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Dear Ms MAK,

**Subcommittee on Rights of Ethnic Minorities (“EM”)**

**Follow-up to Meeting on 11 December 2017**

At its meeting on 11 December 2017 (“the meeting”), the Subcommittee on Rights of Ethnic Minorities requested the Government to provide some supplementary information and follow up on the suggestions raised by Members. This letter provides a response.

The meeting noted that religious bodies could apply to the Lands Department for using government land to develop religious facilities and the Home Affairs Bureau (“HAB”) could consider giving policy support to such applications for building religious facilities at concessionary land premium or rental. The meeting also noted that HAB had received eight such applications from EM organisations in the past three years. Details of these eight applications are provided at **Annex**.

We have consulted the Education Bureau ("EDB") on whether there are examples of schools in Hong Kong which also serve as venues for conducting religious activities and whether they have in the past 20 years received any applications from Islamic organisations for setting up schools. EDB has advised that as any arrangement of opening up school facilities for community use should be school self-initiated and that applicant bodies for school development are not required to indicate their religious background, they do not keep such information.

The above provides the supplementary information as requested. As for other suggestions made by Members at the meeting, we have relayed the respective parts to the relevant bureaux and departments, namely the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, EDB, Home Affairs Department, Housing Department and Leisure and Cultural Services Department, for reference and follow-up actions as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,



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**Annex**

**Details of the eight land grant applications from EM organisations in the past three years**

	<b>Year</b>	<b>EM Group</b>	<b>Details</b>
1.	2015	Miri-Piri Society	Looking for a site in Tung Chung for permanent use.
2.	2015	The Incorporated Trustees of the Islamic Community Fund of Hong Kong	Looking for a site in Kowloon City, Kwun Tong or Tseung Kwan O for permanent use.
3.	2016	Khatme-Nubuwwat Islamic Council Limited	Looking for a site in Tseung Kwan O for short term use.
4.	2016	Dawat-e-Islami, Hong Kong	Looking for a site in Kwun Tong for short term use.
5.	2016	The Bangali Sanatan Association of Hong Kong	Looking for a site in the Kowloon district for permanent use.
6.	2016	Chabad of Hong Kong	Looking for a site in Central, Wanchai or Mid-levels for permanent use.
7.	2016	Madina Tul Ilm Association Limited	Looking for a site in the Kowloon district for permanent use.
8.	2017	United Welfare Union Hong Kong Limited	Looking for a site in Jordan or Yau Ma Tei for permanent use.