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To: Council Business Division 1, Legislative Council Secretariat

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Dear Sir/Madam

Our views on "Proposed Development Strategy for Lantau"

We are pleased to give our following views for consideration in the special meeting of the Panel of Development on 16 April 2016:

1. CHKRI supports development of the rail transport network to enhance the connectivity of future proposed developments on Lantau Island with the rest of Hong Kong. CHKRI believes that the majority of the transportation needs of the public should continue to be borne by environmentally friendly rail transport in line with the Government's policy of "Rail as the Backbone". This is in line with the Lantau Development Advisory Committee's proposed vision of developing Lantau into a "low-carbon" community as it has been widely recognized that rail transport ranks highly in supporting such strategic planning objectives.
2. CHKRI believes that the development of the railway infrastructure should, as far as is economically possible, be progressively slightly ahead of the demand, such that the rail based passenger transport can cater for the growing transport needs without creating road congestion. This is of paramount importance in order to fulfil the major planning principles put forward in supporting the tourism & logistic industries that are mentioned as 2 out of the 4 major pillar industries of Hong Kong. This has been well illustrated by the successful cases of the Disneyland Resort Line & Airport Express railway that play a pivotal role in the operation of Hong Kong Disneyland & Hong Kong International Airport respectively.
3. CHKRI believes a clear timetable, with appropriate phasing of works should be developed to ensure a sustainable and predictable workload for all parties involved, such that for example consultants and contractors can have a clearly foreseeable demand to enable them to retain, recruit and develop their staff.

Yours faithfully,


SK Leung

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