## **Legislative Council Panel on Security**

Review of the Government's Handling of Super Typhoon and Proposed Member's Bill entitled "State of Disaster Bill"

Follow-up actions in relation to the "Common Operational Picture" and the "Review of the Work of the Greening, Landscape and Tree

Management Section and the Tree Management Office" arising from the meeting of the Panel on Security on 7 May 2019

On 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, the Panel on Security discussed the review of the Government's handling of super typhoon and proposed member's bill entitled "State of Disaster Bill". In the course of the meeting, members requested the Administration to provide the following information:

- (a) information about the application of the sharing of emergency information under the Common Operational Picture in facilitating the prediction, prevention and instant monitoring of flooding and fallen tree incidents; and
- (b) an update on the progress on the review of the work (including duties, organization structure and staffing establishment) of the Greening, Landscape and Tree Management Section and the Tree Management Office under the Development Bureau.
- 2. The Administration's response in respect of the above-mentioned matters is as follows:
  - (a) The Common Operational Picture (COP) will provide support to the Emergency Monitoring and Support Centre (EMSC) under the Security Bureau, the Steering Committee to be chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration and relevant Departments in respect of the sharing and exchange of information, in a bid to facilitate the assessment of the situation for developing response plans and measures. The COP will integrate emergency incidents arising from inclement weather received from various departments (e.g. flooding, major road accidents, landslips), together with supplementary information (e.g. rainfall forecasts and tide information to be provided by the Hong Kong Observatory), for viewing and monitoring by users in a map-based interface.

(b) The review on the work, organisation structure and staffing establishment of the Greening, Landscape and Tree Management Section (including the Tree Management Office and the Greening and Landscape Office) is largely completed. The findings and recommendations are being scrutinised in accordance with the established internal procedures.

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