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Dear Mr Lo,

**Public Works Subcommittee
Follow up to meeting on 16 May 2012**

**Supplementary Information on
94EB - Redevelopment of Ying Wa Girls' School
at Robinson Road, Hong Kong**

I refer to your letter of 21 May 2012 seeking supplementary information on the plan of Ying Wa Girls' School (The School) for opening the proposed School Archive at the 1926 building for public visits and details of the Preliminary Environmental Review conducted for the project following discussion of the redevelopment project of The School at the meeting of the Public Works Subcommittee on 16 May 2012. Please find the requested information in the ensuing paragraphs for Members' reference.

Opening of the proposed School Archive

The School welcomes the suggestion of opening the former kindergarten block built in 1926 (1926 building) for public visit in a manageable way and within the capacity of the School. In considering the suggestion, the efficiency and security of the daily

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operation of the School is the key consideration. The School considers that visits to the 1926 building can be arranged on some special occasions in future, such as the Founder's Day, the Parents' Day or an open day of the School. The School is also contemplating accepting advanced booking of visits on a regular basis as part of the docent training programme for its students.

Environmental Assessment

The School Sponsor has engaged a consultant to conduct a Preliminary Environmental Review (PER) in March 2012 in accordance with the standard practice for school projects. The PER studied if there would be any cultural heritage impact, impact arising from construction waste, construction noise and construction dust emission impact during the works period. The PER also assessed the noise and air quality impact to the School after the School commences operation at the redeveloped premises. With the installation of insulated windows and air-conditioning for noise sensitive rooms exposed to traffic noise exceeding the limits recommended in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, the PER concluded that the project would not have long term adverse environmental impact.

To follow up with the views expressed at the meeting of the Culture, Leisure and Social Affairs Committee of Central and Western District Council on 23 February 2012, the School Sponsor has further commissioned an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. In addition to the assessments under the PER, the EA examined if there would be any construction noise and the construction dust emission impacts during the works period as well as noise and air quality impact after redevelopment to the surrounding areas. The EA made recommendations on some mitigation measures as summarized in the paragraphs below.

During the construction phase, as contractual requirements, contractors will be requested to control noise, dust emissions, waste disposal and site runoff; protect historical buildings; and avoid causing nuisance to the nearby residents. To minimize the construction noise and air quality impact, the following mitigation measures will be implemented:

- (a) avoiding simultaneous operation of noisy equipment;
- (b) making use of physical noise attenuating barrier;
- (c) locating equipment away from surrounding residential buildings as far as practicable;
- (d) use of quiet equipment;
- (e) use of purpose-built acoustic panel and enclosures;
- (f) adopting dust suppression techniques, including but not limited to those specified in the Air Pollution Control (Construction Dust) Regulation; and

- (g) applying a construction noise and air quality monitoring programme to monitor the effectiveness of the mitigation measures.

Gaseous emissions from school operation will be treated with air pollution control equipment and it is unlikely to cause any adverse air quality impact. Noise generated from plant room will be acoustically treated to meet the requirements of the Environmental Protection Department. A semi-cover will be built on top of the playground in Site A (i.e. the existing campus of the School at 76 Robinson Road) to reduce noise from public address system and activities held therein. The playground in Site B (i.e. 2 Breezy Path) is designed as a volleyball court rather than a gathering area. Hence, we do not expect much noise from the volleyball court in Site B. As there will be more or less the same number of students after the redevelopment and vehicles can enter the school campus for loading and unloading, it is expected that the redevelopment will not cause any adverse traffic impact.

The EA report concluded that the redevelopment project is unlikely to cause any insurmountable environmental impact during either the construction or operational phases of the project.

Yours sincerely,



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