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Secretary General of the Legislative Council Secretariat  
Legislative Council Building  
8 Jackson Road  
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(Attn: Mr. Anthony Chu)

Dear Mr. Chu,

**Follow-Up Item of Meeting of LegCo Panel on Housing  
held on 4 January 2007**

Thank you for your letter of 15 January 2007. At the meeting of the LegCo Panel on Housing on 4 January 2007, we undertook to report to Members, after consultation with tenants of Choi Hung Estate and Model Housing Estate on the improvement and repair works in the estates, the results of the consultation, rehousing arrangements for affected tenants and measures to mitigate the possible negative impact of the works.

We attended the Estate Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) meetings and estate special meetings of the two estates to consult and explain the details of the improvement and repair works to EMAC members and tenants' representatives from January to March 2007. The proposed improvement and

repair works include adding signs at estate entrances, repairing pedestrian walkways, providing fitness facilities for the elderly, replacing the floors of kitchens and toilets of flats with waterproof floors where necessary, and repairing some of the beams, supporting pillars and structural walls. The tenants supported the proposed works and timetable. Tenants' representatives of Choi Hung Estate, in particular, welcomed the proposed construction of six lift towers and the increase in green areas and fitness facilities for the elderly in the estate. Having considered tenants' comments, we have also fine-tuned the improvement works, e.g. identifying better locations for the lift towers.

For those who are affected by the improvement works and have to vacate their flats as a result, the Housing Department will arrange for them to be transferred to suitable flats and offer removal allowance to them.

To minimize the impact of the improvement and repair works on tenants, we will enhance the protection measures, including screening-off works area and enclosing the works area with proper cover to protect tenants' furniture. Workers will bring along industrial vacuum cleaner to suck up dust and dirt left during repair, and properly clean up the flats upon completion of works. The contractors will assist the elderly and disabled tenants to move their furniture to make way for the works. In addition, the contractors have set up enquiry and complaint hotlines to facilitate communication and attend to tenants' comments and enquiries efficiently.

We will report regularly to the EMACs the progress of the works and continue to collect residents' views through various channels to ensure that the works would meet the residents' needs.

Yours sincerely,

( Vic C H Yau )  
for Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands