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The Chairman.

Since road vehicles are one of the second largest source of air pollution in Hong Kong, the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Launched a three-year long \$3.2 billion one-off grant scheme in April 2007 to encourage the early replacement of pre-Euro and Euro I diesel commercial vehicles. However, the responses to the scheme are not as expected. The reasons for the lukewarm response, we believe, are

- 1. The cost of the Euro IV and Euro V diesel vehicles, including the cost of vehicle body-building, has increased a lot in the past few years. Therefore, the owners have to face bigger financial difficulties in replacing their vehicles even with the grant from the scheme.
- The maintenance fee for the Euro IV and Euro V vehicles is much higher since they are all computerlised with advanced technology.
- The emission level requirements of the Euro IV are much higher, therefore, the vehicles have to do some extra processes to reduce the suspended particulates from time to time in order to keep the vehicles in proper running condition. These processes may affect the proper daily business of the vehicle owners. With the under-expected results of the scheme, we would suggest the Government
- Increasing the upper limit to \$250,000 for each application in order to provide stronger Incentives for the replacement;
- The service life of each vehicle is about 12 years on average and the Euro II vehicles have run on the roads for almost ten years. Therefore we would suggest the Government to extend the scheme by two years in order to provide sufficient replacement time for the above vehicles.
- 3. The Euro V vehicles will soon be launched in the coming future. We would suggest the Government to extend the scheme by two years so that the advanced Euro V will be benefited by the scheme.

We hope the committee would take on our suggestions so that the air quality will be improved and Hong Kong people will live in a better environment.

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