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Dear Ms Wong,

Redevelopment of Yan Chai Hospital

I refer to item 5 of LC Paper No. CB(2)183/10-11(02). At the Panel meeting held on 15 October 2010, the Administration was requested to provide a written response on whether the Hospital Authority (HA) would resume the provision of urology service at the Yan Chai Hospital (YCH) and continue to provide the service after the redevelopment of YCH.

HA delivers its services on a cluster basis, with each cluster having a well-balanced mix of hospitals to provide comprehensive healthcare services to meet the needs of the community. The clustering arrangement enables clear delineation of roles of different hospitals within each cluster and delivery of health care services in a cost effective manner. It also minimizes duplication of services and allows collaboration and complementary support amongst hospitals.

Princess Margaret Hospital is at present the Tertiary Referral Centre of Urology (the Urology Centre) in the Kowloon West Cluster, managing all degrees of urological cases in Kwai Tsing and Tsuen Wan Districts. The Urology Centre has established an expert team on urology with advanced technological support such as Minimally Invasive Surgery, Robotic Surgery and Urological related Renal Transplantation. All acute urological cases in YCH are directly transferred to the

Urology Centre for follow-up treatment. In addition, a proper mechanism is in place for referral of non-emergency urological cases from YCH to PMH. The existing arrangements have been able to ensure the provision of quality care for patients and there is currently no plan to provide urology service at YCH after completion of the redevelopment project. The Kowloon West Cluster would continue to monitor the service needs and ensure the continued delivery of services to patients in an efficient and effective manner.

Yours sincerely,



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