

8 November 2014

The Financial Secretary,  
HKSAR Government  
25/F, Central Government Offices,  
2 Tim Mei Avenue,  
Tamar, Hong Kong.

Dear Mr. Tsang, GBM, JP,

**Consultation Meeting for 2015 Policy Address and 2015/16 Financial Budget  
on 12.11.2014**

I refer to your letter dated 21.10.2014 inviting our participation in the captioned meeting.

The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects will not be able to attend the Consultation Meeting, but would like to state the following suggestions for your consideration in preparing the 2015 Policy Address and the 2015/16 Financial Budget:

- 1) Provide subsidies, tax incentive/credit and/or interest free loan to new buildings/renovation projects with energy saving design, or for purchase of energy efficient appliances to reduce energy consumption in existing buildings. This will help to achieve the government target of 30% reduction in electricity consumption by 2030.
- 2) Provide more policy and manpower support to develop and implement public landscape and greening works in Hong Kong, with the view to making our urban areas more environmentally friendly, attractive, and livable as compared to other international cities. In terms of manpower support, Government should consider creating more directorate Landscape Architect posts in works departments such as ArchSD, CEDD, HyD and HD to steer, coordinate and manage landscape and greening projects, and similarly creating senior professional posts for landscape architectural discipline in DSD and WSD to cope with the increasing workload and coordination needs.
- 3) Provide more financial support to tertiary landscape education and research in Hong Kong. The market's demand for local trained landscape professional is strong and persistent. The Hong Kong landscape consultancy sector has well expanded and is serving the Greater China and Pacific Rim areas beyond the local market. The industry shall require good supply of trained manpower in both quantity and quality terms to sustain its development and competitiveness. The Government has the key role and responsibility to support tertiary landscape education and research in Hong Kong.
- 4) Provide subsidies, tax incentive/credit and/or interest free loan to support the recycling industry, and reduction of waste at source. All such measures would result in overall waste reduction, and reducing the pressure on Hong Kong's landfills and other waste handling facilities.



- 5) Provide more tax credit to tax-payers on education allowance, in particular, for overseas education as a way of government's investment in education and manpower training. Such measure would promote diversity and quality of education and hopefully would increase the supply of well-trained personnel in future to alleviate the shortage of workforce including that of the building and construction industries.

We would be grateful if you would positively consider our suggestions. Our Council would be most delighted to discuss with you or your colleagues in details on the ways to take the above suggestions forward.

Yours sincerely,

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