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Clerk to Subcommittee,
 Legislative Council Building,
 8 Jackson Road,
 Central, Hong Kong
 (Attn: Miss Betty MA)

Dear Betty,

Panel on Welfare Services

**Subcommittee on Residential and Community Care Services
 for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly**

I refer to your letter of 1 April 2010 requesting the Administration to explain the policy and plan for earmarking sites/premises for setting up of welfare facilities including residential care services for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in public housing estate developments.

The Hong Kong Housing Authority endeavours to facilitate the provision of residential and community care services for PWDs within its planned developments and existing estates.

When planning and designing new public housing estates, we would make reference to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines on the provision of social welfare and community facilities and consult relevant parties like the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and District Councils. We would accommodate the required facilities as far as possible taking into account site constraints and their impact on our public housing developments.

Regarding the provision of welfare facilities within existing public housing estates, we would regularly provide SWD with a list of vacant non-domestic premises available for welfare lettings to non-government organisations. Upon the receipt of welfare applications, we will consider whether the premises concerned are suitable for the proposed use and consult local residents, Estate Management Advisory Committees, Owners' Corporations, SWD and other relevant departments.

Yours sincerely,



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