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**Subject:** Re: Mackay loan

Hi All,

There are a couple of practical matters I would like to have clarified.

\* once the departure and return dates are determined my understanding is that Taiwan will make flight and accommodation arrangements

\* do I pay expenses with cash or would it be preferable to have purchasing cut a credit card for use over there. It seems to me that a combination of the two would make most sense

\* how will I be communicating back to the mother ship

\* Melissa had mentioned a need to bring equipment in particular a drill. Does anyone know if this will present problems at customs.

Thanks, Chris.

>>> Dan Rahimi 09/27/01 09:12PM >>>

Just spoke with Jimmy, Weldon and Yi-Ting to cover the agenda that I sent in my e-mail of the 25th. This message will serve as a record of our conversation for all parties and identifies action items for the ROM and others.

1. Kaohsiung. The National Science and Technology Museum may be prepared to proceed with their installation of a humidity control system and to bring over an expert to inspect it and the read-outs from a number of weeks of testing of the new system. They will also send us documentation regarding the training of their professional staff. Jimmy will review this with them in the days to come. If we wish to proceed in this manner, we have to determine who would represent us. We may send our own staff; if not possible, our conservators, or perhaps Trudy, may have contacts in the Far East who could represent us. CTOT may be interested in having the visiting expert provide some training seminars in artifact handling.

action: Jimmy to discuss with Kaohsiung and get back to us about facility changes. ROM to determine if this approach is acceptable and who might represent us.

2. An extension of the exhibition at Shung Ye is not possible. They have an exhibition opening in November and need the space. In any event, we will have to dismount the exhibition in October. Chris should prepare to leave when it is convenient for him sometime before the 14th of October (a week earlier is preferred, but I could not guarantee this date). If the collection remains in Taiwan for further exhibition, it would have to go into storage after packing. If it is not to be exhibited again, shipping dates will have to be arranged.

action: Melissa to confirm take-down dates, considering Chris' schedule, with Yi-Ting. Yi-Ting to discuss storage conditions with Melissa. Chris to prepare for departure once date is confirmed.

3. Further exhibition. The ROM will still consider the venue in Tajung, once complete information is received in the facility report. If we send an expert to examine Kaohsiung, that person could visit Tajung as well. The CTOT would have to make arrangements for this and secure financial support, of course. Tajung cannot display the collection before March 2002, since the facility is under renovation (and hence the interest in inspection). This would mean storage at Shun Ye before display.

action: Jimmy to contact Tajung to speed up delivery of facility report. ROM conservation to consider possibility of storing collection at Shun Ye for four months before display.

I will speak with Cara on Friday to discuss ROM next steps.

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