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**Legco Panel on Constitutional Affairs\  
Views from HKIE on the proposed reorganisation of the Policy Bureaux of the  
Government Secretariat**

In response to the recent announcement of the Chief Executive on his plan to reorganise the policy bureaux of the Government Secretariat the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers would like to provide our views on the proposal.

**Development Bureau**

2. We would comment in particular on the establishment of a new Development Bureau which we understand aims to cover matters relating to planning, land use, building, urban renewal, and development-related heritage conservation.
3. Infrastructure development is central to the economic development in Hong Kong. The Institution has been unceasingly urging Government for more and timely implementation of infrastructure projects which are required to meet the public needs. Unfortunately the progress in the implementation of those major infrastructure projects in recent years has been disappointingly slow. We therefore hope that the establishment of the Development Bureau can help in addressing the issue and expediting the implementation of infrastructure projects in Hong Kong.
4. In infrastructure planning there is often the need to justify political decisions. We opine that there should be a special section established within the Development Bureau to identify and resolve all issues related to consultation, politics, heritage etc. As regards design and construction of the engineering works they should only be carried out after all the above related issues have been finalised. It is also important that the Bureau will take an overall responsibility in the planning and consultation processes as well as seeking all relevant legislative approvals before the commencement of a project to avoid last minute changes at its advanced stage.
5. For the Environment Bureau, we opine that it should second a section to the Development Bureau to provide environmental-related views on infrastructure projects. Likewise for the Transport and Housing Bureau such secondment to the Development Bureau will help in evaluating the traffic impacts arising from major projects.
6. In conclusion the Institution is of the view that the establishment of the Development Bureau to deal with infrastructure projects from inception planning through to implementation bringing all the essential planning elements under one administration will help achieve efficient and comprehensive planning thus resulting in more expeditious and smooth implementation of the projects.

## **Commerce and Economic Development Bureau**

7. We also noticed that “Technology” is missed in the name of the proposed Commerce and Economic Development Bureau which merges the present Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau with related areas of the present Economic Development and Labour Bureau. In recognition of the importance of technology development in Hong Kong’s pursuit of a knowledge-based economy, we suggest Government to consider renaming the Bureau so that technology will continue be valued.