

Hong Kong Institute of Acoustics

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Legislative Council Secretariat
Hong Kong

Attn: Miss Winnie Cheng

By Fax: 2121-0420

Dear Miss Cheng,

*LegCo Panels on Environmental Affairs and Transport
Traffic Management Schemes*

Please be informed that I will represent the Hong Kong Institute of Acoustics (HKIOA) to attend the Joint Panel Meeting on 19 July 2002.

In conjunction with my attendance, please find below our views related to the implementation of traffic management schemes:

1. The HKIOA supports initiatives which aim to provide a better noise environment for the community;
2. Traffic management schemes, if appropriately implemented, would provide the concerned residents with much relief from traffic noise (especially those related to heavy vehicles) disturbance;
3. Government studies have confirmed that many residents living along major trunk roads are exposed to substantial road traffic noise, They should be provided with relief;
4. If Hong Kong aspires to be a world-class city, we would need a quality noise environment to match that aspiration; and
5. If Hong Kong is to implement traffic management schemes for noise abatement purposes, we will not be the first one to do it. There are many successful overseas examples in place.

I look forward to contributing our views to facilitate the consideration by members of the Panels.

Yours sincerely
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