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Dear Hon. Cheung,

**Reduction of Classes and Redundancy in  
Construction Industry Training Authority**

I refer to your letter sent to the Bills Committee on Construction Industry Council (No. 2) Bill expressing concern on allegations against the Construction Industry Training Authority (CITA) regarding reduction of classes and redundancy. The Chairman of the Bills Committee has referred the letter to the Administration for clarification and follow-up action. Our reply is as below.

The Committee on Construction Training Courses formed by industry stakeholders under the auspices of CITA is dedicated to review and set the modes of various courses and training capacity based on the needs of the construction industry, thereby providing targets for annual training activities and a basis for budget planning. We note that it has initially proposed a training capacity of 2,000 for the year 2005/06 in consideration of the number of trainees completed the courses last year and the trend observed previously. This represents an about 17% downward adjustment when compared with the

number of trainees last year. Nevertheless, CITA stressed that actual enrolments will not be restricted to the proposed training capacity but dictated by the number of applicants and attending students.

The training capacity of full-time courses provided by CITA and the corresponding number of trainees who completed the courses are set out at **Annex**. Comparing with the peak in 2000/01, the number of trainees in 2004/05 fell substantially by 57%, reflecting partially the impact of the overall economic adjustment of Hong Kong. We are keeping close liaison with CITA who will draw up a plan in proper consultation with the staff to cope with changes in the operational environment as soon as possible. In doing so, CITA will be enabled to continue its function of training up suitable talents for the construction industry.

Yours sincerely,

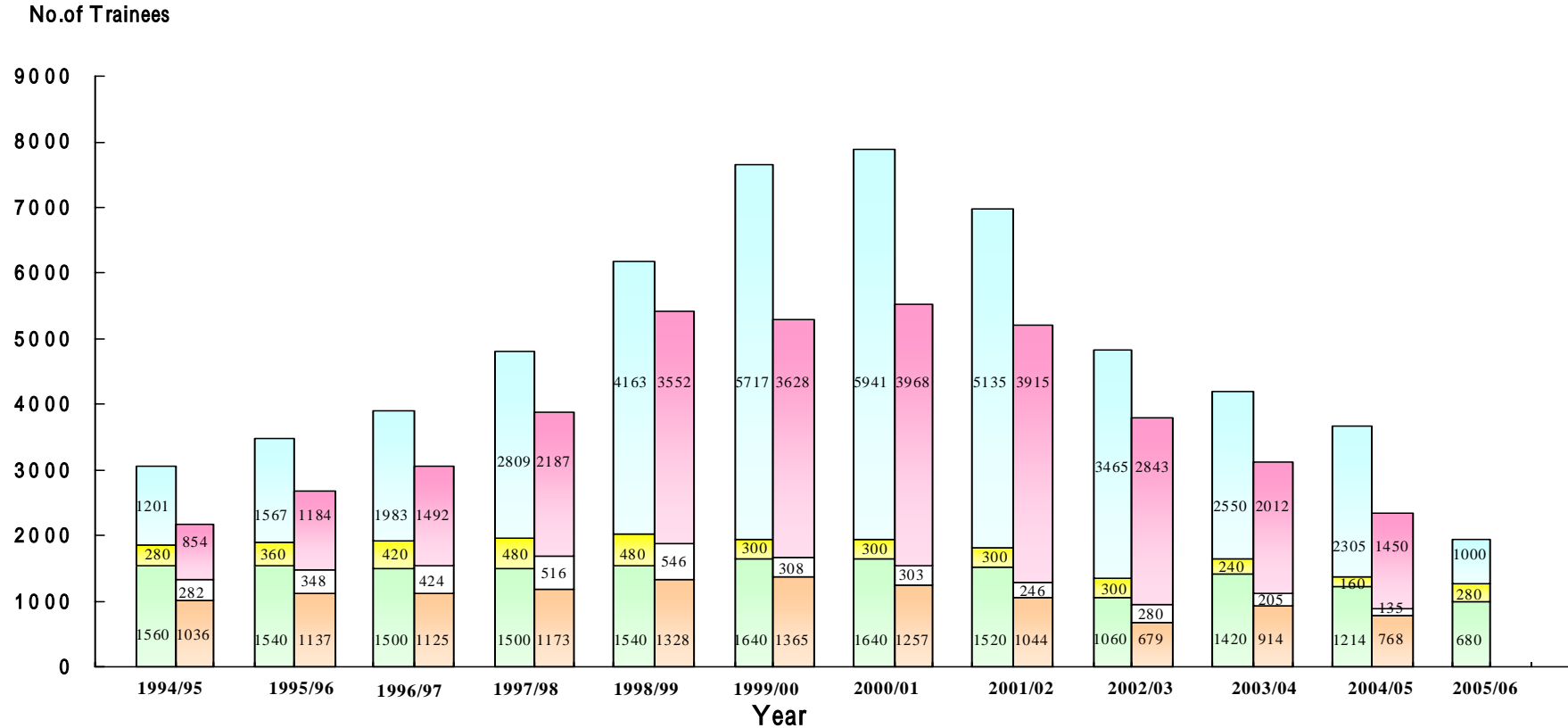
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for Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

c.c. Chairman, Bills Committee on Construction

Industry Council (No.2) Bill

## Training Capacity of Full-time Courses and Corresponding No. of Trainees Completed the Courses



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