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Miss Becky Yu
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Legislative Council Secretariat
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1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Miss Yu,

Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Bill

Letter of 27 June 2012 From the Law Society of Hong Kong

I refer to the letter of today from the Law Society of Hong Kong (the Law Society) to the Bills Committee on the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Bill, and all the Legislative Council Members. The Law Society's letter was copied to us.

We wish to let Members know that the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) has exchanged views with the Law Society on the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Bill (the Bill) on various occasions during the legislative process. Also, we met the Law Society to go through with them the Administration's proposed Committee Stage Amendments and explain to them our views on the Law Society's concern as mentioned in its letter of today.

Also, we wish to let Members know that we have taken on board the views of the Law Society as far as practicable in refining the Bill. We have provided detailed written responses to the Bills Committee regarding the Law Society's representations of 23 April and 6 June respectively.

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THB will continue to engage all the stakeholders, including the Law Society, in working out the implementation details and formulating operational guidelines upon the passage of the Bill, with a view to ensuring the smooth implementation of the new legislation.

Yours sincerely,

(Eugene Fung)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing

c.c. The Law Society of Hong Kong

(Attn: Ms Christine Chu, Deputy Secretary General)

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