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Urgent by Email

Dear Ms MA,

Panel on Security

Joint Letter from Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki, Hon Dennis KWOK, Hon Alvin YEUNG, Hon Tanya CHAN and Hon Jeremy TAM

Thank you for your letter dated 20 September 2018, seeking our written response to the captioned letter.

Super Typhoon MANGKHUT is by far the strongest tropical cyclone worldwide in 2018. The damage of MANGKHUT to Hong Kong were extensive and unseen in decades. Collapse of trees caused road blockage and serious impediment to traffic and public transport services immediately afterward. The recovery and restoration have taken a longer time and more resources than in previous typhoons. To enable the road traffic situation to resume normal as soon as practicable to facilitate the commuting public, relevant departments had started to clear debris and fallen trees in the small hours of 17 September even before the lowering of Warning Signal No. 8 to No. 3. Such clearance work has already gone into full scale with a view to bringing the community back to normal as quickly as possible.

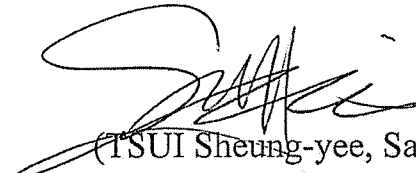
With global warming, sea level rise and the expected increase in extreme weather conditions, Hong Kong may be hit by typhoons of strength and impact similar to or even stronger than MANGKHUT in future. The Chief Executive has tasked the Secretary for Security to coordinate a review of the

handling of such strong typhoons. The review will kick start this month. We shall report to the Security Panel when the review is complete.

The Chief Secretary for Administration led the relevant Bureau Secretaries to attend a special meeting of the House Committee of the Legislative Council on 4 October 2018, to explain the Government's emergency response and recovery work in relation to this natural disaster, and listen to Members' views on how we may improve our work. The views expressed will also be taken into consideration in the review.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



(TSUI Sheung-ye, Sally)
for Secretary for Security