidated and uploaded to the Authority's website to keep the public informed.
- vii) Members agreed that a two-way PE exercise with dialogue between the Authority and the public was the key to success of the PE exercise. Therefore, Board members

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should also be invited to attend the PE exercise.

- viii) Members would be invited to express further views on the proposed arrangements for Stage 1 PE to the secretariat within 7 days.

8. The Hon Jeffrey Lam asked how views from overseas visitors or potential overseas visitors could be obtained. Professor Peter YUEN said that the main focus of the PE exercise would be on Hong Kong residents. He said that people from overseas could express their views via the Authority's website. He said that possible ways to actively reach out to overseas visitors could be further explored. Mr Danny YUNG said that views from international arts and culture leaders should also be gathered. Possible ways to turn Hong Kong into a cultural hub should also be explored during the PE exercise, of which two-way dialogue was a very important element. Professor Stephen Cheung said that Board members would be invited to attend PE events to facilitate two-way dialogue between the Authority and the public. The Consultation Panel would report to the Board regularly on the progress of the PE exercise, and the main points of discussions in the PE events would be consolidated and uploaded to the Authority's website to keep the public informed.

9. Dr Allan ZEMAN said that some Consultation Panel members suggested using the internet in the PE exercise so as to reach out to more people. An interim review midway through Stage 1 PE exercise was important. Professor Stephen Cheung said that the Consultation Panel would seek the views of the public through the internet such as Facebook, in order to reach more people. The Consultation Panel would review the progress of the Stage 1 PE in mid November.

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10. Ms. Yip Wing-sie noted that both the Opening and Finale PE events would be targeting at the youth and asked for elaboration on the rationale behind it. Professor Stephen Cheung said that some Consultation Panel members were of the view that the WKCD project would be an important long-term asset for Hong Kong, and by the time the project was completed, it would be an important asset for the next generation of Hong Kong. Therefore, the Consultation Panel agreed that youth was an important target of the PE exercise. Mr. John Morgan added that the Opening PE event would target at secondary school and university students, the Finale PE event would target at working youth.

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