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To the Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS,
Chairman of the Panel on Development,
Legislative Council
Hong Kong

Dear Mr Tse,

Ngong Ping 360's comments regarding the proposed development strategies for Lantau are presented below for the consideration of the members of the Panel on Development of LegCo.

The various development projects on Lantau will provide opportunities for economic development not only for the region but also for Hong Kong. We are glad that the balance between economic development and conservation will be maintained in future planning to preserve Lantau's local characteristics while developing the economy and attracting tourists. It is hoped that the projects will be implemented as soon as possible to turn Lantau into a desirable place to live, work, set up businesses and study, and for leisure. It is appropriate to preserve South Lantau, which features rich natural resources, for conservation, recreation and green tourism, as suggested in the first term work report submitted by the Lantau Development Advisory Committee.

In the short run, to enhance the vitality of the region and provide a different tourism experience for visitors and local citizens, we propose to introduce featured economic activities, such as local handicrafts and traditional food, in accordance with the receiving capacity of Lantau Island. We can leverage on the existing scenery and natural resources to develop green tourism.

In the medium term, it will be necessary for the government to carry out appropriate ancillary measures for public transportation services during the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao (HZM) Bridge. For instance, point-to-point bus, minibus and taxi services between the airport, Hong Kong boundary crossing facilities and the North Commercial District (NCD) on the airport island, Tung Chung and various places on Lantau should be provided to form a well-developed public transportation network for visitors to access Tung Chung and South Lantau. This measure will not only bring convenience to Tung Chung residents who commute to the Airport Island for work and leisure, but will also accommodate tourists visiting Tung Chung and other attractions on Lantau without going directly to downtown from HZM Bridge.

In the long run, we believe that it is vital to enhance Lantau's capacity to receive tourists. Positioning Lantau as a new tourism and MICE economic zone similar to Orlando in the US could attract businesses, conference delegates and family visitors.

Finally, the government should allocate resources appropriately and formulate clear short-, medium- and long-term plans to be enacted in a step-by-step manner. We also hope that the above-mentioned short-term tourism initiatives would be materialised before the opening of the HZM Bridge.

Yours sincerely,



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