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(Attn.: Mr. John KWONG)

Dear Mr. Kwong,

**Discussion Meeting between the Project Cost Management Office (PCMO) and
The Hong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA) on 12 October 2016**

Thank you for meeting with The HKILA on 12 October 2016 to discuss landscape concerns on project cost saving exercises.

During the foresaid meeting, The HKILA had raised 5 suggestions as follows for PCMO to consider and follow up action:

- i) Guidelines/principles of cutting the project cost should be promulgated for general public's understanding of the rationale behind the project cost saving exercises.
- ii) Cost-benefit analysis should be conducted for each project cost saving exercise in order to facilitate the decision making process and support the conclusion. PCMO should quantify the benefit of landscape to public environment and use this data to measure against all cost proposals involving landscape works.
- iii) Cost of landscape works in infrastructural projects is fractional. Cutting the cost of landscape works would not be able to constitute any noticeable effect on the project cost saving, but could lead to significant reduction in landscape quality for the projects and our living environment.
- iv) The staff organization of PCMO should be strengthened by including officers at Senior Landscape Architect rank to provide expert advice from the landscape perspective on project cost saving exercises.
- v) An advisory committee including experts from related professional institutes/organizations should be set up for providing comprehensive and balanced viewpoints on project cost saving exercises so that endeavour of PCMO would not be opined as black box operation.

We should be grateful if PCMO would advise us on the progress or current status of the above suggestions.

The HKILA would be most delighted to collaborate with PCMO in taking the above suggestions forward.

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Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 2896 2833 or via email to president@hkila.com.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,



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