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(Attn: Ms. Anita SIT)

Dear Ms. Sit,

**Panel on Development
Follow-up to Meeting on 19 December 2008**

**Supplementary Information on
Public Toilets Available for Use by Residents of Blue House Cluster**

We refer to the the questions from the Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, the Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, the Hon IP Kwok-him and other Members raised at the captioned meeting on the public toilet facilities available for use by residents of Blue House Cluster and would like to provide the following supplementary information for Members' reference.

The old Wan Chai Market including the public toilets on its ground floor was handed over to the Urban Renewal Authority in late November 2008 for redevelopment and construction works have already commenced. As such, it is not feasible to re-open the above public toilets for use by the public.

As far as the residents of Blue House Cluster (many of whom are senior citizens) are concerned, we appreciate that the two public toilets at Spring Garden Lane (春園街) and the new Wan Chai Market at Cross Street (交加街) respectively are less convenient to them as compared to the Kat On Street (吉安街) public toilet as the former two are comparatively farther away and are only accessible through flights of long stairs.

However, to address the concerns of low illumination and presence of strayed dogs around the Kat On Street public toilets which might deter members of the public, including residents of Blue House Cluster from using those toilets, Government will now complete installation of additional lightings at the external walls of the Kat On Street public toilets before the coming Chinese New Year holidays. Despite there was no strayed dog discovered by the staff of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) during their site visits recently, my colleagues and I, however, noticed quite a number of large dogs were kept in some shops at street level of Kat On Street and its vicinity. In this connection, AFCD will, on one hand, immediately step up patrols around the Kat On Street public toilets to ensure public safety and on the other hand, issue notices to dog owners in the area reminding them their legal duties to put their dogs in proper custody.

On the provision of mobile toilets on the vacant land at Nos. 2 – 6 King Sing Street for the residents of Blue House Cluster, such idea is considered not feasible because of hygiene and management concerns and the existence of the Kat On Street public toilets nearby.

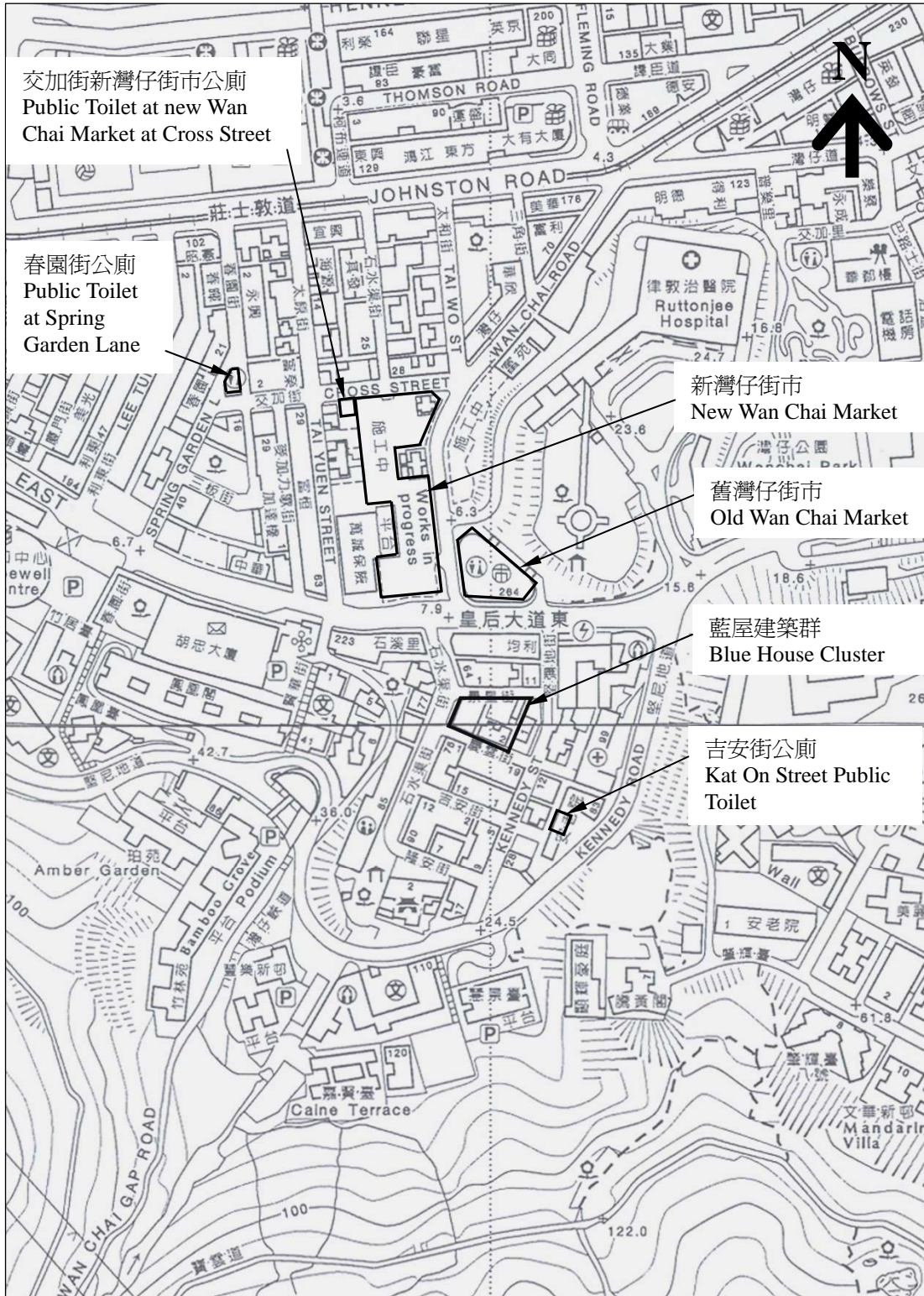
A plan showing the locations of the various toilets mentioned in this letter is attached in **Annex I** for Members' reference.

Yours faithfully,

(Jack Chan)
for Secretary for Development

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Location Plan of Public
Toilets in the Vicinity of Blue
House Cluster



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