It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate are invited for Contract No. RF K521—Renovation and Improvement Project for the Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre (Programme No. 061RE).

The works comprise the renovation and improvement of the existing three storeys of Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre including the refurbishment of the Theatre, the Cultural Activities Hall and the Foyer; provision of audio description room, quiet room and lifting platforms; renovation works to ancillary facilities such as art studios, music practice rooms, babycare room, toilets and barrier-free access; and replacement of associated stage equipment, building services and lift installations. The construction floor area is approximately 4 840 square metres. The contract is scheduled to commence in April 2022 and for completion in February 2024.

Tenders must be clearly marked with the tender reference and the subject of the tender on the outside of the envelope (but should not bear any indication which may relate the tender to the tenderer), addressed to the Chairman, Central Tender Board, and placed in the Government Secretariat Tender Box situated in the lobby of the Public Entrance on the Ground Floor, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong before 12.00 noon on Friday, 2 July 2021. Tenders must be deposited in the tender box as specified in this tender notice ('Specified Tender Box') before the tender closing time. Late tenders or tenders not deposited in the Specified Tender Box will not be accepted.

If tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above is hoisted, or a black rainstorm warning signal or 'extreme conditions after super typhoons' announced by the Government is/are in force at any time between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on Friday, 2 July 2021, the tender closing time will be postponed to 12.00 noon on the first working day after the tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 is lowered, or the black rainstorm warning signal or the 'extreme conditions after super typhoons' announced by the Government has/have ceased to be in force. In case of blockage of the public access to the location of the Specified Tender Box at any time between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on Friday, 2 July 2021, the Government will announce extension of the tender closing time until further notice. Following removal of the blockage, the Government will announce the extended tender closing time as soon as practicable. The above announcements will be made *via* press releases on the website of Information Services Department (http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/today.htm).

Forms of tenders and further particulars are obtainable from the Quantity Surveying Branch, Architectural Services Department, 33rd Floor, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong.

For enquiry, please contact Mr. NG Siu-wai, Adrian, Quantity Surveyor (Telephone No.: (852) 2867 4039, Fax No.: (852) 2596 0356, Email Address: (ngswa@archsd.gov.hk)).

Selective tendering is adopted. Contractors on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group B for Buildings Category or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors with the lead participant or the major shareholder being on the abovementioned approved list/category/group who also meet the qualifications and conditions for participation stipulated in the tender documents are invited to tender.

The detailed requirements for joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors, if applicable, are stipulated in the tender documents.

Contractors not yet on the above-mentioned approved list/category/group may also submit a tender if they submit a request for participation together with a duly completed application for inclusion in the above-mentioned approved list/category/group by 15 June 2021 to Chief Quantity Surveyor/3 of Architectural Services Department, 5th Floor, Main Block, APB Centre, No. 9 Sung Ping Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon, meet the qualifications and conditions for participation, and the application for inclusion is duly approved on or before the tender closing date. Details for making the application are available at:—

http://www.devb.gov.hk/en/construction sector matters/contractors/index.html

Contractors will be liable to have their names removed from the approved list(s) if they fail or refuse to implement an accepted tender.

This tender is covered by the Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organization and will not involve electronic auction. This notice also serves as a summary notice required under the Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organization.

A charge will be levied for delivery of tender documents where the delivery of tender documents is requested by a tenderer. A written request must be made.

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region does not bind itself to accept any tender irrespective of whether the tender is the lowest bid or, where the assessment of the tenders is based on a marking scheme or formula approach, the tender with the highest overall score.

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region reserves the right to negotiate with any tenderer about the terms of the offer.

Details of the award of this contract will be published on the Internet at (https://www.gld.gov. hk/en/our-services/procurement/contract-award-notice/).

21 May 2021

HO Wing-yin, Winnie Director of Architectural Services