

Board of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

**West Kowloon Cultural District Authority
Minutes of the Ninety-sixth Board Meeting
Held on Friday, 19 March 2021, at 2:30 p.m.
in the Conference Room, 11/F, M+ Tower, 38 Museum Drive
West Kowloon Cultural District, Kowloon
Hong Kong**

Open Session

**Members Present (via teleconferencing/
videoconferencing unless stated otherwise):**

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

(In person)

Hon Ronald ARCULLI, GBM, GBS, JP (Vice-Chairman)

Mr Benjamin CHA Yiu-chung

The Hon Bernard Charnwut CHAN, GBM, GBS,
JP

Mr Henry FAN Hung-ling, SBS, JP

Mr Wilson FUNG Ying-wai

Mr Andy HEI Kao-chiang

Ms Tennessy HUI Mei-sheung, MH, JP

Ms Rose LEE Wai-mun, JP

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

Ms Yolanda NG Yuen-ting, MH

Ms Dee POON Chu-ying

Ms Winnie TAM Wan-chi, SBS, SC, JP

Mr Peter TO, BBS

Mr WAN Man-yee, BBS, JP

Hon Caspar TSUI Ying-wai, JP

Secretary for Home
Affairs

Hon Michael WONG Wai-lun, JP

Secretary for
Development

Hon Christopher HUI Ching-yu, JP

Secretary for
Financial Services
and the Treasury

Mrs Betty FUNG CHING Suk-yee

(in person)

Acting Chief
Executive Officer of
the West Kowloon
Cultural District
Authority (“WKCDA”
or “the Authority”)

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Ms Amy TAM
(*in person*)

General Counsel,
WKCDA (Secretary)

**In Attendance (via teleconferencing/
videoconferencing unless stated otherwise)**

Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB")

Mrs Cherry TSE LING Kit-ching, JP

Permanent Secretary
for Home Affairs

Ms Kinnie WONG Kit-yee

Deputy Secretary for
Home Affairs(2)

Ms YING Fun-fong, JP

Project Manager
(HAB)

Mr Kirk YIP Hoi-ying

Principal Assistant
Secretary (West
Kowloon Cultural
District)

Mr Charvis LI Sui-fung

Assistant Secretary
(West Kowloon
Cultural District)

WKCDA

Ms Eva KWONG

Chief Corporate
Services Office

Ms Kitty FUNG

Chief Financial
Officer

Mr Jeremy STOWE

Chief Projects Officer

Ms Suhanya RAFFEL

Museum Director, M+

Dr Louis NG

Museum Director,
Hong Kong Palace
Museum

Mr Paul TAM

Executive Director,
Performing Arts

Mr Norman HEUNG, BBS

Director (Projects)

Mrs Sorais LEE

Director (Operations)

Ms Judy KWAN

General Manager,
Communications and
Public Affairs

Mr Kenneth WONG

General Manager,
Commercial

Mr Dick KO

Chief Audit Executive

Mr Kevin CHAN

General Manager,

(*in person*)

Secretariat Services

Board of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

Mrs Grace YEUNG
(in person)

Senior Executive
Assistant, Legal and
Secretarial Division

Absent with Apologies

Mr Glenn FOK

Open Session with Webcasting

Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Chairman welcomed the public to watch the open session of the 96th WKCDA Board meeting through a live broadcast on the WKCDA website.

2. Mrs Betty FUNG reported on the latest status of the Authority in different areas –

- (a) M+ staff had moved into the M+ Tower and the adjacent Conservation and Storage Facility (“CSF”). Preparation works were in full swing for museum opening at the end of 2021. A media tour was arranged on 12 March 2021 to introduce the architectural features of the M+ Tower. The event attracted more than 60 media representatives and was widely reported, generating more than 500 pieces of media coverage.
- (b) M+ launched the online programme *M+ International × National Gallery Singapore: ‘How Can Museums Matter Today?’* from 23 to 24 February 2021 in collaboration with the National Gallery Singapore. The online public talks were joined by more than 850 people from the museum industry.
- (c) The Hong Kong Palace Museum (“HKPM”) building completion would be achieved by November 2021, followed by the fitting-out works for the galleries. HKPM stakeholder engagement activities had started in February 2021. Two online briefings were organised for the education sector with more than 300 teachers and education workers joining.
- (d) Following the Government’s announcement on relaxing social distancing rules in late February 2021, Xiqu Centre and Freespace resumed performances and activities with live audiences including -

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- (i) a selection of short excerpts by the Tea House Rising Stars Troupe from 11 March 2021 at the Xiqu Centre;
 - (ii) *Scenes from a Marriage* by Tang Shu-wing Theatre Studio from 20 to 28 March 2021 at The Box in Freespace; and
 - (iii) cross-media performance *In Sync: Music in Motion* by Hong Kong music and video artists at The Studio in Freespace on 20 and 21 March 2021.
- (e) As part of Hong Kong Ballet in Residence 2021, the Authority and Hong Kong Ballet co-presented the digital *turn(it)out festival* from 18 March to 4 April 2021 at Freespace.
- (f) The progress of other construction projects –
- (i) Occupation Permit was issued to WKCDA Tower on 29 January 2021. The Authority's staff would move into the building in the second quarter of 2021.
 - (ii) The Austin Road Pedestrian Linkage System connecting the Xiqu Centre and the MTR Austin Station would be open to the public within March 2021.
 - (iii) Other works projects were progressing according to schedule.

3. Members noted the report.

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