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Dear Mr. Lau,

**Supplementary Information on  
Existing Ferry Services available for Hung Shing Temple**

Pursuant to members' request for supplementary information on the existing ferry services available for Hung Shing Temple at the Panel meeting on 23 November 2001, I provide the relevant information as in the following paragraphs.

We have issued 27 licenses for the operation of 'kaito' services between Sai Kung public pier and Kau Sai Chau, with calling points at Hung Shing Temple and other recreational spots in the Sai Kung area. The existing fare levels range from \$6 to \$27. Given the recreational nature of these services, they are operated on a "subject-to-demand" basis, i.e. trips will be operated to Hung Shing Temple at Kau Sai Chau upon request by passengers.

In end December 2001, we made a written suggestion to the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) to introduce a telephone booking system which would enable tourists to place prior bookings at their hotels for these 'kaito' services. At the same time, we have provided relevant details of the service

providers to the HKTB. We are prepared to render assistance and facilitate the introduction of the proposed system if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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for Commissioner for Transport

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