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Subcommittee on Country Parks
(Designation) (Consolidation) (Amendment) Order 2013,
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(For the attention of: Ms. Christina SHIU)

1 November 2013

Dear Chairperson and Members,

Subcommittee on Country Parks
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We refer to your invitation for submissions regarding the captioned subject.

The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society (HKBWS) supports the incorporation of Tai Long Sai Wan into the Sai Kung East Country Park (CP), based on the following reasons:

1. Country Parks have become increasingly popular as they provide recreational uses to photographers, birdwatchers and hikers.
2. The incorporation of Tai Long Sai Wan into the CP would be based on the intention to protect the public's interest rather than private developers and therefore benefitting the vast majority.
3. In the 2010 Policy Address¹, the government promised to enhance the protection of CP enclaves by including Tai Long Sai Wan into the CP boundary.
4. The Country Parks Ordinance provides a mechanism to compensate private landowners where extension of Country Park boundary may result in development applications being denied.

We also wish to see that the decisions made affecting Tai Long Sai Wan, as well as other enclaves, would be made on the basis that the natural landscape and biodiversity would be protected in the public interest.

¹ Hong Kong SAR (October 2010), *Address by the Chief Executive The Honourable Donald Tsang at the Legislative Council Meeting on 13 October 2010: Sharing Prosperity for a Caring Society*



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Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of two parts: a stylized cursive name on the left and a large, bold letter 'H' on the right.

Senior Conservation Officer
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