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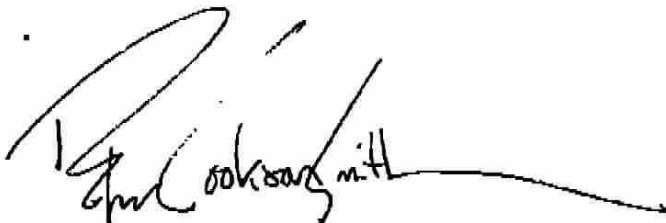
Dear Hon Lau

Creation of a Chief Landscape Architect Post

The public continues to show growing expectation for a higher quality of urban environment. The Chief Executive has also rightly pointed out the importance of building a green city in his 2007-08 Policy Address. Without a holistic approach in integrating landscape planning with urban design, it would be very difficult for such a goal to be achieved. Currently, there is a lack of a high-level landscape architectural professional in taking a strategic role of leading landscape planning in the Government. Unlike other professional disciplines in the Government such as the architectural, engineering and surveying fields, the landscape architect grade is the only exception with no access to the directorate level.

We have learnt that the Architectural Services Department, supported by the Development Bureau, is proposing to create a Chief Landscape Architect post under its purview. The Hong Kong Urban Design Alliance would like to express its support to this initiative, as a means of bringing about more strategic considerations in landscape and greening initiatives integrated with urban design.

Yours sincerely



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