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(Attn: Ms Alice Leung)

Dear Ms Leung,

**Panel on Home Affairs
Letter from Hon TANG Ka-piu**

Thank you for your letter dated 21 April 2016 enclosing a letter from the Hon TANG Ka-piu regarding the development of water sports centres. Our response is set out below.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) currently operates five water sports centres which offer a wide range of water sports programmes, including canoeing, sailing and windsurfing programmes from beginner to advance level and rental services of canoes, sailing dinghies and windsurfing boards (training and racing classes inclusive) to the public for recreation and training purposes all year round. In 2015, about 123 000 people participated in programmes at these water sports centres, representing a participation rate of about 90%. The LCSD also provides annual subvention totalling around \$2.8 million to four sea activity centres run by non-government organisations (NGOs). These centres served around 46 000 participants and recorded a participation rate of about 50% in 2015. The list of water sports centres operated by LCSD and sea activity centres subvented by LCSD is at **Annex**. In addition, there are facilities operated by “national sports

associations”¹, NGOs² and private sports clubs³ for interested members of the public to take part in water sports activities.

With a view to further promoting water sports in the community and coping with the increasing demand on water sports activities in the future, LCSD is exploring the feasibility of developing two new water sports centres in Tseung Kwan O, Sai Kung and Whitehead, Sha Tin respectively.

As mentioned in the Hon TANG’s letter, the Hong Kong Water Sports Council (HKWSC) has applied for a site in Kai Tak to develop a temporary water sports centre. The Home Affairs Bureau has given policy support in principle for their proposal. Departments concerned have been liaising with the HKWSC to address a number of technical issues, including confirming the site boundary, better site utilization, marine traffic impact assessment, giving public access to the waterfront through the development and compliance with the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance in the design of its boat launching pontoon. The Home Affairs Bureau will continue to work closely with HKWSC and other concerned departments for the early implementation of the water sports centre.

Yours sincerely,



(Ms Linda Law)

for Secretary for Home Affairs

¹ Examples of water sports facilities operated by “national sports associations” include Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong Stanley Training Centre, Hong Kong China Rowing Association Shatin Rowing Centre, Hong Kong Canoe Union Shatin Shek Mun Training Centre.

² Examples of water sports facilities operated by NGOs include Caritas-Hong Kong Jockey Club Siu Tong Camp in Tai Po, Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong - YMCA Wong Yi Chau Youth Camp in Sai Kung, Outward Bound Hong Kong.

³ Examples of water sports facilities operated by private sports club include Hebe Haven Yacht Club in Pak Sha Wan, Sai Kung and Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club in Middle Island.

**List of LCSD Water Sports Centres and
NGO Sea Activity Centres with LCSD Subvention**

I. Water Sports Centres operated by the LCSD

- Chong Hing Water Sports Centre in Sai Kung
- Stanley Main Beach Water Sports Centre in Southern District
- St. Stephen's Beach Water Sports Centre in Southern District
- Tai Mei Tuk Water Sports Centre in Tai Po
- The Jockey Club Wong Shek Water Sports Centre in Sai Kung

II. Sea Activity Centres operated by the NGOs

- Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Stanley Outdoor Activities Centre in Southern District
- Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Tai Mei Tuk Outdoor Activities Centre in Tai Po
- Scout Association of Hong Kong Pak Sha Wan Tam Wah Ching Sea Activity Centre in Sai Kung
- Hong Kong Girl Guides Association Leung Sing Tak Sea Activities Training Centre in Tai Po