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Clerk to Panel  
 Panel on Economic Development  
 Legislative Council Building  
 8 Jackson Road  
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By Fax and Mail: 2869 6794

(Attn: Ms Debbie YAU)

Dear Ms YAU,

**Panel on Economic Development**  
**Hong Kong International Airport Master Plan 2030**  
**Meeting on 19 July 2011**

I refer to the letter of 15 June 2011 from the Clerk to Panel to the Secretary for the Environment, inviting the Administration to attend the coming Panel meeting on 19 July 2011 to discuss the subject on the Hong Kong International Airport Master Plan 2030. The Secretary has asked me to provide you with the reply.

Any expansion of the Airport will be subject to the statutory environmental impact assessment (EIA) process. The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) will be required by law to scrutinize any airport expansion proposal in accordance with the requirements in the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance. In order not to jeopardize this department's position and to maintain impartiality in the EIA process, it would not be appropriate for EPD to make any public comments on the Airport Master Plan 2030 at this stage. Therefore, please kindly accept our apology that the Environment Bureau and Environmental Protection Department would not send representatives to the meeting on 19 July 2011. We trust that the Hong Kong Airport Authority will be able to help the committee to understand and discuss the related potential environmental issues covered in the consultation documents prepared by the Airport Authority.

Yours sincerely,

(TSE Chin-wan)

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 for Director of Environmental Protection



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