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Clerk to Panel
Legislative Council Building
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(Attn : Mr Raymond Lam)

Dear Mr Lam,

LegCo Panel on Security

List of follow-up actions required of the Administration

At the Panel meeting on 2 May, the Administration was requested to provide a timetable on the study led by the Commissioner for Tourism of the tourism potential of the Frontier Closed Area. We wish to inform the Panel that a Consultancy Study on the Development of Tourism in the Northern New Territories has commenced in mid-August. The study aims at assessing and identifying the tourism potential of the Northern New Territories, including green tourism, cultural and heritage tourism and other activities with tourism merits and identifying the development issues which may arise. The geographical coverage of the study includes that part of the New Territories between the border in the north, and the Tolo Harbour and Tolo Channel in the south, including Mai Po, the Frontier Closed Area, the Starling Inlet, Crooked Harbour, Yan Chau Tong, Ping Chau, Tap Mun, Tai Mei Tuk, Fanling and Tai Po surrounds, etc. In the course of the study, the consultants will seek the views of members of the District Councils and Rural Committee of the North and Tai Po Districts, as well as the Heung Yee Kuk. The consultants will also meet the green groups and tour operators to gauge their feedback. The study is scheduled to be completed in mid-November.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Margaret Chan)
for Secretary for Security