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By Email

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Ms Anita SIT Finance Committee Secretariat Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms SIT,

## Publication of audited accounts of the CuMask+TM project

The Innovation and Technology Commission under the Innovation and Technology Bureau (ITB) has earlier on commissioned the Hong Kong Research Institute of Textiles and Apparel (HKRITA) to co-ordinate the CuMask+<sup>TM</sup> project on a non-profit-making basis. All expenses will be reimbursed to the HKRITA on the basis of actual spending. We have so far distributed some 5.9 million CuMask+<sup>TM</sup>. The remaining stock is around 4.9 million at present.

In view of the development of epidemic, we have planned to distribute the second CuMask+TM to citizens from September to October. Though the Antiepidemic Fund has reserved \$800 million for this project, the actual expenditure should be far lower than this budget. The HKRITA will consolidate all expenses on production and distribution after the second round of distribution, and submit them to an independent auditor. We anticipate that the related audited accounts will be ready for release by the end of this year.

Regards,

(Ms Sandy CHEUNG)

for Secretary for Innovation and Technology