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**LegCo Panel on Transport and
LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs**

Follow-up to meeting on 15 December 1998

I attach for members' reference the following papers which were tabled at the captioned meeting-

- (a) Submission from the Hong Kong Automobile Association (English version only); and
- (b) Appendix II to the submission from Better Environment Hong Kong (English version only) (issued under LC Paper No. CB(1)638/98-99).

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Views

In response to the LegCo Panel on Transport and Panel on Environmental Affairs regarding the introduction of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) taxis in Hong Kong. I have the following comments:-

1. 30 vehicles of LPG taxis have been tested for one year, most of the drivers and passengers are welcome this plan, particularly on its silence and emission free of black smoke.
2. Most of the LPG taxis using 2000 c.c. compared with the existing Diesel taxis 2700 c.c.. It is considered that the power of LPG taxis are not enough in Hong Kong traffic situation and road condition.
3. There are only four LPG stations located at Tsing Yee Island, Tai Po Road, Kowloon Bay and Chai Wan which are considered not enough for supply and demand.
4. The repair work of LPG taxis are required to be done in open spaces which is not feasible and not so many people know how to repair this type of vehicles.

Responses

In conclusion, the success of the LPG taxis depends very much on the economic factor of the Government support such as:-

1. LPG price allowance;
2. LPG station availability;
3. F.R.T. of the new car price;
4. Repair cost;
5. Train sufficient LPG vehicles mechanics;
6. Help LPG vehicle workshops to be set up;
7. Prepared a guide line on the safety requirements for a LPG vehicle workshop