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Sent: September 21, 2001 12:50 AM
To: Cara McEachern
Cc: Dan Rahimi; Hans-Dieter Sues; Ken Lister; Melissa Thompson; William Thorsell
Subject: Re: Fwd: Moving forward on the Mackay exhibit

Cara--re CTOT--yes, they are aware that there are issues. I certainly don't think that it would hurt to reiterate and emphasize them via a copy of your message. The CTOT recognizes that the issues Collections Management has raised are important, which, I expect, is why they are working so hard to find ways to address them.

From their perspective, access to the Mackay materials is also very important to the people of Taiwan whose cultural heritage it represents, and to Canada-Taiwan relations. I must confess that I have a great deal of sympathy for their position. Risk and access are both important issues. A 'world class' institution, will, I hope, be able to manage both.

Trudy

>>> Cara McEachern 09/20/01 12:14PM >>>

Trudy;

I would like to caution anyone who may be involved in deliberations about how the ROM is to proceed that the Shung Ye Museum provided us with a Facilities Report that was largely satisfactory and acceptable in terms of our standards for display and handling of ROM collections.

We know, however, from first-hand accounts of ROM staff members that the situation on the ground was largely unsatisfactory and unacceptable and presented significant risk to the well-being of the collection.

I would like to reiterate Registration's opinion that approval of a tour in Taiwan should require that a minimum of two ROM staff be present during all unpacking and repacking, condition reporting, installation and take-down and during all transits. In addition ROM representatives should have the authority to terminate an exhibition when/if there is no compliance with environmental and other requirements. I imagine that this is not feasible due to the ROM's own operational requirements.

I am not comfortable with Shung Ye's insurance coverage or with Shung Ye's apparent ignorance of insurance-related issues. We have tried to have our broker facilitate clarification of the terms of their coverage, to no avail. I am not confident that Shung Ye will be able to place appropriate coverage for the tour.

I suppose my greatest concern is that to date, the Borrower has agreed (contractually) to meet our terms and conditions, but has not done so. In some cases, it seems that there has been little or no effort to comply with our loan agreement in the areas of environmental and handling requirements.

Has CTOT been fully apprised of the issues around the loan to Shung Ye?

Cara

>>> Trudy Nicks 09/20/01 10:30AM >>>

Hi Cara,

I forwarded this to Melissa but then realized that she is away. I've also forwarded it to Dan, Hans, Thorsell--and Ken.
Trudy

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