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Dear Ms SIT,

**182TB – Elevated Pedestrian Corridor in Yuen Long Town  
connecting with Long Ping Station**

Further to the letter from the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau on 4 October 2018 regarding the item “Elevated Pedestrian Corridor in Yuen Long Town connecting with Long Ping Station”, we would like to further report on the development of the project.

The item was discussed and endorsed at the meetings of the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) of the Finance Committee (FC) on 23 and 26 May 2018. In light of Members’ concerns as expressed at the meetings and comments from the community, we have holistically reviewed the case and reaffirmed the necessity for constructing the proposed elevated pedestrian corridor to relieve the pedestrian congestion and the potential safety problem in Yuen Long Town Centre.

The Government understands that Members and the community have concerns on the project cost estimate as well as how the proposed project may integrate with the nullah improvement works, the surrounding environment and the cityscape. To this end, we will incorporate requirements in the tender documents of the project to invite tenderers to propose more cost-effective construction methods with a view to reducing the construction cost, and encouraging tenderers to submit innovative proposals to enhance the aesthetics of the proposed elevated pedestrian corridor and its integration with the surroundings.

We intend to initiate parallel tendering<sup>1</sup> for the project shortly so as to grasp the latest market prices for more accurate estimation of the project cost before seeking the FC's funding approval. Upon obtaining a more accurate cost estimate, we will submit the funding application of the project to the FC for consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> Parallel tendering refers to the Government proceeding with the tendering exercise before funding is secured. Nevertheless, the Government will award the works contract only after obtaining funding approval from the FC. The Government will also state in the tender documents that the project has yet to obtain funding approval and the Government will not award the contract nor indicate to the successful bidder that the Government would accept its bid before securing the necessary funding.