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Mr. Anthony Chu Clerk to the Panel on Development Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

(By Email: panel\_dev@legco.gov.hk)

Dear Mr. Chu,

## **HAFFA Views on Enhancing Land Supply Strategy**

Reference is made to your letter regarding the stage 2 public engagement of the Government's strategy to enhance land supply through reclamation and rock cavern development dated 03 May 2013. We regret to inform you that HAFFA is unable to attend the special meeting scheduled on 01 June 2013 due to prior commitment. However, on behalf of HAFFA, I am writing to reiterate our views submitted to the Panel on Development dated 29 February 2012 as set out below.

We wish to urge the Government to reserve more lands for logistics use and back up in view of the following situation:

- 1. The 12<sup>th</sup> 5 year plan signifies the support from the Central Authorities in the development of our logistics industries. It supports the enhancement of Hong Kong's position as, amongst others, a Regional Distribution Centre (RDC) and to specialize in the provision of high-value added logistics services. To position Hong Kong as a RDC, the Government should reserve and release more lands for logistics development purpose.
- 2. Given the increased cargo security requirements worldwide, EU (EC regulation 859 wef 1st FEB 2012) and US (TSA Air Cargo Advance Screening) in particular, the Government should identify and designate lands for logistics facility to comply with the security requirements.
- 3. Facing intense competitions from major competitor, the Government should review its policy to allocate more resources in medium and long term including land provision for the aviation and port development, this to maintain Hong Kong's position as an international aviation hub and maritime centre.

Should you require further information / clarifications, please feel free to contact the undersigned or Ms. Alice Lui at 2796 3121.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Ir. Dr. Paul Tsui Chairman

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