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Dear Ms Sit,

FCR(2010-11)3 on Hong Kong Science Park Phase 3 Follow-up on the Meeting of the Finance Committee on 23 April 2010

The Legislative Council Finance Committee discussed the funding arrangements for the development of Science Park Phase 3 on 23 April 2010. The Commissioner for Innovation and Technology undertook to follow up members' suggestions on the opening up of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTPC) Board meetings for public observation and organizing design competition(s) for the planning and/or buildings of the Science Park Phase 3 development. The following is our reply to the two issues raised:

Opening up of HKSTPC Board meetings

Due to the confidentiality and commercial sensitivity of matters discussed, HKSTPC considers that it would be difficult to open its Board meetings to the public. However, HKSTPC fully appreciates the desirability for greater transparency and will organize a forum with various stakeholders on an annual basis to gauge views on issues related to Science Park. The forum will be open to industry, Sha Tin and Tai Po District Councils and members of the public.

Design Competition for Science Park Phase 3 development

The HKSTPC Board will organize a Design Ideas Competition for the final stage of the Phase 3 development, details of which will be further drawn up by the Executive Project Management Consultant.

Yours sincerely,

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for Commissioner for Innovation and Technology

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Chairman of HKSTPC