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Dear Ms Chan,

**Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Relating to
the Three-runway System at the Hong Kong International Airport**

Follow-up to the letter from Hon Jeremy Tam

I refer to the Hon Jeremy Tam's letter of 27 October 2017 about his further questions on an incident of a fireboat being stranded in the Three Runway System ("3RS") works area on 30 August 2017 ("the incident"). After consulting the Airport Authority Hong Kong ("AAHK"), our response is set out as follows.

As explained in our reply on 17 October 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)58/17-18(01)), there are three means of communication between the Marine Traffic Control Centre ("MTCC") and relevant government departments in relation to the 3RS works under the existing communication mechanism: a mobile contact at the MTCC; designated Very High Frequency ("VHF") radio channels; and mobile phone numbers of key personnel from the MTCC and the AAHK. The three means of communication mechanism have been made available to all government departments and parties concerned.

Subsequent to the incident, it was noted that the MTCC telephone number recorded a missed call from the Fire Services Department (“FSD”) on the day. AAHK, however, was not able to ascertain the reason for the missed call.

Following the incident, AAHK and relevant government departments including the FSD, Marine Department, Marine Police, and Civil Aviation Department, have met and agreed to strengthen the procedures for vessels entering into and moving within the 3RS marine works area (particularly for procedures specific to emergency operations), and enhance the communication between the MTCC of AAHK and government concerned vessels (e.g. installation of an additional fixed telephone line) so as to avoid any technical problems in mobile communication.

Yours sincerely,

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(Charvis Li)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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Airport Authority Hong Kong (Attn: Miss Billie Leung)