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(Attn.: Ms Angel WONG)

Dear Angel,

**Subcommittee on
Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Central Military Dock
Follow-up to the meeting on 21 May 2019**

The Administration provides the following information in response to the requests of Members –

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- (a) A paper nautical chart showing the locations of the inner and outer restricted areas at the waters off the Central Military Dock (“CMD”) and the major fairways in the vicinity of the restricted areas is enclosed.
 - (b) At the 28th meeting of the Local Vessels Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) held on 18 March 2019, the Administration briefed representatives of cargo vessels operators, launch and excursion vessels operators, ferry vessels operators, pleasure boat operators, seafarers’ training service providers, seafarers’ associations and the marine insurance industry, etc. on the background of establishing the CMD, the responsibility of the Administration in supporting the People’s Liberation Army Hong Kong Garrison (“the Garrison”) to perform its defence functions, and the legislative exercise to be conducted by the Administration prior to the handover of the CMD to


the Garrison. The Administration also briefed the Committee that the aim of setting up the marine restricted areas is to provide a buffer zone in order to ensure a safe distance between civil vessels and military vessels as well as the relevant berthing facilities, and that the arrangement would not affect the safety and operation of public Pier Nos. 9 and 10 as well as the nearby fairways (including the Central Fairway). The major views raised by trade representatives include –

- i. the relevant sea areas should be clearly demarcated (such as by placing buoys on the sea surface) for navigation safety considerations;
- ii. the Government should provide clear information related to the restricted area to the trade through various channels;
- iii. the Government may consider discussing the possibility of opening of the military vessels berthed off the CMD to the public (where circumstances warranted) with the Garrison so as to enhance public understanding of the defence functions of the Garrison; and
- iv. given the symbolic significance of the Victoria Harbour as one of Hong Kong's landmarks, the Government, in enforcing regulations over the restricted area, should give due considerations to the needs of spectator vessels carrying passengers to view international events like fireworks displays and dragon boat races.

The minutes of the 28th meeting of the Committee will be uploaded to its website for reference of the public after confirmation. In addition, the Administration has written to the Committee on 3 May 2019 providing trade representative with the Legislative Council Brief in relation to the legislative amendments of the CMD.

On the other hand, the Administration attended the 2019 Safety Afloat Educational Seminar held at the Hong Kong Science Museum on 21 May 2019 to introduce to stakeholders of the trade the background of setting up the marine restricted areas and the future operations of the areas. Participants did not raise any comment on the concerned arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Trinky Chan', written in a cursive style.

(Trinky CHAN)
for Secretary for Security

Encl. - by hand

