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*An advocacy group unaffiliated with any commercial or political groups,
Committed to the development of WKCD site as a culturally integrated
West Kowloon Cultural Green Park for the best interests of Hong Kong people.*

(BY FAX AND MAIL)

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**SUBJECT WEST KOWLOON CULTURAL DISTRICT
MACRO PLAN**

Date : January 10, 2007.

Dear Ms. Leung :

The Hong Kong Alternatives Group has been an active participant in the previous three Legco WKCD Subcommittee hearings in which we once and again made passionate appeals to both the Government and Legco to allocate for the entire WKCD site to be developed as a Cultural Green Park. A copy of our latest appeals together with our WK Cultural Green Park pamphlet are sent herewith for your attention.

Needless to say, we were disappointed by your open admission at the October 4th and January 6th, Legco Sub-committee meeting that you have, in your agenda of your WKCD plan, included commercial and residential development on this last piece of Hong Kong harbour front land, in spite of the fact that West Kowloon suffers one of the worst "canyon" effects by the Royal Observatory.

We would like to call to your very attention that our appeal has been well substantiated by the results of a HKU public opinion survey showing that over 80% the public would prefer the WK site to be developed into a Cultural Green Park with no mixed commercial/residential development. In response to this survey, Mr. Donald Tsang, as quoted in the press (January 24, 2006), has said that the Government would abide by the majority view of the public on deciding the future WKCD plan.

The Hong Kong Alternatives would like to remind the Government of the two public opinion surveys on the harbor front development conducted by two widely respected agencies, the HKU POP and AC Nielsen (Survey result available on their websites). These results clearly show that the public wants to preserve the harbor front with greenery. We urge the Government to seriously consider the reality of these public surveys.

At the Legco Sub Committee meeting of January 6, 2007, we observed that your confrontation with the legislators was mainly due to your undermining the importance of public opinions in the Government's effort in the handling your work with the WK Cultural and with the art culture teams. This led to the Chairman's ultimate call for public opinion surveys, with or without Government involvement. We are sure that the meeting could be more harmonious, constructive and productive if both the officials and legislators would vision a future WK Cultural Green Hub.

We appeal to the Government to regard the whole WKCD site as an entity for the development of a Cultural Green Park for the people and as a future legacy of Hong Kong. After all, it would be wrong doing of any Government to permit conspiracy of selling the land for property development.

We sincerely wish that the officials and legislators concerning with West Kowloon planning will eventually come to the agreement that the land of WKCD site is NOT for sale.

Yours sincerely,

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ATTACHMENTS :

- 1. Hong Kong Alternatives' West Kowloon Cultural Green Park Pamphlets*
- 2. HKU POP on HK Harbourfront and West Kowloon Development*