I support the development of Lantau Island.

I hope the government considers the benefit of indigenous inhabitant by planning convenient traffic network. Network of transportation should be extended to the village willing to be developed by providing minor roads. Cycling tracks can be provided not only for visitors' leisure purpose, but also to provide convenient paths for residents to work and transport living / business resource. Parking facilities should be planned carefully to support the newly-developed road networks. Maintenance plan by government for the minor roads to the village should be well organized.

Provide more reliable road / bridge / tunnel network other type of traffic network between Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, New Territories and Lantau Island. Roads linking the north and south Lantau Island can be designed and constructed for interaction of resident and business in different parts of the island. Roads with well-organized maintenance plan should be provided to supplement the transportation of the main road.

Environmental impact of design and construction should be minimized by adopting advanced technology. Mining method for construction of tunnel can be considered to minimize the negative impacts of the construction. Environmental protection should be considered in order to maintain the unique ecological system of Lantau Island.

Business opportunity for small- to medium-scale enterprise and creative industries should be provided in the development. Subsidy or other supportive measures should be prepared to facilitate the start and development of small-scale business.

Instead of constructing new leisure facilities for visitors, industries with unique local feature should be supported to develop attractive traffic spot. For example, the historical buildings should be maintained and promoted for attracting local visitor and Tai O scenery and relevant activities for attracting foreigners.

New financial and business centre can be established on newly reclaimed lands to utilize the advantage of being near the international airport. Traffic system linking different parts in Hong Kong should be enhanced to attract investment into that newly developed area where is far away from the traditional financial centres.

Sufficient leisure, cultural, and community facilities should be provided for the future expanded popularity of the Lantau Island. Re-operate some abandoned schools by introducing small-scale-class-teaching for suiting small population of some villages.

Government building should adopt a series of environmental-friendly measures to become model facilities of green building. Re-usable energy should be advocated for establishing, developing and operating of the new towns on Lantau Island to set a model town of green city in Hong Kong and larger region.

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