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Secretary General Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong (Attn: Ms. Sophie LAU)

Dear Ms. LAU,

Complimentary Tickets for the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link

I refer to the letter dated 13 November 2018 regarding the captioned.

The Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) is implemented under service concession approach. As the operator of the Hong Kong Section of the XRL, the operating cost during the concession period for the Hong Kong Section of the XRL will be borne by the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL), including the cost of providing fare concession. The cost of fare concession provided by the MTRCL in consideration of market demand (including two sets of tickets provided earlier to MTRCL staff for XRL trains between West Kowloon Station and Futian or Shenzhen North stations) will be fully paid by the MTRCL. It will not have any financial implication to the HKSAR Government, the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation, or the Mainland operator. If similar fare concession is to be provided by the Mainland operator to its staff or other persons, the Mainland operator will need to bear by itself the related cost.

Yours sincerely,

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(Chris NG) for Secretary for Transport and Housing