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(Attn: Miss Becky YU)

Dear Miss Yu,

Finance Committee
Meeting on 14 July 2008

I refer to your letter under reference CB1/F/1/10 dated 8 July 2008 to the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury.

With regard to the information as requested by Hon Chan Yuen-han regarding public works projects "299EP - A 24-classroom primary school in Area 55, Tuen Mun" and "300EP - A 30-classroom primary school in Area 55, Tuen Mun", we would like to provide the supplementary information at Appendix for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms S F MA)

for Secretary for Education

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AMO (Attn.: Mr Kelvin SUN)

Appendix

299EP – A 24-classroom primary school in Area 55, Tuen Mun
300EP – A 30-classroom primary school in Area 55, Tuen Mun

1. Measures to be taken by the Administration if subjects of archaeological interest are discovered during the rescue excavation works

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) will undertake suitable preservation measures according to the value and condition of the subjects, including on-site reinforcement of fragile finds prior to removal. After processing, the excavated finds will be stored at the archaeological repository of AMO for research, exhibition and education purposes.

2. Consideration to postpone the school development to allow sufficient time for completion of the rescue excavation works if these extend beyond September 2009

When planning the archaeological excavation works at the sites of the school development projects in question, AMO has already allowed for three months to cater for the possibility of handling a large quantity of excavated finds which may require special handling procedures or preservation measures. AMO has conducted a number of archaeological surveys and excavation works associated with capital works projects in Tuen Mun before. As sufficient time has been allowed to conduct the previous archaeological excavation works, there has been no incident so far whereby the capital project has to be postponed or cancelled.

Depending on the progress of excavation and the amount of archaeological subjects found, AMO will consider providing extra professional and logistic support to avoid any delay of the projects. As such, it is quite unlikely that the projects will be delayed. In the event that the rescue excavation works fail to complete on time despite the measures as mentioned above, we will report to Members the impact on the progress of work and the proposed contingency measures.