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Dear Ms LAU,

Legislative Council Panel on Transport Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways

Meeting on 2 June 2017

Supplementary Information

At the meeting of Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways on 2 June 2017, Members requested the Government/MTR Corporation Limited to provide supplementary information about the works of the Shatin to Central Link ("SCL"). The supplementary information is provided below for Members' perusal.

Regarding the archaeological discoveries at the construction site of To Kwa Wan Station, on 8 December 2014 the Antiquities Authority (i.e. the Secretary for Development), after considering the views of the Antiquities Advisory Board, the Legislative Council and the Kowloon City District Council, decided on the conservation option with most of the archaeological discoveries preserved in-situ. The relevant conservation plan is reported in Annex 4 of LegCo Paper No. CB(4)/1582/16-17(01). The archaeological remnants to be preserved in-situ have to be protected by backfilling of

protective materials. Under the close supervision of the Antiques and Monuments Office ("AMO"), the protective works for the remnants to be preserved in-situ were completed in May 2015.

The future conservation and interpretation works related to the archaeological relics at the site will be followed up by relevant Government departments after the completion of the station works. An area to the west of To Kwa Wan Station has been earmarked as the future Sung Wong Toi Park. The Administration will explore the feasibility of providing appropriate facilities inside the park for the display of the archaeological discoveries. During the development of the proposed Sung Wong Toi Park, AMO will offer their views on the display and interpretation of the relics.

To cope with the conservation plan, a part of the design of the SCL To Kwa Wan Station has been amended. During the amendment to the station design, necessary space has been reserved at the concourse area for placing display cabinets enabling AMO to display the artefacts unearthed. Moreover, the design of the station roof has been modified to form a concrete trough to enable Well J2 and the associated water channel to be reprovisioned at the original position in a flexible manner. The concrete base slab of the well can be converted to a transparent panel in future allowing citizens and passengers to view the bottom of Well J2 from the station concourse area below.

Yours sincerely,

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