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Clerk to Panel  
Panel on Commerce and Industry  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central  
Hong Kong  
(Attn: Ms Yue Tin-po)

Dear Ms Yue,

**Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry  
Meeting on 20 December 2011  
Latest Developments of Industrial Estates**

At the Panel Meeting held on 20 December 2011, Members requested us to provide supplementary information on the following –

- (a) the number of green technology projects currently operating in the three Industrial Estates (IEs);
- (b) the number of local enterprises, in particular small and medium enterprises (SMEs), currently operating in the three IEs; and
- (c) the designation of Hong Kong Science Park as a National Partner High-tech Industrialisation Base for Green Technology.

Based on the inputs from the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTPC), we provide the following supplementary information.

### **Number of Green Technology Projects in IEs**

As at December 2011, eight approved projects were related to green technology in the three IEs. These projects involve production of biodiesel, recycling of metal and treatment of plastic waste, etc. They occupy some 12 hectares of land.

### **Number of Local Enterprises in IEs**

IEs provide land for projects, irrespective of company size, which cannot be accommodated in ordinary multi-storey industrial or commercial buildings in Hong Kong. Around 60% of the companies in IEs have their main business operations in Hong Kong.

When applying for admission to IE, an applicant needs to provide various information to HKSTPC, including the number of people working for the proposed project in IE. This workforce number does not reflect the total employment of the whole company. In Hong Kong, an SME is generally referred to any manufacturing business which employs fewer than 100 persons or any non-manufacturing business which employs fewer than 50 persons. As HKSTPC does not keep such information on the total employment of companies applying for land in IEs, it cannot estimate the number of SMEs in IEs. Nevertheless, HKSTPC welcomes all eligible applicants, including SMEs, to apply for land in IEs.

### **Designation of Hong Kong Science Park as a National Partner High-tech Industrialisation Base for Green Technology**

The Mainland's High-tech Industrialisation Base Scheme is administered by the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) to recognise outstanding industrialisation bases in the Mainland. An industrialisation base in Hong Kong can be designated as a National Partner High-tech Industrialisation Base provided that it establishes a partnership with a National High-tech Industrialisation Base in the Mainland and the application is approved by MOST.

In November 2011, MOST designated the Hong Kong Science Park as a National Partner High-tech Industrialisation Base for Green Technology. It is the first of such a base in Hong Kong. This reflects the achievement of Science Park in the promotion of green technology,

and would help attract more corporations and talents involving in green technology from the Mainland and overseas to Hong Kong. The \$4.9 billion Science Park Phase 3 to be completed in phases from early 2014 to 2016 will also focus on development of green technology.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terence SS Chan', written in a cursive style.

(Terence SS Chan)

for Commissioner for Innovation and Technology

c.c. Mr Anthony Tan  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation