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Clerk  
Public Accounts Committee  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
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Hong Kong  
(Attn: Mr Anthony Chu)

Dear Mr Chu,

**Legislative Council  
Public Accounts Committee**

**Consideration of Chapter 7 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 69  
Hong Kong Design Institute**

I refer to your letter of 20 December 2017 to the Secretary for Education. The requested response/information is now set out at Annex for reference by the Public Accounts Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Education

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**Legislative Council  
Public Accounts Committee (PAC)**

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**Hong Kong Design Institute**

**Secretary for Education's reply to  
a written question raised by the PAC**

**Question**

According to paragraphs 3.28 and 3.29 [of Chapter 7 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 69], after approval of the Legislative Council Finance Committee ("FC") funding, the Education Bureau ("EDB") had not required the Vocational Training Council ("VTC") to submit progress reports together with updated budget forecasts and outturn income and expenditure statements at quarterly intervals for the Tiu Keng Leng Campus ("TKL Campus") development project. Did EDB closely monitor the progress of the TKL Campus development project? If yes, how did EDB do so without the progress reports from VTC?

**Reply**

EDB accepts the recommendation of the Audit Commission and agrees that there is room for improvement in performing our monitoring role over the Tiu Keng Leng Campus development project. As an improvement measure, EDB has requested VTC to submit the latest works progress as well as the updated financial position of the ongoing subvented capital works projects on a quarterly basis since March 2017. We will also ensure that quarterly progress reports are submitted for upcoming capital works projects, and will closely monitor the progress of the projects to ensure compliance with the relevant Financial Circular.

In respect of the Tiu Keng Leng Campus development project, EDB monitored the overall progress of the project after funding approval had been sought from the Legislative Council Finance Committee through reports submitted by VTC on the actual expenditure, outturn forecast and cashflow of the project. Furthermore, EDB also maintained liaison and communication with VTC on various matters in relation to the project.