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Decision taken by the Labour Advisory Board

I attach for information a summary of decision taken by the Labour Advisory Board at its special meeting on 15 November 2005.

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Decisions taken by the Labour Advisory Board at its meeting on 15 November 2005

<u>Proposal on "Manpower Development Plan for the Textiles and Clothing Industry"</u>

To address the manpower needs of Hong Kong manufacturers of textiles and clothing industry for skilled workers, the Administration proposed to introduce a two-pronged manpower development plan for the industry. The proposal consists of two key elements: (a) active recruitment coupled with structured training to attract local workers to enter/re-enter the industry; and (b) more flexible importation of skilled workers under the Supplementary Labour Scheme to ease the immediate manpower shortage.

The Labour Advisory Board in principle supported the proposal, and agreed to its implementation as a pilot exercise.