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Harbourfront Commission Secretariat
17/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices
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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Views on Proposed Establishment of a Harbourfront Authority
(Phase II Public Engagement Consultation)**

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) supports the proposal of establishing a dedicated authority, Harbourfront Authority (HFA), to continue the work of the Commission in a more concerted manner. We look forward to that HFA could excel in its functions to offer quality and sustainable development of the harbourfront for the benefits of all citizens.

With our firm belief that the harbourfront is an important resource with various aspects of significance, such as cultural, social and economic, to Hong Kong, we agree the objectives of the HFA, as stated in the consultation document, to better preserve and enhance our harbourfront asset.

The HKIE in general agrees to the functions of the proposed HFA, and believes that with its well defined governance and management, advisory and advocacy, and executive functions, the HFA would have a sound framework to perform its dynamic and interactive role to join hands with the Government, various sectors in particular professional bodies and the public to develop our harbourfront.

The HKIE welcomes to see that the notion of having a broad-based representation of the governing board in the HFA lending the needed diversity and strength to the Authority.

In regard to the board membership, the HKIE believes that it is essential to ensure the HFA to be with a well mix of community interests, professional expertise and experience. We are confident that engineering profession has and will continue to have contributions to the development and management of harbourfront.

In fact the HKIE also noted the achievement of the Commission is the basis of the proposal of establishing HFA and the backbone of this public consultation. In the Commission the composition of membership was diverse with designated identity of representations to ensure this diversity. It is no doubt the combined contribution of this designated group makes us so far down this successful path. .../2

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We therefore highly recommend that the voices and contribution of engineers as well as those development and construction related professionals should be invited to join the HFA governing board. We urge the proposed membership composition of HFA to follow that of the Commission, ensuring, not the least, the HKIE by statute nominating an engineering professional to serve in the future HFA.

In this connection, the HKIE echoes the concern of our nominated Commission Representative's reservation of endorsing an open-ended membership composition as proposed.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully



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