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**Legislative Council Members' meeting with Heung Yee Kuk
2 March 2004**

Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003

At the Legislative Council Members' meeting with Heung Yee Kuk on 2 March 2004, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors presented their views on the Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003. Their views are summarized as follows -

- (a) managers of "tso/tongs" shall not be regarded as land owners and shall not be liable to offences in relation to unauthorized developments;
- (b) a mechanism should be put in place to notify land owners concerned of applications for amendment of plan and planning permission if the applicants are not the land owners of the application sites. Land owners should be allowed to lodge appeals in the event that applications with long term planning effect have not been brought to their attention; and
- (c) a grace period should be provided, or fines should be imposed, to deal with unauthorized developments, pending decision of the Town Planning Board on planning applications, instead of enforcing notices to discontinue unauthorized developments.

The above views have already been included in Heung Yee Kuk's submissions to the Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003 in September and October 2003.

2. Members attending the meeting agreed that the views of Heung Yee Kuk should be referred to the Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003 for consideration. Hon Miriam LAU, JP, Convenor of the meeting, has also suggested that the Bills Committee should notify Heung Yee Kuk when the above issues are discussed at its meetings.

3. On paragraph 1(b) and (c) above, Members attending the meeting have also suggested that Heung Yee Kuk should prepare a paper for the consideration of the Bills Committee. The paper and the draft minutes of meeting will be forwarded to you once available.

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