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5/F Citibank Tower  
3 Garden Road  
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Hong Kong

Attn: Ms. Joanne Mak

Dear Ms. Mak,

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

**Meeting on 15 December 2000**

As requested by members of the joint panel meeting held on 15 December 2000, I would like to provide the following information:

Information on overseas research studies on the health impact of traffic noise  
(para. 35 of the draft meeting minutes)

Copies of relevant research papers (in English only) on the health impact of traffic noise are attached.

Report on the Administration's consultation with the District Councils  
(para. 41 of the draft meeting minutes)

The Environment and Food Bureau in collaboration with Environmental Protection Department, Highways Department and Transport Department have been briefing the District Councils (DCs) on the new policy to address the noise impact of existing roads on residents in the neighbourhood. The briefing commenced in mid January and up to now 16 DCs have been briefed. We have scheduled to brief the two remaining DCs, the North DC and the Yau Tsim Mong DC, by end of June. Initial results indicated that the new policy is in general supported by the DCs. We will provide a report on this after the DC briefings are completed.

Yours sincerely

(Edwin Chui)  
for Secretary for the  
Environment and Food

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DEP (Attn: Mr. K S Chan)