



Hon. Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP

Chairlady

Establishment Subcommittee

Legislative Council Complex

1 Legislative Council Road, Hong Kong

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Dear Hon. Mrs Regina IP, GBS, JP,

Support to the Creation of a Permanent Post of Chief Landscape Architect in the Architectural Services Department

On behalf of the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA), I write to express our very strong support to the creation of a permanent Chief landscape architect (CLA) in Architectural Services Department (ArchSD); an item to be discussed in the coming Establishment Subcommittee.

Landscape architects are instrumental in creating a healthy and attractive city environment to meet the needs and aspirations of our citizens. The profession is responsible for green space planning and design, urban design as well as landscape construction and management. The landscape quality of leading cities in the world is pivotal in enhancing the quality of living and attracting and retaining talents. We see the proposed CLA would be indispensable in leading the sustainable development and quality of green spaces which are much needed in our compacted city. In view of the increasing scope and complexity of projects under ArchSD that require high level landscape professional expertise, our Institute sees the pressing need for the department to have a CLA post created soon to ensure the delivery of quality landscape service to meet the expectation of the public and need of the society for a quality built environment.

In fact, the HKILA has been raising repeated concern to the government on the lack of directorate landscape architect posts in various departments not only in ArchSD, but also in other major works departments in which there are a lot of mega scale infrastructure projects that genuinely require the leadership of landscape architects



in ensuring the high quality landscape design and management required. At present, there are over one hundred LAs in the government but there is only one permanent CLA post which is highly disproportionate to other professional grades and has reflected on the lack of landscape focus in many infrastructure projects apart from delivering the functional requirements. The current proposal of creating a CLA in ArchSD is considered a positive step forward in addressing the serious lack of higher level landscape input in construction projects.

We believe that the creation of CLA posts in government will contribute significantly in building a greener and more attractive environment for our citizens to enjoy and recharge. We strongly appeal to the support of you and your committee in the creation of the new CLA post in the coming meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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