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By Fax (2978 7569) and Post

Dear Mr. CHU,

19 July 2013

**Panel on Development
Special meeting on 25th and 26th July 2013 to receive public views on the Revised
Development proposals for North East New Territories New Development Areas Project**

The Hong Kong Institute of Environmental Impact Assessment (HKIEIA) appreciates the Panel of Development's continuous effort in soliciting public views on the revised development proposal for North East New Territories New Development Areas. The HKIEIA had acknowledged some of the public's views received by the HKSAR Government during the Public Engagement process had been addressed in the EIA Report, which is currently being public exhibited until 3 August 2013.

The HKIEIA notes the measures that are being proposed in the EIA Report to mitigate potential environmental impacts. However, the HKIEIA would like to obtain further information on how the HKSAR Government had addressed the views that were raised previously, in particular the consideration of alternative land use elsewhere to minimize potential impacts on areas with high ecological value as well as significant environmental constraints.

Attached please find our views that were previously raised in the Stage 3 Public Engagement (PE3) for your reference.

Meanwhile, the HKIEIA would encourage our members to provide their views on this EIA Report through the EIAO mechanism.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Leung
Chairman, Hong Kong Institute of Environmental Impact Assessment



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27 November 2012

Dear Sir,

Panel on Development
Special meeting on Saturday, 8 December 2012 to receive public views on
North East New Territories New Development Areas
Planning and Engineering Study

The Hong Kong Institute of Environmental Impact Assessment (HKIEIA) appreciates the Panel of Development's effort in soliciting public views on the North East New Territories New Development Areas Planning and Engineering Study. Meanwhile, HKIEIA would like to put forward in writing the following views based on the available information with regard to the captioned study and wish the HKSAR Government could take them in account when formulating the planning and development framework for the captioned study:

1. How the alternative land use elsewhere had been considered in order to reduce the land intake/minimise impacts on the area with high ecological value. The HKIEIA suggests documenting and discussing the review mechanism in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) carefully.
2. The HKIEIA suggests exploring the benefit the wetland compensation proposal could bring to enhance the overall ecological value of the wetland in the proximity.
3. The HKIEIA advises the relevant bureaux to confirm how the new Air Quality Objectives are being reflected in the captioned study.
4. The HKIEIA advises the relevant bureaux to take consider the study in on a strategic level in terms of transport development. Besides improvement on the existing road system, other means of transport such as railway should also be considered to minimise the environmental impacts and enhance the accessibility.
5. The HKIEIA advises the relevant bureaux to confirm how the sustainability assessment is being carried for the study.

It is our mission and commitment to help building a greener a more sustainable Hong Kong through our professional expertise in technical EIA and EIA specific comments would be raised when the EIA Report is available.

Yours faithfully,

Henry Leung
Chairman, Hong Kong Institute of Environmental Impact Assessment