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Dear Mr Wong,

Panel on Development

Issues raised at the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Kowloon City District Council members on 2 July 2009

Proposal to revitalise Ma Tau Kok Cattle Depot Artist Village into a cultural development and tourist spot

I refer to your letter of 9 October 2009 and would like to provide a written response and an update on the subject matter.

2. Development Bureau has noted the issues and suggestions raised by Members of the Legislative Council and Kowloon City District Council and will take them into consideration in examining possible adaptive re-use proposals for the Ma Tau Kok Quarantine Depot (the Cattle Depot).

3. We have received the reports prepared by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council on the Future Development of Artist Village in Cattle Depot and the Chinese University of Hong Kong on the Historical cum Social Study on Kowloon City in connection with Kai Tak Area. The reports are being considered by Development Bureau and relevant bureaux and departments.

4. Cattle Depot is currently under the management of the Government Property Agency. We are aware of the limitations on staging large-scale cultural activities at Cattle Depot as a result of the absence of a Permanent Licence for a Place for Public Entertainment. However, we also understand that some tenants have, in

the past, successfully applied for Temporary Place of Public Entertainment Licences, which have enabled the staging of some organised arts activities at that location.

5. We shall inform Members when there are further developments concerning the long-term arrangement for Cattle Depot.

6. I shall be grateful if you could convey the above to Members of the Panel for their information.

Yours sincerely,

(Jack Chan)
Commissioner for Heritage