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Clerk to Panel  
Legislative Council Panel on Education  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
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Hong Kong  
(Attn: Miss Polly Yeung)

Dear Miss Yeung,

**Legislative Council Panel on Education**

During the discussion of “Issues relating to the existing policy on the use of land for education purposes” at the Panel on Education meeting on 11 March 2013, the Panel passed a motion “To oppose the Government’s move of changing the educational use of the site of the former campus of the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Lee Wai Lee) and including the site in the land sale programme for the construction of medium destiny luxury residential units, and to urge the Government to retain the site of the former campus of the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Lee Wai Lee) for ‘Government, Institution or Community’ (“GIC”) use, including the originally designated educational use”. Having consulted the Development Bureau (DEVB) and the Food and Health Bureau (FHB), our consolidated response is as follows.

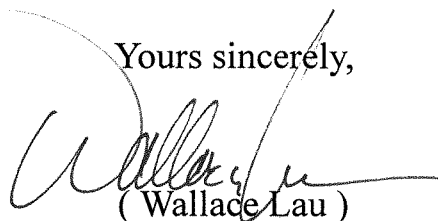
The Administration had, on different occasions including replies to questions from Legislative Council members and issuance of relevant press releases, explained in detail issues related to the proposed use of the southern part of the former campus of the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education

(Lee Wai Lee) at Renfrew Road, Kowloon Tong (ex-IVE(LWL) site) and the different development proposals raised by the Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) for the ex-IVE(LWL) site. We would like to reiterate that the Administration has submitted the proposal to the Town Planning Board (TPB) to rezone the southern portion of the ex-IVE(LWL) site to residential use after taking account of the fact that the northern portion of the site has already been reserved for higher education use by HKBU. If fully utilised, the northern portion of the site can fully meet HKBU's requirements for student hostels and academic space according to the prevailing policy. FHB has also pointed out that the Government currently does not have a policy to provide government land for the development of Chinese medicine hospitals, and therefore will not consider the proposal to develop a private Chinese medicine hospital on the government land at the ex-IVE(LWL) site. After assessment, the Government is of the view that the southern portion of the ex-IVE(LWL) site is not required to be reserved for higher education purpose or other GIC uses.

As for including the site into the 2013-14 Land Sale Programme (LSP), DEVB has pointed out that it is the established practice of the Government to formulate and announce the LSP on an annual basis, and to include in the LSP sites that it anticipates can be made available for sale in the market during that year. This arrangement provides the market with information about anticipated land supply and facilitates the necessary preparation by the market. Some of the individual sites in the LSP may not be immediately available pending completion of various processes (e.g. termination of short term tenancy, pending the completion of works project, pending the completion of statutory town planning procedures for amending the relevant Outline Zoning Plan), but are anticipated to be available with the year. The departments concerned will accord priority to the relevant tasks and endeavour to expedite the completion of relevant processes so as to ensure land supply. As for the southern portion of the ex-IVE(LWL) site, the Government will sell the site in the market only after the completion of relevant statutory procedures related to the amendments of the Outline Zoning Plan.

Thank you for your interest in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wallace Lau', written over a light blue circular stamp.

(Wallace Lau)  
for Secretary for Education