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Dear Ir. Lau,

**Consultation on "Should HK bid to Host
the 2023 Asian Games?"**

In late September, the Government released a consultation paper entitled "Should Hong Kong bid to host the 2023 Asian Games?" and launched a public consultation exercise. The consultation will close on 1 December 2010. A copy of the consultation paper and further details including a breakdown of the direct costs as well as projected revenue, numbers of jobs created, etc are attached for your reference please. You are also welcome to visit our dedicated website on the 2023 Asian Games at www.asiangames.hab.gov.hk.

The 2023 Asian Games is now open for bidding. This gives us an opportunity to expedite the implementation of our long-term objectives for sport. Major Asian cities including New Delhi, Manila, Tokyo, Jakarta, Bangkok, Tehran, Seoul, Beijing, Hiroshima, Busan and Doha have previously hosted the Asian Games and our neighbouring city, Guangzhou, will hold the 16th Asian Games later this month. We believe that the successful hosting of a large-scale international sports event like the 2023 Asian Games will bring both tangible and intangible benefits to Hong Kong.

There would likely be significant benefits to the economy, such as attracting business and creating business opportunities, attracting tourists and stimulating their spending, creating jobs, etc. According to our financial consultant's estimation, as many as 12,250 jobs would be created (of which 1,600 to 2,300 would be created from visitors' spending, 3,800 for construction works, 3,000 for security works, 990 for transportation services, 800 for information technology services, 700 for catering services and 615 for the Asian Games organising body). We expect as many as 69,000 additional tourists would be attracted to Hong Kong. According to our consultant, the projected economic benefits in quantifiable terms are estimated at HK\$0.4 - \$0.6 billion at the current price level. Your sector will definitely be benefited from hosting the 2023 Asian Games.

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As regards the intangible benefits, we believe that the early implementation of our specific objectives in sports promotion (that is to nurture our elite athletes, to encourage greater participation in sports by the general public and to develop Hong Kong as one of the major sports events capitals in the region) will lay a solid foundation for the wellness of our society and build up a strong sports culture among our younger generation. The value of team spirit, the united efforts in achieving a single purpose within the next 13 years, the joy and excitement of watching our young athletes in striving for excellence, etc., will all help bring about a strong sense of social cohesion that will further strengthen Hong Kong's position and reputation as "Asia's World City".

With the above background, I should be grateful for your kind assistance in forwarding this letter and the attached consultation paper and the detailed breakdown to your members and encourage them to express their views on whether Hong Kong should bid for the right to host the 2023 Asian Games. We welcome your comments, either writing to us by fax or email or through participation in our on-line forum at our website.

You and your members are also cordially invited to attend a forum for the stakeholders to be held at 12:30 p.m. on 17 November 2010 (Wednesday) at Lecture Hall, Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre, Kowloon Park, Haiphong Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon. We would like to take this opportunity to brief you and your members on this potential bid through a powerpoint presentation to be followed by a free exchange of views on our potential bid. Light refreshments will be provided at the forum venue. Kindly RSVP your and your members' attendance by completing the Reply Slip and return via fax to 2877 9380 or email to ecmfung@hab.gov.hk **on or before 10 November 2010**. You may also express your views via the Reply Slip if you are not able to attend the consultation forum.

For enquiries, you are most welcome to contact me or Mr Ernest Fung, Assistant Head (2) of the Asian Games Bid Team at 2594 6638.

Yours sincerely,



Eddy Chan
Head, Asian Games Bid Team
Home Affairs Bureau

Reply Slip

Consultation Forum - Should HK Bid to Host the 2023 Asian Games

CONTACT DETAILS:

Organisation /
Company: _____ No. of Members: _____

Contact Name: _____ Post: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

***We will / will not* attend the consultation forum at 12:30p.m. on
17 November 2010 at Lecture Hall, Hong Kong Heritage Discovery
Centre, Kowloon Park, Haiphong Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
(please delete where appropriate).***

No. of Participants: _____

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(Please attach separate pages if required)

Our comments are as follows: -

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***To confirm your attendance, please fax to 2877 9380 or email to lskcheung@hab.gov.hk
on or before 10 November 2010. The Team can be contacted on 2594 6641.***

香港文物探知館位置圖

Location Map of Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre



香港文物探知館交通路線

Transportation Information for Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre

九龍公園主要出入口
Entrances/Exits of Kowloon Park

巴士路線 / Bus Routes:



彌敦道—美麗華酒店對面 (栢麗購物大道)
Nathan Road - Park Lane Shopper's Boulevard opposite to Miramar Hotel
1, 1A, 2C, 6, 6A, N216, 234X, 35A, 41A, 63X, A21, N21, N241

彌敦道—九龍清真寺對出
Nathan Road - Outside Kowloon Mosque
2, 9, 13X, 208, 219P, 219X, 224X, 7, N216, 1R, 260S, 260X, 268B, 269B, 271, N241, N271

彌敦道—86-88號對出 (近滙豐銀行)
Nathan Road - Outside road number 86-88 near HSBC
1, 1A, 2, 203, 26, 6, 6A, 9, 98P, N216, N241

彌敦道—美麗華商場對出
Nathan Road - Outside Miramar Shopping Centre
13X, 208, 26, 7, 230X, 234P, 234X, 237A, 242X, 252B, 257B, 259B, 259C, 260B, 26, 1B, 267S, 271, 280P, 281A, 296D, 63X, A21, N21, N271, N281

廣東道—海港城對面 (新港中心)
Canton Road - Outside Harbour City (Silvercord)
973P, 215X, 973, 260X, 268B, 269B, 296D, 260P, 281A, 2C, 12

廣東道—馬可孛羅太子酒店對面
Canton Road - Opposite to Marco Polo Prince Hotel
271

綠色專線小巴路線 / MiniBus Routes:



九龍公園徑—中港中心對面 (中港城)
Kowloon Park Drive - Opposite to China Hong Kong Centre (China Hong Kong City)
6, 6A

廣東道—馬可孛羅太子酒店對面
Canton Road - Opposite to Marco Polo Prince Hotel
77M, 78

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