Project update (December 2014)

North Asia

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Hong Kong- Opportunity
The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCD) invites qualified contractors to express their interest in prequalification for tendering for the Main Works for M+ Museum Building and associated Conservation and Storage Facility Building, which will serve as the major visual arts facility for the WKCD development. The total construction floor area is approximately 111,000m². The commencement of the Contract is tentatively scheduled for end of 2015.

Please visit [http://www.westkowloon.hk/en/tender](http://www.westkowloon.hk/en/tender) for West Kowloon’s tender notices, interested parties having relevant resources, qualifications and experience are requested to express your interest before 12:00 on 23 December 2014. Should you have any enquiries, please contact WKCD their Project Delivery Department at (852)2200-0754 or chelsia.wong@wkcda.hk

Update from South Korea
Busan Opera House, Busan: Busan City has been received comments that it lacks cultural facilities compared to other cities of similar size despite its status as the second largest city in South Korea. As part of the old port redevelopment project, Busan City is building an Opera House to dispel its reputation as “cultural wasteland”. So far, design by a Norwegian company in a partnership with a local company has been selected and the steering committee has been organised. Total project scale is 49,000m² accommodating an opera theatre of 1,800 seats, a conference hall of 300 seats, a 2,600 m² sized exhibition hall, and a 2,000m² sized academy hall. Busan City Mayor has expressed his strong will to drive this project despite some concerns over an excessive budget by the municipal assembly.

South Korea- Opportunities
Areas of opportunity for Australian organisations and companies may exist in programing and consultancy services for audience engagement and cultivation.
Busan National Arts Centre, Busan: Busan Metropolitan City’s project to build a national arts centre on the returned old US army base as a symbolic plan to use the old US bases for the citizen’s cultural life. Busan National Arts Centre will have a grand theatre of 1,200 seats, a small theatre of 300 seats, and an outdoor theatre in 29,408m². Total project budget is approx. USD90 million and the government feasibility study is under way with the result to be released in anticipation by end of 2014. The project is expected to be completed in 2017.

Taiwan- Opportunities
New Taipei Museum of Art Project
The New Taipei City Government plans to build an art museum in Yingge with a design competition launched for interested bidders. The project consists of the following 2 phases:

Phase 1 – Art Museum
- Scope: 29,958 m² site with contemporary art museum, children’s art museum
- Construction Budget: NTD1.44 billion (approx. AUD 53.5 million)
- Service Requirement: Design, supervision, conducting tendering and award the contract for the art museum construction work.
- Service fee: a fixed rate of 8.5% of the construction cost

Phase 2 – Performance Hall and Outdoor Performance Space
- Scope: 1,200-seat indoor performance hall and outdoor performance space with 5,000 – 10,000 seats.
- Construction Budget: NTD732,004,000 (approx. AUD27.2 million)
- Service Requirement: Basic design work for the performance hall, outdoor performance space and landscape project.
- Service fee: NTD8,100,000 (approx. AUD300,000)

Key criteria: Foreign architects must partner with a local architect to qualify for this tender. Submission Deadline: 14 January 2015

National Palace Museum Expansion Project
The National Palace Museum Expansion Project hasn’t progressed since the last update in April, as the project is pending environmental impact assessment with local resident resistance. It is expected to encounter further delays for another 12 months to acquire approval. Austrade will keep monitoring its progress and provide further update in due course.