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Clerk to Panel on Development  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central, Hong Kong  
(Attn: Ms Sharon Chung)

Dear Ms Chung,

**Panel on Development**

**Motion on “the request for the Secretary for Development,  
Mr Paul CHAN Mo-po, to resign so as to avoid causing adverse impact  
on the North East New Territories New Development Areas Project”**

We refer to your letter of 1 August 2013 requesting the Government to provide a written response to the motion passed at the special meeting of the Panel on Development (the Panel) on 26 July 2013.

The Secretary for Development (SDEV) has already explained in detail on a number of occasions, including the meetings of the Panel on Development on 22, 25, 26, 30 and 31 July 2013, and the Council Meeting on 9 October 2013, the report and declaration of interest he made as in accordance with the “Code for Officials under the Political Appointment System” and the “System of Declaration of Interests by Members of the Executive Council” in relation to the land concerned in North East New Territories.

The North East New Development Areas (NENT NDAs) project is one of Hong Kong's major sources of land supply in the medium term and will provide some 60,000 housing units and 37,000 job opportunities. SDEV has no plan to resign and will continue to take forward the NENT NDAs project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Chan', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

( Michael CHAN )  
for Secretary for Development