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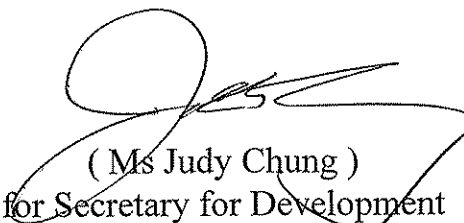
Dear Ms Sit,

### Panel on Development

#### **Issues raised at the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Eastern District Council members on 12 March 2009 regarding indiscriminate placement of cargo compartments**

Thank you for your letter dated 14 September 2009. Having sought advice from the relevant departments, we now attach at **Annex** a written response in both Chinese and English.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Development

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## Annex (English Version)

The Steering Committee on District Administration<sup>1</sup> has looked into the proposal for a permit system for roadside skips in Hong Kong.

The fitting-out and construction trades have a practical need for skips. To the public, the use of skips prevents causal dumping of construction wastes, thereby alleviating environmental and hygiene problems. Considering that skips serve a practical need, the Administration takes the view that complaints against skips not causing imminent danger or serious obstruction should be handled with proportionality. As a practical way forward, the Administration will work within its existing statutory powers to tighten enforcement against skips.

Specifically, skips causing imminent danger or serious obstruction to road users will be handled under section 4A of the Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap. 228). The Police, upon receipt of complaints, will visit the scene and arrange for removal of such skips as soon as practicable pursuant to section 4A of Cap.228.

As for other complaints against skips involving unauthorized occupation of Government land, LandsD will deal with them pursuant to section 6 of the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap.28). LandsD has put in place arrangements to shorten the timeframe of enforcement. Upon receipt of a complaint/referral, the District Lands Officer will inspect the site within two working days and post a notice under Cap. 28 to require the owner of the skip to remove it within one day. The skip will be removed immediately by the Lands Department's contractor after the expiry of the notice if the owner did not do so.

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<sup>1</sup> The Steering Committee on District Administration, chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs and comprising heads of departments (or their representatives) with a major role in district management (i.e. the Commissioner of Police, Director of Housing, Commissioner for Transport, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene, Director of Civil Engineering and Development and Director of Home Affairs), has been set up to, among other things, discuss and resolve district management issues requiring the efforts of different departments.