

Board of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

**West Kowloon Cultural District Authority
Minutes of the Seventieth Board Meeting
Held on Tuesday, 27 March 2018, at 2:30 p.m.
in the Board Room, West Kowloon Cultural District Authority,
Units 608-613, Level 6, Core C, Cyberport 3, 100 Cyberport Road
Hong Kong**

(Open Session)

Members Present:

The Hon Henry TANG Ying-yen, GBM, GBS, JP (Chairman)

Mr Wilson FUNG Ying-wai

Ms Anita FUNG Yuen-mei, BBS, JP

(via teleconferencing)

Mr Chris IP Ngo-tung, JP

Dr KAN Tai-keung, SBS

Mr Leo KUNG Lin-cheng, BBS, JP

(via teleconferencing)

The Hon Victor LO Chung-wing, GBM, GBS, JP

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP

The Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP

Mr Philip TSAI Wing-chung, BBS, JP

Mr WAN Man-yee, BBS, JP

The Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP

Mr HON Chi-keung, JP

Mr Joseph CHAN Ho-lim, JP

Mr Duncan PESCOD, GBS, JP

Ms Georgina WARD

Secretary for Home Affairs
Permanent Secretary for
Development (Works)
Under Secretary for
Financial Services and
the Treasury
Chief Executive Officer,
West Kowloon Cultural
District Authority
("WKCDA/the Authority")
Deputy General Counsel,
WKCDA (Secretary)

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In Attendance:

Home Affairs Bureau (“HAB”)

Mrs Sorais LEE KWAN Siu-kuen, JP	Project Manager (HAB)
Mrs Angelina CHEUNG FUNG Wing-ping, JP	Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (2)
Mr Hubert CRUZ	Assistant Secretary (West Kowloon Cultural District)

WKCDA

Dr William CHAN	Chief Operating Officer
Mr Louis YU	Executive Director, Performing Arts
Mr Richard TSE	Executive Director, Finance
Ms Eva KWONG	Executive Director, Human Resources and Administration
Ms Emily CHAN	Chief Technology Officer
Mr Christian WRIGHT	Director, Commercial
Mr Kingsley JAYASEKERA	Director, Marketing and Customer Experience
Mr Jeremy STOWE	Director, Project Control
Mr Julian MARLAND	Director, Development
Mr Dick KO	Head, Internal Audit
Ms Maria LAU	Head, Secretariat Services

Absent with Apologies

The Hon Ronald ARCULLI, GBM, GBS, JP	(Vice-Chairman)
The Hon Bernard Charnwut CHAN, GBS, JP	
Dr Adrian CHENG Chi-kong, JP	
Dr FU Yuning	
Ms Winnie TAM Wan-chi, SC	

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Open Session with Webcasting

The Chairman said that this part of the meeting was open to the public through live broadcast at the West Kowloon Cultural District (“WKCD”) website.

Chief Executive Officer’s Report

2. Mr Duncan PESCOD reported that WKCDA presented a garden display at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2018 in Victoria Park between 16 and 25 March 2018. Inspired by the upcoming opening of the Xiqu Centre, the display featured a replica of the Xiqu Centre façade which opened onto a grass arena circled by a miniature representation of the plants and trees in the Nursery Park and the setting of the future Art Park. It was recognised with the Gold Award for Unique Feature (Landscape Display).

3. Mr Duncan PESCOD also reported on the progress being made in WKCD on various fronts –

(a) **Construction Activities on site:**

- (i) The Xiqu Centre was 75% through the statutory inspections. Hopefully, the Occupation Permit would be obtained in April 2018, which would allow internal fit-out to be carried out with a view to opening the venue later this year.
- (ii) Construction activity for the M+ Museum works had seen a marked improvement in the last month and the first external façade panels had been installed on the North and South face of the Tower.
- (iii) The Art Park Project Phase 1 promenade area was now open to the public. Phase 2 and Freespace remained on track to be completed this year.
- (iv) For the Lyric Theatre Complex and Extended Basement project, the construction activity was now 6-weeks ahead of schedule.

- (b) **Safety** - Sun Fook Kong Construction Limited had recently been awarded the Silver Prize in the Building Sites (Private Sector) Category under the Construction Industry Safety Award Scheme 2017/2018 for the Main Contract for the Park.

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In addition, WKCDA had been awarded by the Lighthouse Club of Hong Kong the Safety Leadership Award – Highly Commended and International Design for Safety Award – Commended.

- (c) **M+ Rover Travelling Creative Studio** was travelling from February to June this year continuing its journey to different secondary schools and community locations. This year, M+ was collaborating with artist NG Ka Chun in presenting his work Thing beyond Things, which showed how ordinary, everyday objects could be transformed through imagination to reveal the relationship between objects and daily life.
- (d) **The Freespace Happening** - the special two-day season finale took place on 10 and 11 March 2018 with a whole weekend of music, literature, market stalls and creative workshops. Attendance was around 12 000. This season from September 2017 to March 2018 saw over 50 000 people and over 750 pets attending Freespace Happening. The hugely popular programme would return in September 2018 in the Art Park.
- (e) **Hong Kong Young Architects and Designers Competition** - This competition provided a unique opportunity for emerging architects and designers to be inspired by the character of the WKCD and showcase their creativity and potential by producing an iconic pavilion. The winning design was “Growing Up” by New Office Works and the pavilion would be built on a waterfront location in the Nursery Park.
- (f) **Youth engagement** - As an initiative under the Working Group on Youth and Community Engagement of the Consultation Panel and part of the 2018 Hong Kong International a cappella Festival, WKCDA partnered with the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups to take talented young singers around the city to bring a cappella performances to local neighbourhoods and introduce WKCD to the community. The mobile stage toured the city from 18 to 23 March 2018 and attracted around 17 600 on-site impressions at 18 locations.
- (g) **Picturing Central and Western District @ West Kowloon** – this collaboration programme with Central and Western District Council on 25 March 2018 was a great success with

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over 13 500 people in attendance.

4. The Chairman said that visitors were welcome to bring along their pets to enjoy the open space in WKCD. However, he noted that there had been some inconsiderate pet owners who failed to clean up after their pets. He asked the Park Ambassadors to remind pet owners to properly clean-up after their pets. Mr Duncan PESCOD confirmed that Park Ambassadors have been asked to remind owners to clean-up after their pets. He also said that the Authority had invited people from Hong Kong Dog Rescue to educate visitors with pets about good behaviour and would continue the effort going forward.

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