

For information

**Legislative Council Panel on Economic Development
Development of a new cruise terminal at Kai Tak**

Introduction

This note informs Members of the outcome of a tender for the new cruise terminal project at Kai Tak issued in November 2007; and our plan to re-tender the site with Government funding the site formation for, and the Government Accommodation and the Landscaped Deck in, the cruise terminal subject to approval by the Legislative Council (“LegCo”).

Background

2. The Government is committed to developing Hong Kong as a regional cruise hub through the development of a new cruise terminal at Kai Tak. We last issued a LegCo Brief on the development of a new cruise terminal at Kai Tak in October 2006, and briefed the LegCo Panel on Economic Development in December 2007 on the tender for the new cruise terminal project. In between we also engaged the delegation of LegCo Panel on Economic Development to visit overseas cruise terminals in August and October 2007.

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3. The Administration issued an open land tender for the new cruise terminal project in November 2007 and closed the tender in March 2008. As none of the tender submissions received fully conformed with the requirements laid down in the tender document, we decided to reject both tender submissions.

4. The Government plans to re-tender the cruise terminal project by end 2008, subject to LegCo’s approval of the funding application for the site formation works for, and provision of the Government Accommodation and the Landscaped Deck in, the cruise terminal. Details are set out in the LegCo Brief issued on 9 July 2008

under our file ref: **TC 5/2091/04(06) Pt.6**. Members are invited to note the result of the last tender and the Government's plan to re-tender.

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