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21 October 2014

Dear Ms Chung,

**Panel on Development  
Follow-up to meeting on 16 July 2014**

**PWP Item No. 065TR – Detailed Feasibility Study for  
Environmentally Friendly Linkage System for Kowloon East**

When the “PWP Item No. 065TR – Detailed Feasibility Study for Environmentally Friendly Linkage System for Kowloon East” was discussed at the Panel on Development meeting on 16 July 2014, Members requested the Administration to provide the following information:

- (a) details of the operation, including the annual financial performance for the past three years, of the monorail lines mentioned in the Administration's paper, namely, the Tokyo Monorail, the Osaka Monorail, the Okinawa Monorail and the monorail network in Chongqing; and
- (b) financial resources to be allocated on each of the potential transport modes, including the monorail, modern tramway, electric buses and travellers, under the proposed detailed feasibility study (DFS).

The Administration's responses are as follows:

- (a) During the preliminary feasibility study stage of the Environmentally Friendly Linkage System (EFLS), we had approached several overseas monorail institutions, including those in Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, Chongqing, Japan and the United States, to enquire about their operation details and financial information. However, we could not eventually obtain any such information possibly because the requested information might involve sensitive business data. With regard to Members' request for operation details and financial performance of overseas monorail systems, we will further approach the relevant institutions and try to collect the required information under the proposed DFS for carrying out case study and appraising the financial performance of the EFLS.
- (b) The first stage of the proposed DFS is to formulate a well-planned integrated multi-modal linkage system by comparing and evaluating various feasible green public transport modes, including modern tramway, monorail, electric buses and travellers, etc. to enhance the connectivity of Kowloon East (KE) at different stages of development. On an equal weighting basis and without any preconceived position, we will select the most suitable and cost-effective green public transport mode as EFLS for KE. We will further conduct consultation on the proposed EFLS and seek support from different stakeholders. We anticipate that about 30% of the project estimate would be allocated to the first stage of the study.



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