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Dear

**Legislative Council Panel on Transport
Meeting on 25 November 2005**

I am writing in response to a Member's request at the above meeting for an assessment of the impact of MC6 on Hong Kong's economy.

MC6 is a short-term event that only lasted for a few days. We have notified members of the public of the event well in advance, and have taken all the necessary steps to minimise the inconvenience caused to them. Similar to other public procession or festive events, it is neither appropriate nor feasible to assess its economic impacts, if there is any.

The fact that Hong Kong has been entrusted to host the Conference is a vote of confidence by the international community, and we have demonstrated that Hong Kong people have the determination and capability in taking such a huge challenge in an open, transparent, effective and efficient manner. The elevation of Hong Kong's profile in the international arena, and the intangible and long-term benefits that it will bring about cannot simply be measured by pecuniary means.

Yours sincerely,

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