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(Attn: Mr Anthony Chu)

20 July 2006

Dear Mr Chu,

Meeting-cum-luncheon between Legislative Council Members and Sham Shui Po District Council Members on 8 June 2006

Provision of Jacuzzi facilities

I refer to your letter ref CB1/DC/SSP/05 dated 19 June 2006, and our responses to Sham Shui Po District Council (SSPDC) members' views and suggestions are appended in the paragraphs below.

We share SSPDC's views that with a relatively higher elderly population than most of the other districts, there is a genuine need to consider providing a Jacuzzi in the SSP district. Hence, we have requested the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) to conduct a technical feasibility study of converting the existing leisure pool to a Jacuzzi in the Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool. Depending on the outcome of ArchSD's study, we will consult SSPDC members on the proposed project in due course.

There are a number of factors that the Department would consider in providing new facilities or reviewing existing facilities,

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including swimming pools, in a specific district. These factors include the population structure of the district, the existing provision of such facilities and their utilization in the district, the views of the District Council, the needs of the community, and the availability of resources.

Should the need for the provision of new swimming pools be established, the Department would, where possible and resources permit, provide new heated swimming facilities to promote year round swimming habits. In the case of SSP District, both Lai Chi Kok Swimming Pool and Sham Shui Po Swimming Pool are heated pool facilities. There is also the Lei Cheng Uk Swimming Pool in the district.

Yours sincerely,

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