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Miss Erin TSANG
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Legislative Council Secretariat
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8 Jackson Road
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Dear Miss TSANG,

**Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting
Follow-up to meeting on 16 October 2007: Agenda Item 1 on
Briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on
relevant policy initiatives featuring in the Chief Executive's 2007-2008
Policy Address**

At the meeting of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting (ITB) held on 16 October 2007, I undertook to provide further information in response to questions from Panel Members on Government Wi-Fi programme and implementation of e-forms. Below please find my updates for Panel Members' reference.

Government Wi-Fi programme

2. For the question on Internet access services at the Hong Kong Airport and payphone kiosks, as they are provided by commercial service providers, the charging scheme is determined by the service providers concerned. We understand that the services provided at the Airport are currently free of charge while those provided at payphone kiosks are chargeable.

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3. As regards the provision of Wi-Fi Internet services at Government premises, the available periods are basically aligned with the operating hours of the premises concerned. Members of the public can make reference to the published opening hours of the individual premises for the service hours of the respective Wi-Fi Internet services.

4. As part of our publicity plan, we are currently considering a logo and slogan competition to further promote the programme to the public. The logo and slogan selected would be adopted in all our publicity and promotion materials. The logo would serve as a visible sign to indicate hotspots locations of the free Wi-Fi Internet services at Government premises for easy reference by the general public.

Implementation of E-forms

5. The Administration encourage bureaux/departments to make forms available online wherever feasible. There are already more than 95% of Government forms made available online, out of the total about 2,600 Government forms. For the small number of remaining forms, there are still legal, procedural or business related problems to be tackled with. We will continue to liaise with the concerned bureaux/departments to review the feasibility of further improvement beyond the 95% rate. It should nevertheless be recognized that there would always be a small proportion of forms which may not be available through the Internet for good reasons.

6. Should you have any questions on the above, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard Dickson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

(Howard Dickson)

Government Chief Information Officer

c.c. Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Permanent Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development
(Communications and Technology)